

statistics, and information gained and also a full financial statement of all funds received and disbursed. They shall also make such suggestions and recommendations as experience and good policy may dictate for their improvement and advancement of the agricultural and kindred industries of the state.

Sec. 6. The state printer shall perform such printing as may be ordered by said board, not to exceed in amount \$250 annually, to carry out the provisions of this act, and bills for said printing shall be audited and paid in the same manner as other printing for the state.

Sec. 7. When this district board shall have been organized as herein provided the secretary shall report such organization to the governor.

\$1500 Appropriated.

Sec. 8. To carry out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated, annually, out of the moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1500 to the president of the Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society, who shall, before receiving the same, give a bond in double the amount appropriated for this district to the secretary of state, to be approved by the governor and secretary, conditioned that said money shall only be used in the payment of premiums awarded by the Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society at its annual fair and for no other purposes: Provided, that should the board fail in any year to offer and award premiums for agricultural and other purposes equal to the amounts here appropriated, then the benefit of this section shall not be available that year; and it is further provided, that no part of the money herein appropriated shall be offered as a premium for trials of seed.

Sec. 9. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

WARNER VALLEY COMPANY WINS

SECURES TITLE TO LANDS IN SOUTH PART OF STATE.

Decision Rendered in the Circuit Court—Case Will Be Taken to the State Supreme Court—The Various Departments of the Land Bureau Have Heretofore Ruled Adversely to the Settlers—Governor Chamberlain Sides With Settlers.

Salem, Jan. 13.—Once more the Warner Valley Stock company has scored a victory in its protracted fight to establish title against settlers on some of the most valuable lands in the southern part of the state. Judge H. L. Benson has rendered a decision in favor of the company in the suit instituted by the attorney general of the state, at the request of Governor Chamberlain, who has made a strong effort to establish the settlers' claims. An appeal will doubtless be taken to the state supreme court.

The controversy is one of the most noted land cases which has arisen in Oregon. It has been carried from the Lakeview land office to the general land office at Washington and then to the secretary of the interior. The latter gave a decision adverse to the settlers' claims and Governor Chamberlain then took up their cause. The governor had a long correspondence with the secretary of the interior, which has been the occasion of much newspaper comment, but the secretary refused to modify the stand he had taken. Governor Chamberlain's contention was that patents should not be issued to the company, but to the state, but this contention was overruled and patents to much of the land were issued to the company's attorney.

MORE TROUBLE ON "THE ROW."

A Dealer and His Wife Accused of Larceny.

Roy and Alice Van Buren are in the county jail charged with larceny. The complaining witness is Ray Wilmot, an inhabitant of a Cottonwood street resort, and she claims that the Van Burens stole six rings and some fancy needlework from her. Two cheap rings that the Wilmot woman identified as her property, were found in a skirt belonging to Alice Van Buren. The man is a dealer in a gambling house. Both women live in the same resort. The complaining witness alleges that a diamond ring valued at \$150, is still missing.

RECORD OF WEEK'S WEATHER.

Report of H. F. Johnson, Official Observer.

Jan.	Max.	Min.	Snow
1	32	27	
2	30	24	
3	34	28	
4	37	28	
5	35	24	1/2 in
6	30	20	
7	24	15	
8	24	19	1/2 in
9	24	19	1/2 in
10	24	19	1/2 in
11	24	19	1/2 in
12	24	19	1/2 in
13	24	19	1/2 in

On the 11th, and again on the 13th, snow fell which was the equivalent of .05 in.

DEFENSE SCORES HEAVILY IN SMOOT INVESTIGATION

Some Mormon Towns Will Not Tolerate Polygamy—Defines the Oath of Vengeance.

Angus Cannon "Probably Drunk" When He Testified—Mormon Boycott Shown to Be a Bugaboo and Scarecrow—Members of Congress From Southwest Prepared to Force Bi-statedhood of New Mexico and Arizona

Washington, Jan. 13.—J. W. N. Whitecotton, attorney, of Provo, Utah, testified in the Smoot investigation that no man in the state had a better reputation than Smoot. Referring to plural marriages, he said, "If there was such a case in my town there are not six men there who would stop until they got the offender in the penitentiary, and my town is 70 per cent Mormon."

"Cannon Was Drunk."
James Lynch, of Salt Lake, a democrat, non-Mormon, and brother-in-law of Angus M. Cannon, was questioned as to the statement of his brother-in-law that he witnessed the marriage of Abram Cannon and Lillian Hamlin on the high seas, off California, in 1896. The witness said he had investigated the statement, and found that Angus Cannon had not been in California that year. He admitted Cannon made the statement, but said, "He was drunk at the time."

