OFFERED TO SWAP

City Given Chance by Mount Hood Railway Company to Safeguard All Its Interests in Bull Run Water Rights.

Further light on the "secret" meeting of the water board Tuesday morning reveals the fact that the city had within its power the opportunity of securing absolute and perpetual title to all claims which the Mount Hood Railway company alleges to possess to water rights on the Bull Run river. What action the board took upon the matter is believed to have been indecisive, and it is expected the matter will come up at a future meeting of the members.

In exchange for the rights which the city is so desirous of gaining the company asks that it be given a right of way over a small strip of city property outside of the Bull Run reserve, and further, the right to cross the southwestern corner of the reserve with a water flume which the company is planning from the Little Sandy river to its proposed power plant near Bull Run postoffice.

Inasmuch as there is a condemnation suit, brought by the railway company against the city, pending at Oregon City to gain the right of way asked for, it seems certain that the city will ultimately accept the tender of the railway company. In this manner all suits and litigation with which the city is now threatened at a great cost would be settled at once and give the city free rein on the vast stores of water to be taken from the headwaters of the Bull Run.

Company Has No Rights.

It is advanced that the city could not well afford to refuse such a tender, although none of the city officials admit the company has any rights to the water supply that would in any way affect the city's supply.

It is practically admitted that the company will gain its condemnation suit and, as for the matter of crossing the corner of the reserve, the only object of the company in asking for the permission is to save an expense of about $15,000, which it would be necessary to incur to carry the water flume around the adjacent ridge.

The city's position is undeniably strong in the matter of water rights on Bull Run river and in the matter of future favors, which the company will probably ask for in the way of franchises when the railroad is completed into Portland. The company could not well afford to antagonize the city on either of these points and it has been the declared policy of the company that it did not wish to gain any water rights on the river save those not used by the city.

With both parties taking the same stand on the main points of the controversy it is considered that future negotiations between the city and company will bring forth a settlement of the difference without resorting to the courts. It is also considered that the company's request for a right of way on the city's property and across the corner of the reserve would not work a hardship on the city nor interfere with its operations in regard to its water system or the contemplated lighting system.

Many Sources of Supply.

Insofar as the lighting system is concerned the city will always have plenty of water sources from which to get a supply. There is an immense overflow from the head waters of Bull Run river that could be run into reservoirs. Besides this there are other streams, such as the Clackamas, nearer to the city, from which it is claimed the city could secure a sufficient supply for the operation of an electric power plant to generate current for the proposed city lighting system.

The city's lighting contract with the Portland General Electric company expires December 31, 1908, and inasmuch as the proposed plant lighting system could not possibly be constructed by that time, the city will have to enter into a fresh contract with the company. So far as time and resources are concerned the city lighting system is still visionary.

By granting the Mount Hood company the rights of way for which they are willing to surrender all their claims to the water supply of Bull Run river, the city would be assured of the exclusive use of the overflow of the head waters of the Bull Run which could be stored in reservoirs and used in providing power for the contemplated lighting plant.

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF ROSE SHOW FLOATS

J. W. Harper and his assistant from St. Louis reached Portland today and will begin drawing designs and preparing plans for floats for the Rose Festival parade at once. Mr. Harper for 30 years has designed floats for the Veiled Prophets' carnivals in St. Louis and is an expert in his line. He declares that the Rose Festival has been splendidly advertised through the east, and that people have heard more about it than they heard of the Lewis and Clark fair. He says the attendance should be enormous, from all indications.

MANY CONVENTIONS; HOTEL MEN HAPPY

Portland hotels are going some this week.

There has been a convention every day so far this week and there are others scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday.

But even without the conventions and reunions, the transient business has improved wonderfully since the first of the year. During the last few days nearly as many traveling men have been coming to Portland as during the busiest season of last year.

While the Portland and the Oregon hotels are holding their own, the biggest business this week is being done at the smaller hotels. The Imperial has had every room occupied every night this week. The Perkins is doing equally as well. The Lenox and the Belvedere registers also show a big increase in the number of arrivals.

