

STOLE A WATCH.—Fred Van Wagner was examined before Justice O'Donnell, yesterday, on a complaint sworn out by District Attorney Belt, charging him with stealing a gold watch and chain, valued at \$50, from R. Glaze. The theft was committed on Sunday, July 31st, between the hours of 7 and 12 a. m., when the vest of Mr. Glaze was hanging in the harness room of Minto's stable, while he was working near. Van Wagner was seen to enter the room, and remaining there for a short time, came out and left. When arrested he had on his person \$12, and upon his examination he at first refused to account for his possession of the money, but afterwards said that he had earned it working for some farmer between Wednesday and Saturday. Justice O'Donnell, considering the evidence sufficient, held Van Wagner over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$300. He will probably not be able to furnish bonds.

CALL ACCEPTED.—Deacon W. P. Johnson, of the Baptist church of this city, yesterday received a telegram from Rev. A. R. Medberry, dated at Verona, Wisconsin, stating that he had decided to accept the call extended recently to the pastorate of the church, and that he would send full particulars of his acceptance by mail. Mr. Medberry was, about fifteen years ago, pastor of the First Baptist church of Portland, and since that time has resided in the East. A short time since he made a trip through this valley, and filled the pulpit of the church one Sunday. The Baptists regard themselves as very fortunate in securing Mr. Medberry as their pastor, as he is a preacher of fine abilities. He has a wife and two children. He will probably not leave for Oregon for a month or more.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN THE MOUNTAINS.—Last Saturday morning the body of Wm. C. Hathaway, a druggist of Halsey, Linn county, was found in the Blue river mining camp, where he was prospecting. On July 29th he left the camp of Mr. Goodfellow to go to another camp about a mile distant. Several days after, Mr. Goodfellow learned that he had not arrived at his destination, and search was instituted with the result above stated. The body was found about two miles from the camp. It is thought he accidentally shot himself. When found he was lying on the rocks with a bullet in his forehead, his pistol in the water near by and his hat and pipe by his side. From appearances he had been dead several days.

ANNOTATED CODE.—An unbound copy of Hill's annotated code, compiled by W. Lair Hill, and published by Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, was received in the gubernatorial office yesterday. By the provisions of the act by which the state agrees to take 1000 copies of the code, the compilation, manner of publication, etc., must receive the approval of the governor. It will devolve upon Private Secretary Munly to wade through the 1840 pages which comprise the code, and see that the text of the laws is correct. The code is composed of two volumes, and is twice as large as that compiled by Matthew P. Deady and Lafayette Lane. It is finely printed, and will probably cost a good price.

BIG BALL GAME.—The big ball game in Portland, Sunday, between the Willamettes of East Portland and the Portlands was witnessed by 1800 people, and resulted in a score of 12 to 3 in favor of the former. The Willamettes are the "farmer" nine and the Portlands were backed by the bloods of that city. It was evident on Sunday as on former occasions that the winning club is much the better nine. Their fielding was absolutely faultless, while their opponents made a number of costly errors. There is talk of another match game between the nine for a large sum. But the Willamettes have undeniably demonstrated their superiority.

TWO WEDDINGS.—Yesterday afternoon Judge Shaw was almost paralyzed at seeing two pairs of cooling country swains enter his office in the court house, and in modest tones ask to be made as one, or rather two. They were Albert Stephens, of Douglas county, and Margaret A. Cox, of Marion county, and Geo. T. Cox, of Douglas county, and Gertrude Gates, of Marion county. The judge, notwithstanding his embarrassment, tied the double knot and collected his fee in a highly artistic manner. The young couples took last evening's train for their future homes in Douglas county, as happy as little ducklets in a pondlet.

BEKS FIXED UP.—The Turner block has been receiving many much-needed improvements during the last few days. The roof has been newly covered with tin, and the outside has been repainted and sanded. Inside, all the rooms on the second and third floors have been newly calculated and fitted up in excellent shape. This greatly improves the general appearance of the building, and a number of iron fronts, with which it is contemplated to replace the old styles now there, will add much more to the general beauty of the business floor of the block.

A RECONCILIATION.—The difficulty between the man Trasker and his wife, mentioned in the STATESMAN several days since, has ended as all such troubles usually do—a reconciliation has been effected. Trasker has promised to do better and leave the rearing of the children to his wife, who is certainly the more capable of managing them properly. The husband is evidently sincere in his penitence and from all appearances intends to reform. His neighbors and the public generally will accord him in the future whatever credit he deserves.