The Oath of Vengeance.
Hugh M. Dougall, postmaster at Springville, Utah, said he had been expelled from the Mormon church, but it had not made any difference to him in his business, although he dealt largely with Mormons. He took the endowment ceremony in 1862. The oath of vengeance, he testified, was to avenge the blood of the prophets and martyrs on this generation, and not on this "nation," as

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations From All Points Handling Umatilla Products.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—May wheat, 7c 11 3/4 d.
Chicago—May wheat opened at \$1.15 3/4 to \$1.16 3/4, and closed at \$1.16 3/4 to \$1.16 3/4; barley, 41c to 42c; flax, \$1.16; Northwestern, \$1.23. July opened 96 and closed the same. Corn opened 45 1/2 and closed the same. Oats opened 30 1/2, closed 30 1/2.
San Francisco—Cash wheat, \$1.50.
Portland—Wheat, Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88c to 90c; valley, 67c.

Baptist Church Notice.

Mr. James Edmunds, who was to be with us and conduct a Bible institute at the Baptist church, is not expected, as when he was here Thursday he was suffering from an attack of appendicitis, and the last heard from him he returned to Portland for an operation. The Sunday school workers will have to forego this treat for the present. He will be here later. Tomorrow the pastor will preach as usual. You are cordially invited.

Grand Ronde Apples on Display.

Lyman Bros. have just received a carload of Grand Ronde apples from the orchard of E. L. Coykendall, O. R. & N. passenger conductor, of this city, who owns a fruit tract near La Grande. The apples are Ganos and Winesaps, and are free from worms and of beautiful color and appearance. It is one of the most attractive shipments of fruits received in this city this winter. Mr. Coykendall has taken great interest in his orchard and produces some of the finest apples grown in Grand Ronde valley.

TWO LAND SWINDLERS HAVE CONFESSED

Portland, Jan. 14.—Judson and William Mealey, brothers, here as witnesses from Foster, in relation to investigation of land frauds, made a complete confession today to William J. Burns, of the government secret service, admitting they were employed to make fraudulent entries and do similar work by the conspirators. The confession materially strengthens the government's case against Mitchell and Hermann and implicating State

TAX LEVY PROBABLY WILL BE 18 MILLS

In all probability the tax levy for Umatilla county for 1905, will be 18 mills. The county court has not fully decided upon the levy, but the East Oregonian has it upon good authority that the rate will not exceed 18 mills.

RAILROAD WAR THREATENED.

Not of Rates, But of Invasion of Territory.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 14.—A railroad war for Nebraska and the Middle West is in sight for next summer should the Great Northern railroad carry out its announced plan to build two connections with the Burlington in Nebraska this spring.

The first of the projected lines is to run from Sioux City to Omaha and the second extension from O'Neill to Theftford, Neb., giving the Burlington-Great Northern combination the short line between Denver and Minneapolis and Duluth, that being an invasion of northwestern territory. Well-informed railroad men are of the opinion that this will cause the Northwestern to extend the Hastings line into Denver to retaliate against the Burlington and the Union Pacific will be drawn into the fight.

WALLA WALLA SUDDEN DEATH.

Hack Driver Passes Away Without Notice.

Walla Walla, Jan. 14.—Ervin Bryant, long a familiar figure on the streets of Walla Walla, where he drove his own hack for many years, died last night at his residence after an illness of only 20 minutes. An internal hemorrhage is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Bryant was 56 years old. He leaves a widow and a family of four. The body was taken last night to Cookerly's undertaking parlors, where it will lie until arrangements are made for the funeral. Deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Asked for a Conference.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The house today non-concurred in the senate amendments to the Philippines franchise bill, and asked for a conference.

CHARGED WITH MINING FRAUD

GRIGGS SAID TO HAVE HAD MANY PATRONS.

Operated in the Nome District by Locating Claims, Selling Shares to Outsiders, But Never Being Able to Appear at the Scenes of the "Finds"—Claims and Interests Were Pictitious—Many People Have Been Swindled.

Portland, Jan. 14.—C. R. Griggs, wanted for alleged frauds whereby he secured \$30,000 in Nome mining swindles from many parties in various parts of the country, was arrested here today. He located many claims in the Nome district, sold interests in them, took purchasers in specially chartered vessel to show the mines, but disappeared before their arrival. The claims were always found to be fictitious.

Fire Damages Hospital.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Fire early this morning damaged the Royal Victoria hospital to the extent of \$150,000.

ARMY OFFICIALS ARE COMING.

Commissioner and Mrs. Kirby, From Cape Town, Africa.