GOLDBERT FINE FINALLY PAID

The $20 fine imposed by Judge Cameron on M. Goldbert several days ago, when that gentleman was before the municipal court on a charge of cruelty to animals, was paid to the clerk of the court this morning by Max Cohn. The latter had not succeeded in his expressed intention of getting the amount of the fine reduced. Mr. Cohn stated this morning that he no longer held the honorable position of secretary of the Union Republican club, but that he was still a member of the organization and was content to serve his party in the comparatively lowly position of high private in the rear rank.

SCRIBES HERE TO TALK SHOP

Editors of State's Weekly Paralyzers Arriving to Attend Press Meeting.

"Personals" are rimply stopping up the hotels today. "Curbstone Chronicles," "Gleanings from the Streets" and "Our Town Happenings" are in evidence everywhere because the state editors, gathered for the meeing of the Oregon Press association tomorrow, are arriving in Portland by every train.

Tomorrow morning the sessions of the association will be opened in the Knights of Pythias hall at Eleventh and Alder streets. The editors are here to talk shop without a mite of fun excepting the evening's reception, to be given by the executive officers tomorrow night at the residence of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe.

The officers are: President, E. H. Woodward, Newberg Graphic; vice-president, J. S. Dellinger, Daily Astorian; secretary, D. W. Bath, Hillsboro Independent; corresponding secretary, Dr. Henry Waldo Coe; treasurer, Miss Frances Gotshall, White Ribbon.

Events for Friday.

11 o'clock—Meet at hall to spend an hour receiving badges and getting acquainted.

2 o'clock—Address by the president; reception of members; paper, "Needed Legislation," J. S. Dellinger, The Astorian, followed by five-minute talks by county organizers.

8 o'clock—Reception to the members and their ladies, given by the executive officers of the association at the residence of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, corner Twenty-fifth and Lovejoy streets.

Saturday's Program.

10 o'clock—Paper, "The Local Paper in the Home—What It Should Be," E. R. Bradley, Hood River News-Letter, followed by discussion; "The Benefits of Organization," S. C. Beach, Portland; miscellaneous business.

1:30 o'clok — "Moss-backwardness," Miles Overholt, Tanglefoot, Jacksonville; report of treasurer; election of officers.

CORK FROM BREWER'S TONGUE HITS HANEY

Cortes Brewer, accused with C. E. Farrell of assault on A. Schuback on the night of November 16, "sassed" Deputy District Attorney Haney when he was arraigned in the circuit court yesterday afternoon. He had said that his attorney was a Tacoma man and Haney remarked that Brewer had better have his attorney here when he is called on to plead if he wants the Tacoma man to act for him. Then Brewer retorted:

"I can take care of my own affairs."

Haney said that probably was true, but he merely offered the suggestion. In the end both Brewer and Farrell entered pleas of not guilty without waiting for attorneys.

Jacob Hilt, the county hospital employe who assaulted an aged inmate of the institution with a broom handle on November 15, and was arrested on the charge of assaulting Superintendent D. D. Jackson, who arrested him, will not have to stand trial. The district attorney returned "not a true bill," and he was released. Hilt had not been charged with assault on the old man whom he beat with the broom, and the case "fell down."

Another prisoner released by action of the district attorney's office is L. O. Ives, charged with embezzling $150 from G. O. Hollister.

ASSESSORS DO NOT FAVOR NEW TAX LAW

Members of the Oregon association of county assessors placed themselves on record at their final meeting yesterday afternoon against the proposed initiative petition to do away with taxation on dwelling houses, factories, farming implements and property devoted to educational, municipal, scientific and charitable purposes.

The members listened to an address by County Assessor B. D. Sigler in which he declared the petition was unfair to other property owners.

Before adjourning the members elected Mr. Sigler, president, and T. J. Nelson, assessor of Clackamas county, secretary. The next meeting will be held in Portland, January 12, 1909.

FAMILY ROWS WILL BE AIRED AT HOME

Yielding to the continued requests of the people of St. Johns for the establishment of a justice of the peace district with their town as the center, the county commissioners probably will grant the request and alter the tentative plans heretofore agreed upon regarding the territory composing the justice of the peace districts.

It was agreed that it would be best to have only two districts in the county, one being composed of Portland, all the west side precincts and several east side precincts, including St. Johns. All the rest of the county was to be thrown into the Multnomah district.