DRIVE THE NAILS.—Considerable complaint has been made, by visitors and residents of Salem, that many of the sidewalks have protruding nails, which catch in a lady's dress or a gentleman's pantaloons in the most approved and aggravating style. This is not healthy for the morals or appearance of any one who tears his or her clothing thereon. Not many of the sidewalks of Salem are in that condition, and by comparison with other towns—Albany, for instance—Salem is remarkably well sidewalked. Still those few sidewalks from which the nails do project ought to be repaired.

Particulars of the Terrible Fate of C. B. Wilcox, near Pullman, W. T., on July 30th.

The particulars of the untimely death of C. B. Wilcox, near Pullman, W. T., of which mention has been made in these columns, have just been received. The following from the Colfax Commoner contains the principal points of the tragic event:

"Mr. Wilcox was driving a horse, hitched to a light two-wheeled vehicle, on the road four miles from town, at a slow pace, when, for some reason unaccountable, the animal made a sudden plunge forward and broke into a run. The jerk threw Wilcox backward over the seat, his feet catching in some manner in the slats forming the bottom of the cart. In this position he was dragged for some distance. Two sons of Mr. Crawford, on horseback near, made every effort to stop the flying horse, and only succeeded when the unfortunate man was found dead. An inquest was held by Justice A. Shanks, at the residence of Mr. Armes, near the scene of the tragic death, the jury returning a verdict to the above effect."

The funeral services were conducted from the residence of Mr. Armes, which was his boarding place, by the Masons, of which organization Mr. Wilcox was a member. He was buried at Pullman. Mrs. Wilcox, at the time of the accident, was at Moscow. It is not known whether she will return to Salem to reside, or to Tacoma, where her relatives reside. The unfortunate loss of her house by fire a short time since, and the sad bereavement she suffers by the sudden and tragic demise of her husband, make her the deserving object of the sympathy and sincerest condolences of her many friends in Salem and elsewhere.

SWAMP LAND INVESTIGATION.—C. L. Richmond, state agent, and Col. Elliott, government agent, have finished the investigation of swamp lands in La Grande district, and will commence immediately upon the Lakeview district. These gentlemen have also examined the lands in the Dalles district. Together they have done a large amount of work, an immense number of acres having been inspected by them. In a short time it may be expected that the swamp land investigation, as far as inspection of swampy lands is concerned, will be finished.

HOLMES BUSINESS COLLEGE.—The STATESMAN takes pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of Holmes Business College. The proprietor has for two years conducted a very successful shorthand and type-writing school and the commercial department is in the hands of experienced teachers from the East. The college is offering this year life scholarships for \$40. Parents cannot make a better investment for their children than to purchase one of these scholarships.

IN A NEW POSITION.—Miss Lenore Chamberlin, who has been studying shorthand and type-writing, under the instruction of Miss G. Holmes, at Portland, Oregon, has returned to this city, to take the position of stenographer for the State Insurance Co. Shorthand is a good profession. Why do not more of the young ladies and gentlemen take it up?

ANOTHER CRAZY.—Deputy Hawks yesterday evening brought up from Portland one Julius Rubber, a German, and committed him to the asylum. Rubber came to the county officers of Multnomah county several days ago, and asked to be protected from a gang of assassins who, he said, were pursuing him. He was taken in and pronounced insane by the proper authorities.

TO BE TAKEN OUT.—The electricity was shut off from the two lights at the corner of Commercial and Court and Commercial and Ferry streets last night. These are the lights which have been maintained by subscription during the past year. The time of the subscription having run out, and all the subscribers not having renewed it, the lights have been discontinued.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED.—On last Saturday the residence of R. Hennes, living about 12 mile above Mehama, was destroyed by fire. Sparks from a large tree which had been fired blew upon the roof, and the fire was started from them. The residence was nearly new, and a neat one. Most of the household goods were saved.

DURING FAIR WEEK.—J. P. Howe, lessee of the New Market theater, Portland, has leased Reed's opera house for fair week, and will send up a troupe to occupy the boards during that time. It is to be hoped that Mr. Howe will value his own reputation as a manager sufficiently to bring a first class company and no inferior collection of Portland players.