Pendleton may soon be honored by a visit from Commissioner and Mrs. Kirby, in charge of Salvation Army work west of the Mississippi. The commissioners are touring the Pacific states at the present time, and their itinerary includes either Pendleton or Walla Walla, for February 10. Ensign Heisenger, in charge of the local barracks, stated today that he was endeavoring to secure the visit for Pendleton.

Commissioner and Mrs. Kirby were recently transferred to their present location from Cape Town, South Africa.

Will Make Two Appointments.

School district 24, lying 15 miles northwest of Pendleton, is in the peculiar predicament of being without a director, and County Superintendent Frank K. Welles has been called upon by the patrons of the district to appoint a new board. M. A. Markus and Charles Larkin, the directors, have moved out of the district, and Mr. Welles will appoint W. L. Elder and George Ternum, recommended by the voters to fill the vacancies.

Athens Bank Election.

At the annual election of the Athens National Bank the following officers were elected: H. C. Adams, president; T. J. Kirk, vice president; F. S. LeGrow, cashier; I. M. Kemp, assistant cashier; directors, F. S. LeGrow, C. A. Barrett and P. E. Colburn.

In the Police Court.

In police court this morning, Mike Gratz, Jr., pleaded guilty to a charge of frequenting an opium joint, and was fined \$25. He went to jail. Claude Allebury was sentenced to 10 days in the city jail for vagrancy.

Up to date Andrew Carnegie has given away \$39,325,240 to libraries.

NEUTRALITY IS NOW VIOLATED

Japanese Protest Against the French Harboring Russian Men-of-War.

ENGLISH PORT A REFUGE FOR JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

Efforts Have Been Made to Conceal the Fact that the Japanese Have a Naval Base at the British-Borneo Port of Labuan—Japan Is Satisfied That Germany Is Neutral—The Czar Issues a Special Order and Expression of Condolence to the Army and People, Claiming to See Victory Ahead, and Eulogizing Stoessel and His Work.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The Japanese press is sharply criticizing France for permitting the Russian Second Pacific squadron to make use of Madagascar as a base of operations. The Asahi today says, "It is no longer possible to overlook French non-observance of neutrality, nor her disregard for her obligations to a neutral nation."

Offset to Madagascar.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—A telegram from Java states that a naval base has been established on the island of Labuan by the Japanese. The British telegraph office on the island ceased working 12 days ago to conceal the presence of the Japanese.

Germany Observes Neutrality.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Japan has sent a formal dispatch to the German government expressing the conviction that Germany has fulfilled her duties as a neutral throughout the war, and especially during recent events in the war zone.

Tribute to Japanese Bravery.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—"The bravery shown by the Japanese navy is beyond comparison," said Major General Nadien, one of the paroled Russian officers, arrived here from Port Arthur. "It's achievements are unparalleled. With the Japanese navy and the Russian army nothing in the whole world could withstand you. Our soldiers are uneducated. It is not so with the Japanese. The bravery displayed by the Japanese soldiers is unrivaled. It seems shameful to kill such splendid men." Nadien expressed a belief in the early end of the war.

Casualties of a Month.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—The Russian casualties during the past fortnight have been: Killed, seven officers and 183 men; wounded, 42 officers and 949 men; missing, 43. The list of casualties probably includes those in the fighting at Kinow and New Chwang, as well as one the Shalke river, where several minor engagements are reported.

Special Order from the Czar.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—The czar today issued the order of the day to the army in praise of the heroic defense of Port Arthur by Stoessel and the garrison. The order reads: "Port Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy. After a struggle lasting 11 months, during seven of which the brave garrison was isolated without hope, nevertheless they sustained the siege, hardships, privations and moral tortures without complaint, determined that the enemy would gain nothing without paying dearly. With a handful of men we withstood the enemy's furious attacks.

"My brave soldiers and sailors let not this sorrow discourage you. Our enemy is brave and strong, and it is extremely difficult to sustain the struggle at a distance of 10,000 versts, but Russia is great and powerful, and during her national life of 1000 years she has given hard proof of her ability to overcome even more serious dangers. Each time she has arisen more powerful than ever, and full of renewed vigor.

"We are greatly grieved by our lack of success and painful losses, but let us not abandon courage. It is in sorrowful times, such as these, that the power of Russia renews itself. I am confident that the hour of victory is striking, and God will bless our dear army and navy's effort to crush the enemy and sustain the honor and glory of the fatherland."

Stoessel at Nagasaki.

Nagasaki, Jan. 14.—General Stoessel arrived here today on the Japanese transport Karamura. Governor Arakawa with the chief officials of the port went aboard the transport and received Stoessel, his wife and staff, who were shortly transferred to land. Stoessel was attired in a gray military overcoat and wore his sword. He