A delegation of St. Johnsites visited the county court this morning with a relteration of the request for a district contering at St. Johns. It was also suggested that Linnton be placed in the new district as the most convenient point for litigants from that town. Final decision has not been made, but it is expected that the St. Johns people will be given what they ask, at least so far as their own town is concerned.

Sixty Years in Priesthood.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Today marked the 60th anniversary of Bishop McQuaid's ordination to the priesthood. The bishop is now in his 85th year, having been born in New York city, December 15, 1823. In July next he will celebrate his 40th anniversary as head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Rochester. Bishop McQuaid in his earlier years was one of the best known educators in the church. He was the founder and first president of Seton Hall college and seminary of New Jersey. He is an ardent advocate of parochian schools and has written and lectured much on that subject.

Loosely Filed Exhibit.

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The office force of the state historical department is very reticent about picking up books and papers since one of their recent exhibits, a centipede, escaped from the bottle in which it was confined and is generally supposed to be lying in wait among the papers of the office, ready to get even with the captors.

The executive council of the United States Textile Workers of America has voted to assess each of the 18,000 members three cents a week for the support of the Brussels carpet-weavers who are on strike at Lowell, Massachusetts.

FIGHTS WIDOW'S INSURANCE CLAIM

Mutual Life Resists Effort to Collect Policy of $5,000.

Alleging that Richard W. Francis represented himself as a temperate man, when in fact he was a drinking man, the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York is fighting in the circuit court the effort of the widow, Mary C. Francis, to collect $5,000 insurance on his life. Francis was killed last July while working on a wheat thresher near Prosser, Washington.

The insurance policy had never been delivered to Francis, but had been approved by the head officers in New York and forwarded to the district representative of the company in Seattle. It is claimed by the defense that the policy had been only conditionally accepted, and that it was finally refused because the company's detective at Prosser, who in this case was the postmaster, had reported that Francis was a drinking man.

The plaintiff, on the other hand, asserts that the rejection of Francis was determined on only after the Seattle representative of the company had learned from the newspapers that Francis had been killed. He is alleged to have wired this information to New York with a request for instructions, and was promptly informed that the application should be rejected and the policy destroyed.

The case went to trial before a jury in Judge Gantenbein's department this morning.

WAS FORMER PARTNER OF P. T. BARNUM

Isaac W. Baird, one of the best known real estate brokers in Portland, died at his residence, Twenty-third and Glisan streets, at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Baird was 60 years old and had been a resident of this city for the past 20 years. He leaves a widow and one sister, Mrs. Strong, wife of the foreman of the Portland Iron works.

Mr. Baird was a native of the state of Ohio and for a number of years was associated with James Bailey of Barnum & Bailey in the circus business. He was also manager of John Robinson's circus, touring the southern states with that aggregation. Later, he became interested in the minstrel business and at one time had two minstrel troupes on the road. His last connection with the theatrical business was as manager of the Fanny Kemball opera company.

During the first two years of his residence in Portland Mr. Baird was owner and manager of the Quimby hotel, at that time one of the leading hotels in the city. In 1890, he engaged in the real estate business and amassed a considerable fortune buying and selling property.

The funeral exercises will be conducted by the local lodge of Elks, of which deceased was a prominent member, and by Dr. Clarence True Wilson. Interment at Riverview cemetery.

MARKS PASSING OF LAND FRAUD TRIALS

John C. Black, Joseph Black and Joseph Anderson, three wealthy Wisconsin lumbermen, indicted by W. C. Bristol in 1906 for conspiracy to defraud the government out of large tracts of timber land in the southern part of the state, seem to have been able to escape the penalty of the law through a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago rendered yesterday.

The three men were indicted by Mr. Bristol in May, 1906, and an effort was made to have them brought to Oregon for trial. At the hearing before the United States commissioner the men were ordered sent to Oregon but began habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Quarles of the United States district court of Illinois.

The court went into the merits of the case and held that the indictment did not set out any overt act committed within the statutory limitation of three years prior to the filing of the indictment. He therefore held that the men could not be brought to Oregon for trial.

The court of appeals, according to the reports, sustained Judge Quarles on the appeal and dismissed the case. This decision throws the case out of court.

HAD TO HAVE GUM OR GO BACK HOME

Every one who has ever lived in the New England states has chewed spruce gum. It is one of the favorite stunts of all the boys and girls. Even when some people are grown they still long for the spruce which as they chew takes them back to the happy days of their young life.