REMOVED TO SALEM.—V. P. Fiske, of Dallas, has removed to Salem, with his wife and child. They will most likely make their home in Salem. For the present they are stopping at the residence of Mr. Fiske's mother on Court street, near the State house. Mr. Fiske is looking for investments here.

FROM BUSCHGRASS.—Frank Durbin and wife and Dick Plowman and wife, arrived in this city yesterday from Olex, Gilliam county. Mr. Plowman will look after business in connection with his farm on Howell prairie for a month, when he will return home. Mr. Durbin will remain and make his home here.

A BICYCLE TRIP.—Lot L. Pearce, Clair Baker, Ed. Baker and Harry Fiske, members of the Chemeketa Bicycle club, rode their wheels over to the farm of their fellow-bicyclist, Glenn Lewis, in Polk county, near Oak Grove, Sunday, and spent the day with him. Though the roads were dusty, they enjoyed the trip.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP.—Applications for scholarships in the state university or in any of the state normal schools will be received by Superintendent Peabees between now and the sitting of the September term of the commissioners court, when the applicants will be examined.

BREMS OMBRES.—That the fishermen and cannerymen along the Columbia on the Oregon side were convinced that Gov. Penneyver and the fish commission meant business when they said they intended to enforce the salmon law is evident by the following dispatch: "No boats have gone out from Astoria since Saturday, and all the canneries have shut down for the season. It is said that no cannery on the Oregon side is now running. On the Washington territory side the Aberdeen packing company was shut down, but several others are still in operation. Numerous traps in Baker's bay (on the Washington side) are still taking fish as usual, and seining continues on the shoals of the river. These law breakers are doing a big business, since the withdrawal of the regular fishermen leaves them no competition." The salmon catch this season aggregate 354,055 cases.

DESERVED PROMOTION.—On Monday evening, acting under S. O. No. 1, from regimental headquarters, Lieut. M. W. Hunt, regimental adjutant, 2nd Regt., presided over a meeting of "B" Co., 2nd Regt., held to elect a successor to the second lieutenantcy made vacant by Lieut. Hunt's promotion. By a unanimous vote of the company, Third Sergeant Arthur O. Bowersox was promoted to the vacant place in the line, and the commission could not have been given to a worthier officer. Lieut. Bowersox was one of the first to join the company when it was organized, and he has worked his way up from the ranks to the line, by close attention to his duties and by his active interest in the company. His promotion gives general satisfaction. This temporarily promotes 4th Sgt. F. S. Dearborn to 3rd sergeant; 5th Sgt. Lowe to 4th sergeant, and 1st Corp. A. E. Holgate to 5th sergeant.

ROSEBURG SCHOOL HOUSE.—The basement walls of this new building will be completed in three weeks, at which time the carpenters will begin their work. The house will be ready for use by the first of January. The model is similar to the Albany public school building; but when completed the Roseburg edifice will be the larger, the more durable as well as the more beautiful. It will be put up at a bargain and it would be difficult to give its exact value; but at the rate Albany paid for her school house, which was very reasonable, the Roseburg school building will be worth \$25,000. This will be the finest public school house in Oregon, south of Salem, and with the sole exception of the East Salem building, will be the most elaborate south of Portland.

THE FREE DISPENSARY.—The trustees of Willamette university evidently made a wise move when they established a free dispensary in connection with their new medical college in Portland. The dispensary was thrown open to the public on August 1st, and every day since that time a number of patients have been treated. These patients will be the subjects for clinical instruction when the school opens up on October 11th, and this department of instruction will be even better than the hospital instruction afforded. The dispensary is a great boon to the suffering poor in Portland.

LOOK OUT FOR HIM.—From Jacksonville comes the report that a lightning tooth extractor has been doing that town in great style the past few days. He applies a medicine to the gums and teeth which makes extraction painless. A great many that had teeth pulled are reported, from reliable cases, where it was found necessary to call a physician. His prices are extortionate, and he is pronounced by all as a first-class bilk, and people should look out for him. He is traveling northward.

BIG ONIONS.—On the 14th day of March last Henry Savage, eight-year-old son of H. W. Savage, the gardener, planted some onion seeds. Yesterday he presented to this office a few of the onions grown from these seeds. They are of the Silver King variety, and very large and fine. A boy that can grow such onions as these when he is eight years old should grow to be a splendid gardener. He will exhibit some of these onions at the state fair, and this writer predicts that they will take a prize.

