CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS. At the opening of Court on Mouday, the promptand punctual atteadance of juro's was the subject of general remark. Of those eummoned but one failed to respond, and he being in the employ of the United States Government, could properly claim his excuse. In addition to the attorneys residing at the Dalles, Messrs. Stroug, Johason and Moreland, of Portlard wore in attendance. A number of thdictments that have stood upon the docket from one to four years, were dis-
amissed, for the reasons that d-fendants had absconted, or died, or that the witnesses could not be procured to prove the different offences charged. The docket on the opening of the court showed
34 law and 10 equity canses. Law Causes. Fulton vs Logan, continued; Brown etal vs MeAuliff, dismissed as settled; ruled-on calling for trial a non-suit was grauted to plainilf; Bloch $\&$ Co. vs Evans et al, dismissed as settled; Violet va Smith, judgment by default for plaintiff for $\$ 83540$; Robbins \& Co. vs Moppin et al, judgment by default for plaintifis for $\$ 876 \%$ Nesplie vs Henderson, continuet for serrice; O. S. N Company vs R. H. Wood, Administrator of
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nace oflands in Dalles City; Waldron vaNew-ell-sett'ed-di-missed; Dusenberry Bro. vs ys E. P. \& I. Firzgerald-action for damages for battery. Trial lasted two dayg-Kelly \& Gates for plaintif, Strong, Humason $\&$ Odel for defendants-verdict for plaintiff for $\$ 475$ yice; Robbins \& Co. vs Shank et al, dismiss d without prejudice, at plaintiffs costs Robbins \& Co. vs A. \& $\stackrel{\text { W. . H. Lands, judg }}{ }$ ment by default for plaintiffs for $\$ 05189$ missed; Geo. L. Woods vs Toliver Johnson et al
$\$ 400$.
Mr. Condos's Lecture.-Mr. Condon deserves the praise of being the first who has devoted much time änd attention to the col lection of the fossils of the Colambia Basin About four years ago a gentloman was en gaged by the Smithsonian Institute to give view to a more exact geological surver The agent employed lacked both the indus try and the conscientious regard for duty necessary to render his mission in anywise suecessful. Mr. Condon's investigations are necessarily limited, and are mostly confined to the collection of remains which have written the history of the past on the rocks in characters which are not open to contradiction. Geology may properly be called the record of Nature's works, written by herself. The lecture was illustrated by the already very extensive collection of Mr . Condon, which includes many fragmentary specimens of now extinct animals-from the mighty mammoth to the smaller quadrupeds. These indicate with absolute certainty the natural history of this country, during that period just following the time when "the earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep." There were rhinoceroses, in those days, whose bones lie buried along the beaches of lakes which ran dry ages ago ; the mastodon fed upon the trees which grew daring his period, and the fossils tell us that in the tertiary period they did not essentially differ from the trees of the present day. As the mammoth lived later than that time we conclide that his diet was of alder, birch, cottonwood and willow. In the line of stratification, in one case, is a specimen of fruit not aulike a plam, but with a rougher rind than modern plums. But there are none of these now. Therewere cherry-trees in those daya, and that reasonably indicates that there were birds to eat cherries; hence the bigquadrupeds in all probability heard the songs of he very warblers which we hear in theee later times. Mr. Condon exbibited specimens of rocks with shells of various kinds impriated in them, and geodes, where the waters had been ages in first liquefying and then crystalizing ordinary quartz, until if was almost as brilliant as diamond. There were bones miaeralized and petrified, and the cavities which once held their marrows filled with chalcedong. As we expect to publish at considerable length these lessons of the rocks, we forbear farther mention of the subject matter of the discourno, with the addition that it was well attended by an intelli gent and appreciative audiepce.

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