Nathaniel K. Clarke, of the Hotel Portland, is one of these spruce gum chewers. Mr. Clarke must have his spruce regularly. He is originally from Vermont and acquired the habit when he was young years and years ago.

When Mr. Clarke first came to Portland he was much worried as to where he was to get his supply of spruce. For a time he thought he would be compelled to send to his former state and have his friends send out a box of it. But at last he found one place in Portland where the gum could be purchased. Now he is a regular customer. The gum is put up in Portland, Maine.

WIFE'S HAIR HANDLE OF HUSBAND'S SPITE

When Patrolman Suitter arrived at the corner of Fourth and Morrison streets at 1:50 o'clock this morning in response to a woman's screams for help he found R. Redmond dragging his wife about the street in a manner that spoke volumes for his strength of arm and singleness of purpose. Both husband and wife resented the interference of the officer and declared that nothing had occurred to mar their usual affectionate relations. Not being convinced of the sincerity of their protestations the officer haled them to the police station, where he preferred a charge of disorderly conduct against them. They will appear for trial before Judge Cameron tomorrow.

EMPEROR, CZAR AND KING WILL CONFER

Rome, Jan. 16.—It is believed on good authority, that next spring there will meet in the harbor of Genoa, the king, Victor Emmanuel, the emperor of Germany and the czar. It is also asserted that the president of France will be present.

Cholera in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—A national count declares that there have been 4,512 cases of cholera morbus in the empire in an epidemic, that seems just now ending its ravages, of which 2,300 have died.

For the third time Tolpagin has been condemned to death for crimes that it is said, were committed by the secret police.

BANK STATEMENT NEARLY FINISHED

Accountants Will Submit Oregon Savings Condition to Court Next Week.

"We may reasonably expect to have the receiver's statement ready to submit to the court by the middle of next week," said C. B. Pfahler, expert accountant, who is in charge of the work of making up the final statement of Receiver T. C. Devlin of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. The work has been under way a week and is now proceeding rapidly.

This statement will be a complete showing of the bank's condition, its liabilities and assets at this date, the amount of debts paid by the receiver and the moneys collected by him, the amount of bonds subscribed and the bonds still in the bank's possession, and it will also show what offsets have been allowed by the court and credited up on the receiver's books.

"It is an easy task to corral the assets of the bank and list them," said Mr. Pfahler, "but when it comes to figuring out every detail correctly in a statement of liabilities to date, that is work which requires time. Great care has to be taken to avoid listing liabilities on which offsets have been allowed or which have been settled in cash or otherwise. The statement has to be absolutely correct in every detail and must be certified to by the accountant."

Should the receiver submit his report next Wednesday to the court, it is believed a decision will be reached before the end of the week. If the proposition of the German-American bank to take over the Oregon Savings and pay its liabilities is approved by the court, the merger will be an accomplished fact before the end of January.

ECCENTRIC OLD MAN DIES VERY SUDDENLY

J. L. Plonks was found dead in his room in the rear of 286 Main street this morning by Patrolman Robinson, who had been sent there to make an investigation. It is believed that death resulted from natural causes.

Plonks had been employed by Mrs. Deane as a choreman about the house for a number of years. He was nearly 60 years of age and was looked upon as an eccentric by the few who knew him. He occupied a small room in the rear of the premises at 286 Main street, but never permitted anyone to enter or in any manner scrutinize his small possessions. Recently he had suffered greatly from rheumatism, and it is believed that the disease attacked his heart, causing his sudden death.

When the old man did not come to the house as usual this morning, Mrs. Deane surmised that all was not well with him. Finding the door of his room locked she informed the police, and Patrolman Robinson was sent to the house to make an investigation. The officer forced the door open and then discovered the body of the old man on the floor of the room. Death had evidently come suddenly, as the body was fully dressed and had apparently slipped to the floor from the chair in which the man had been sitting. The coroner was notified at once and took charge of the remains.

Plonks was the proprietor of the Globe Advertising company, and operated such business as the concern transacted from the little room where he lived. Little is known of his family, though it is believed he has a sister living somewhere in the east.

HALF MILLION IN LOCAL CORPORATION

A $500,000 building concern filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk today. It is formed of F. L. Rieder, L. E. Crouch and J. C. Flanders, and is known as the Portland building company.

