

Regents Executive Committee Decides Property Cannot Be Leased.

(By John Leased Salem Wire.)
Salem, Or., May 12.—Though the three state normal schools will be any day expected to submit to the state executive committee during the summer, the executive committee of the state board of education has decided to hold a conference that none of the equipment or buildings may be leased for the purpose of conducting normal schools during the next two years.

The property of the state at Western Oregon, Eastern Oregon and the University of Montana is eventually sold under the hammer. This action of the executive board is a wedge for the formulation of a demand upon the legislature two years hence.

Some of the vicinities where the schools are now located, and is in line with the policy established by the board of education, and the legislature will be asked to add to the normal school locations.

Two Favor Leasing Schools.

One or two members of the board were in favor of leasing the schools. But all members of the executive committee, which includes Governor F. W. Benson, and the majority of the board, the chairman, were unalterably opposed to it on the ground that it was the intention of the last legislature that the normal school should have no existence must be entirely eliminating the school from good government, and no hope must be given any of the three communities that would be created to survive. So long as there is a hope this matter is considered by the members of the board as a foundation for political intrigues. The normal school matter will probably be taken up again next year, but not at the next general election. If not, the way will be open for the next legislature to create new schools and place them at complete disposal of the board.

OPPIUM SMUGGLER

**Man Found Guilty Has
Served Nine Months
Awaiting Trial.**

As punishment for opium smuggling, Williams, alias J. Rawlance, who was found guilty of the offense in federal court yesterday, was sentenced to six months in the county jail by Judge Charles E. Wolverton this morning. This sentence is, however, only a small part of the penalty he has been compelled

Williams has already served nine months in jail. He forfeited a bond, furnished by himself, of \$1500. One consignment of opium sent to him at Tacoma was seized and sold by the government for \$1300. The consignment in his possession when arrested in Portland was sold at auction for \$500. Williams was arrested in April, 1908. His bond was fixed at \$1500 and,

The sentence imposed on him was considered quite light by government officers familiar with the extensiveness of Williams' operations. He, however,

pressed to be a very much abused man, when talking of his case this morning. "The government has no right to impose duty on opium or any drug like nature," he declared fiercely. "Conditions now are such that a man can't make an honest living without eating the government to it. Anyway, it's just a gambler's chance that you won't get caught."

Williams' effort to show that United States Attorney John McCourt had

After some discussion, the council this morning sustained Mayor Lane's veto of the ordinance appropriating

475 to pay for claims due for labor and other expenses in the construction of the notorious arch of welcome. City Attorney Kavanaugh was instructed to draw up another ordinance which would be legal and along the lines suggested by the mayor. The wishes of both the mayor and the council are that the claims be paid, but Dr. Lane wants to be sure that the city is protected from possible damage suits.

ANK MEN ASSEMBLE AND HEAR ADDRESS

The monthly meeting of the American Institute of Bankers, Portland chapter, was held last evening in the commercial club building. The speaker of the evening was the Japanese consul, and the subject of his address was banking in Japan. He gave the chap-

A very good description of the unitary system in Japan, from its earliest period to the present time. The latter part of the evening was taken up in electing delegates to the cattle convention, and they are as follows: A. M. Wright, honorary delegate; D. Seell, S. T. Cutchum, T. M. Peterson, F. Rowe, J. Kennard, W. Corrick, D. Coulson, D. W. Upshaw and D. Luning.

HORSE STEALING CASE GOES OUT OF COURT

The case against B. D. Avery, arrested yesterday on complaint of J. Hendry on a charge of horse stealing, was dismissed on motion of the district attorney in the police court today.

Mr. Avery, who is a well to do painter,

living at 643 East Thirty-ninth st. showed that he owned the horse till a year ago last October, when it appeared, either having strayed away or been stolen at that time. Mr. Sandry, however, shows that he purchased the horse, and it is believed that he purchased it from some one who had either found or stolen it. Both Avery and Mr. Sandry now claim horse.

NEAR BELLINGHAM

(United Press Licensed Wire.)
 Bellingham, Wash., May 12.—Fire
 this morning destroyed the big can
 nery and fish cannery of the Astoria
 Puget Sound Packing company, lo
 cated at Chuckanut, south of this city.
 The flames are supposed to have origi
 nated from a spark from a passing