The Alaska Coal Oil company, composed of D. B. McBride, Thomas Milburn, George Wigg, J. J. Febvett and S. L. Lovell, has incorporated with a capital stock of $84,000. It is formed to take over and operate the property of the Wedge syndicate, consisting of 80 acres of oil placer land and 1,600 acres of similar land of the King syndicate, all in the Kayak district, Alaska.

Incorporation papers have also been placed on record by the Oleson Lumber company, having a capital of $5,000. The incorporators are Charles Oleson, C. M. Swanson and C. G. Younger, Clackamas county men.

RAILROAD WINS DOCKAGE SUIT

The Northern Pacific Railway company yesterday won judgment against E. W. Spencer of The Dalles Transportation company for dockage for use of the wharf at Vancouver, Washington. The steamer Charles R. Spencer has been calling there, but denied the right of the railroad company to charge for the privilege of docking, claiming that it was a public dock and free for the use of every one under the laws of Washington. The judgment is for $20 per month since November, 1903.

AUTO COMMISSION MAPPING OUT WORK

Members of the automobile commission, consisting of R. D. Inman, C. B. Brown and A. G. McPherson, held their first meeting yesterday and outlined their future work. The duties of the commission are extensive and the members will have in their power the regulation of running automobiles within the city limits. Rules and regulations covering the examination of chauffeurs will be adopted later.

HEIRS OF ENGINEER SUING ST. JOHNS

C. L. Goodrich, as administrator of the estate of William W. Goodrich, has begun suit in the circuit court to collect $4,063 that is alleged to be due from the city of St. Johns. Goodrich was city engineer of St. Johns from August 28, 1905, to the time of his death, February 10, 1905, and the sum claimed is for commission on work performed for the city as engineer.

REHEARSE SONGS FOR COMING RECITAL

Between 200 and 300 local singers gathered at Eilers hall last night for their first rehearsal of the cantatas which they will sing in conjunction with the Chicago Symphony orchestra in Portland in April. The singers were under the leadership of W. H. Boyer and much enthusiasm was shown. The first rehearsal was devoted to the cantata, "Fair Ellen." The others to be sung by the chorus are "The Swan and the Skylark" and "The Messiah."

Special meeting plasterers union, local 82, Friday evening, January 17, 264½ Alder street. L. D. Reed, president.

SEEKING SHORT ROUTE TO NOME

Government Party Will Reconnoiter in North During Winter Months.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Jan. 16.—The Alaska road commission has sent to Valdez, on the steamer Santa Clara, a reconnoissance party to determine the practicability of a route for a sled road from Seward to Kaltag, on the Yukon river. At this point connection will be made with the mail route from Fairbanks to Nome. George Pulham, formerly superintendent of the stage service from White Horse to Dawson, will be in charge of the party, and W. L. Goodwin will be engineer. The reconnoissance is made at this season so that the report will relate to actual winter conditions.

The proposed sled road, when established, will result in a saving of between 200 and 300 miles over the present inland mail route to Nome. It will also facilitate the exploration of the country, as it is planned to have it cross many of the headwaters of the Kuskokwim river. Much of the country which the party will traverse is practically unknown.

The route of the party is to be along the Alaska Central railroad to its present terminus, from which place Knik will be the first objective point.

LABOR WAR AT MOUNTAIN HOME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Ida., Jan. 16.—A labor war is on at Mountain Home as a result of importation of 100 Greeks by landowners to clear their lands and set out fruit trees.

Last night 50 masked men, all armed, visited the camp and notified the Greeks to leave within 24 hours. Today the Greeks decided to remain and appealed to the sheriff for protection. An effort was previously made to import Japanese for the same purpose, but white laborers warned them that trouble would result and the orientals refused to undertake the work.

WALLA WALLA IS FOR DAM ON SNAKE RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 16.—Attempts to have the Walla Walla Commercial club go on record opposing the passage in the senate of the bill recently passed in the house to permit construction of a dam across Snake river at Five Mile point by the Benton County Power company, were defeated by a strong vote. The club reiterated its favorable comment on the bill made last year, and adopted an amendment indorsing the power company's efforts.

Notice of the club's action will be sent by telegraph to Washington, and the passage of the measure in the senate recommended. Sentiment here as expressed tonight favors the building of a dam and irrigation project by a private company within a definite period of three years rather than waiting until some possibly remote period when the government may undertake the work.

The only strong opposition to the bill came from E. N. Warner of Two Rivers, while those who spoke in behalf of the indorsement included President Richardson of the Kennewick Commercial club, Captain W. P. Gray, president of the Pasco Commercial club, Dr. N. G. Blalock and Ben C. Holt. About 50 business men attended the meeting.

RUEF GETS BILL FOR HIS GILDED PRISON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—A bill very like the following has been sent to Abe Ruef by the graft prosecution:

To eight days' board $700.

"No discount granted."

The bill was sent to Ruef for the eight days he spent in his white prison house on Fillmore street, beginning January 1.

Ruef's detention in private officially ended on that day, but at his own request his removal to the county jail was deferred until January 8. Ruef agreed to bear the expense of his maintenance in the meantime, and has just received the bill for $700 from Chief of Police Biggy, his officially constituted elisor.

The bil includes charges for food, lodging, guards and other details incidental to his detention. Ruef is asked to pay at the rate of $87.50 a day for the privilege.

CANADIAN LUMBERMEN WILL STAND TOGETHER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 16.—With the lumbermen of the mountain districts of British Columbia it is a case at the present time of stand together through the depression or face inevitable ruin. The coast mills are not in such a bad position because their stocks of lumber and logs are much smaller than those of the interior mills.

The interior lumbermen, at the convention just concluded in Nelson, frankly stated their position to the delegates from the coast and in order to further impress it as much as possible on the coast millmen, they will attend in force, a convention to be held in Vancouver, on January 23. Should the coast mills make any cut at present or during the coming summer the mountain mills would suffer a heavy loss. The latter therefore are bringing every influence to bear to prevent any reduction in the price of lumber and at present they have the support of every millman on the coast.

RAILROADS TRYING TO SCARE LEGISLATORS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 16.—"We are just on the verge of reducing wages. That applies to all railroads." This statement was made by Vice-President Mudge of the Rock Island railroad who is in Topeka for a few days.

"If the legislatures keep on with such legislation as they have already enacted against us it will simply mean trouble. Men are being laid off now and more will be laid off right along. We have got to such a point I fear that the reduction of wages will come next."

ARTILLERY CORPS AT TACOMA IS PLANNED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 16.—Preliminary steps were taken at a meeting last night to organize a corps of artillery in Tacoma, the first of the kind in the state of Washington. Officers were elected and a recruiting committee appointed. Captain I. M. Howell was elected commander of the battery. The corps will have quarters in the new Armory building to be erected this year.

BIRDS PREDICT COLD WEATHER

Five Thousand Song Birds' Visit to Tacoma Believed to Mean Snow in March.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 16.—Five thousand birds, singing much like canaries, dropped from the air into Point Defiance park this morning.

"I wish you could have been out to see the beautiful sight," said Superintendent Roberts. "They were singing and whistling on every bush and tree. Did we feed them? Of course, there is always plenty to eat for every living thing at Point Defiance park. About eight or nine years ago we had a similar winter visitation from the canary birds. It means a cold spring. Next March you will see two feet of snow."

J. A. Bowles, 401 South G street, who is recognized as one of the best authorities on birds in the city, thinks the birds seen at Point Defiance park are undoubtedly the pine siskin. They have a note something like the canary. It is their habit to winter in this country, generally flocking together by the hundreds and seeking the shelter of the valleys. Mr. Bowles says he has seen any number of them in the Puyallup valley and he thinks likely that is where the little visitors came from this morning when they alighted to spend a day in Point Defiance park. He does not beleive the visitation means anything as a weather prediction, but attributes their coming simply to hunger.

The pine siskin is sometimes called the gold-finch with which it is to some extent related. It is also related, some naturalists say, to the red-poll and green-finch. It is of a grayish color, with markings of yellow and white, and lives in captivity as the name siskin, which is derived from the German word meaning "cage-bird," indicates.

ADMITS FAKING PORTLAND MAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 16.—Pleading guilty to a charge of defrauding George Reynolds of Portland when he sold him the National School of Music in this city, J. I. Saunders was fined $200 and costs in the superior court yesterday afternoon.

Saunders and an employe, T. V. Beckworth, entered into a conspiracy to "skin" Reynolds and succeeded in trimming him for $1,500, by padding the receipts of the school.

According to the books Saunders showed Reynolds the school was doing a business of $200 per week and the profits were close to $100. Reynolds agreed to take a $1,500 interest in the business providing Beckworth took a one fourth interest and remained as manager. The deal went through and Beckworth gave Saunders a check for $1,500 for his interest. The check was later destroyed and Saunders and Beckworth divided the $1,500 paid in by Reynolds.

Later Saunders and Beckworth had a falling out and Beckworth while on a drunk gave the scheme away, with the result that Reynolds had both men arrested for conspiracy to defraud. Beckworth made a complete confession, implicating Saunders. Beckworth is still in jail. Saunders paid his fine.

WASHINGTON MILLS CLOSED TILL MARCH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Jan. 16.—Of 475 shingle mills in this state only 25 are operating, and it is believed by Dan W. Bass, who has just completed a tour of the state, that at least five of these will cease work before the end of the month. Intermittent manufacture may be attempted by various mills, but Bass believes that between February 15 and 29 not more than 30 shingle mills will be running.

The close-down tacitly agreed upon by all the shingle manufacturers of the state will be the most complete the northwest has ever seen. The proportion of daily output maintained up to March 1 is so small that shingle dealers have not attempted to estimate it.

At present there are not enough shingle bolts in the water to run the mills more than a month and the loggers will not resume operations before April or May. This means it will be impossible for the shingle mills to begin cutting before March, and then a temporary close-down may be necessary to equalize the log supply.

Loggers propose holding shingle bolts at $12 per thousand from the start of operations. This will have a tendency, when coupled with a short shingle supply, to keep prices up to a maximum figure. Shingle manufacturers will try to make the basis of $2.25 for stars the minimum figure for the year. There is a very short stock of shingles on hand at the mills now, and eastern yards are not well supplied.

IDAHO FARMERS TO EXTERMINATE COUGARS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Cataldo, Idaho, Jan. 16.—The farmers of this place have for some time been raising Angora goats, but recently a band of cougars have been taking them and in the past week 19 goats have been killed by these animals.

The farmers are up in arms and will exterminate every cougar in the district. There are at the present time about 400 Angora goats here, and they are kept to clean up the brush around the farms, a splendid profit is also realized from the sale of the goats' hair.

DEMONSTRATION WILL BE MADE AT SEATTLE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Jan. 16.—At a convention of delegates from various labor unions held in the Industrial Workers of the World hall last night it was planned to assemble every unemployed man in Seattle to make a demonstration at the city hall Monday evening.

A committee of seven was appointed to wait on the mayor in the afternoon and later to address the city council. A demand will be made that work be provided for the men now idle with the alternative of providing food and shelter until employment can be found.

TAHOMA NEW NAME OF NEW REVENUE CUTTER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—The name for the new revenue cutter which is being built to take the place of the cutter Grant in the service on Puget sound was selected by Representative Cushman without any flourish of trumpets. If any cities or towns in the northwest having Indian names don't like the name they will have to swallow their disappointment for the name has been accepted by the treasury department and it will surely stick. It is Tahoma.

GAS TAPPED IN PAYETTE FIELD

Believed Second Well Will Gush and Start Number One in Short Time.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Payette, Ida., Jan. 16.—A comparatively strong vein of gas was struck yesterday in oil well No. 2 of the Oregon Oil & Gas company, at a depth of 500 feet. The flow is much stronger than it was at the same depth in the first well.

Knowing what occurred when well No. 1 was sunk, people are closely watching well No. 2 now, so that they may be on hand if another spectacular blowout occurs. From every indication there will be a gas blowout when the depth of the first well is reached, which will be some time this week.

It is very probable that if one well spouts the other will also as well No. 1 is becoming more turbulent around the plug in the casing as well No. 2 is being sunk than it ever was before. Good progress is being made with the drill.

There will be no delay this time when the big flow of gas is struck as Manager Taylor of the company, says he is prepared to take care of it and will case it off and continue drilling until the oil is struck, if there is any oil to be tapped. Fine specimens of coal were drawn from the well yesterday.

Machinery for the Payette Oil & Gas company is expected within two or three weeks now, from San Francisco.

Every foot of possible oil land within a radius of 20 miles of Payette has been filed on or leased where leases could be secured.

CHICAGO ON HER FINAL CRUISE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 16.—Leaving Magdalena bay yesterday, the cruiser Chicago, first of the ships built in the new navy, is on her way to the Atlantic coast where the vessel will be taken from active service and used as a training ship for the cadets of the United States Naval academy at Annapolis.

Mail was carried by the Chicago for the ships of Rear-Admirals Dayton and Sebree, now at war practice at Magdalena bay, and the vessel passed her first day there delivering mail to the officers and men of the two fleets. While at Magdalena bay, 74 men aboard the Chicago were transferred to other ships.

According to the official itinerary of the Chicago's trip given out at the office of Rear-Admiral Swinburne on board of the flagship Charleston, it will take 109 days to make the voyage. She is due to arrive at her destination, Norfolk, Virginia, April 28. According to the schedule she will make eight stops en route, the greater number of which will be for the purpose of taking on coal and supplies. At the various stops a total of 49 days will be passed in port. This will leave a total of just 60 steaming days. The itinerary of the cruise in full is as follows:

Port.	Dist.	Arrive.	Leave.
Acapulco, Mex	910	Jan. 19	Jan. 23
Callao, Peru	2,189	Feb. 2	Feb. 10
Valparaiso	1,308	Feb. 16	Feb. 24
Sandy Point	1,425	Mar. 1	Mar. 6
Montevideo	1,312	Mar. 12	Mar. 18
Rio de Janeiro	1,056	Mar. 23	Apr. 2
San Lucia	3,237	Apr. 16	Apr. 21
Norfolk	1,617	Apr. 28	

Soon after her arrival at Norfolk the Chicago, still under the command of the same officers, will take the midshipmen of the naval academy on a cruise, and after that the old cruiser will be put out of commission and converted into a training ship.

ALASKANS WILL MEET AT SEATTLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Jan. 16.—Alaska mining men will hold a meeting in the Alaska club rooms tonight to prepare for the quarterly meeting of the American mining congress, to be held in Seattle March 23.

Revision of the Alaska mining laws will be the big feature of the session. Secretary James R. Garfield of the interior department, has signified a willingness to lend administration support to a comprehensive and thorough mining code for Alaska, and has urged the American mining congress to agree upon a new code. J. J. Godfrey, John H. McGraw and Watson Allen were named at the Joplin, Missouri, meeting as a special committee to draft a new mining code for Alaska, but the task was believed to be too large for a special committee and a quarterly meeting was suggested instead.

Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be represented in the March session at Seattle. Coincident with the Alaska situation the general mining conditions of the northwest will be discussed, and it is probable some important recommendations will be made at that time. James F. Callbreath of Denver, secretary of the congress, will be here Monday to arrange for the meeting.

Aside from the revision of the Alaska coal land laws, which President Roosevelt has urged in his message to congress, both quartz and placer mining men of Alaska want important changes made. In the Tanana country a clearer definition of discovery claims is desired and quartz miners want to be exempted from assessment work this year.

ROCKPILE FOR HOTEL BURGLAR

Through the efforts of Detectives Price and Coleman one of the men held responsible for many of the petty thefts that have been reported to the police recently was today given a sentence of 30 days on the rockpile at Kelly's Butte. His name is Patrick Riley. He was arrested by Price and Coleman several days ago on a charge of vagrancy. It developed later that the man had been connected with the theft of clothing from rooms in several cheap lodging and rooming houses, but as the evidence was of such a nature as to make a conviction uncertain the charge of vagrancy was allowed to stand. He was given a hearing before Judge Cameron in the police court this morning and the sentence followed.

Wants Damages.

E. C. Shipley's $5,000 damage suit against the Portland Railway company for alleged unlawful ejection from a car went to trial before a jury in Judge Bronaugh's department this morning. The defense is that Shipley presented a transfer an hour old, the conductor refusing to receive it and demanding another fare. Shipley is a musician and was on his way from the east side to fill an engagement, taking a Morrison street transfer. He says he went into a hall, near the transfer point for a few minutes, but is sure than another car had not passed when he boarded a westbound car. The rules of the company require that a passenger having a transfer must take the next car passing the transfer point after the time punched in the margin.