GOING EAST.—Today Rev. J. Bowersox leaves Salem, and after a visit to Washington territory for a few days will go to Cleveland, Ohio, where his wife is now visiting her parents. Mr. B. then expects to attend the general conference of the Evangelical association as a delegate, which convenes Sept. 1st in Buffalo, N. Y. After conference he purposes visiting his father in Pennsylvania, and will return about or after the middle of October, when Mrs. Bowersox will accompany him.

THE NAINAIMO SUFFERERS.—Over \$55,000 have been contributed to the relief of the sufferers by the Nainaimo disaster. The committee have determined to book widows and children to their original homes, providing transportation and all incidental expenses, and subsequently purchasing an annuity for them. The contract for transportation has been awarded to D. P. Munro, general steamship agent at Victoria, and the first lot of people leave for Durham from Victoria this week.—Oregonian.

A SHORT MEETING.—The meeting of the railroad commission at the capitol, yesterday, was not important, nothing but routine business being considered. The commission adjourned, but will probably have a called meeting shortly, whenever the citizens of Linn county shall have taken definite action and made specific charges in the alleged discrimination in rates against the citizens of Tazewell and vicinity.

ARM BROKEN.—Yesterday morning, Ralph, an 8-year-old son of Richard Swarts, living about five miles northeast of Salem, put a saddle on a calf, and while riding it the animal threw him off. In lighting he struck upon his right arm, breaking it in two places, above and below the elbow. The little fellow was brought to this city and his arm set by Dr. Carpenter.

For choice fruits of all kinds go to A. Strong & Co's.

THE WAGON ROAD INVESTIGATION.—G. C. Wharton, of Virginia, government inspector of surveys and land offices, and J. G. McNamee, of the department of justice, who compose the commission which is to meet in Salem to-morrow for the purpose of examining into the question as to whether or not the different military wagon roads of Oregon have complied with the requirements of the government made when they were granted tracts of land ago power to build their roads. Mr. Wharton last night stated to a STATESMAN reporter that he did not know how long the commission would be occupied, but probably for some time, in Salem and elsewhere. He had not as yet had an opportunity to discuss the matter with his colleague, they having come from Washington by different routes. The commission will meet at the capitol this morning. One or two agents of wagon roads are already on hand for the sitting of the commission.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—Miss Laura Meyer, of Los Angeles, Cal., who for the past two months has been the guest of Mrs. Edw. Hirsch, in this city, left for her home on last evening's train, after an absence of six months. The major part of the time Miss Meyer spent with her sister, Mrs. Ben Hirsch, in Pomeroy, W. T. During her short stay here, Miss Meyer made many friends, who will note her departure with regret, and who hope that she may return in the not far distant future, for a more extended stay. She was accompanied by Miss Ella Hirsch, who will spend the winter with her. The same train also bore away Miss Edna Moody, who goes to Oakland, Cal., to enter upon her third year at Mills seminary.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.—Governor Penneyver will leave shortly after September 1st for Philadelphia, to represent the state of Oregon in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption and promulgation of the constitution of the United States, to be held September 15th 16th and 17th. Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa, is chairman of the committee of arrangements, and Justice Miller, of the United States supreme court, will deliver the oration. Several hundred thousand dollars will be expended in making the arrangements for the celebration and it will be a grand affair. The last legislature passed a joint resolution ordering the reasonable expenses of the governor to be paid, if he would attend the celebration as Oregon's representative.

BIDS OPENED.—On Monday night the bids for the carpenter and joiner work on the new orphans' home building now in course of erection were opened at the office of Architect Cornell, and found to be as follows: C. L. Hubbard, \$2175; Cherrington & Simmon, \$3335; Little & Ely, \$1750; C. A. Robert, \$1735; G. A. Steevens, \$1495. The bids for the shop work were opened yesterday and were as follows: J. C. Carson & Co., Portland, \$1827.30; Polly, Churchill & Co., Salem, \$1600. The contracts will be let to the lowest bidder in each case, provided they furnish good and sufficient bonds for the faithful performance of their contracts. The foundation of the home is nearly finished, and the work will be continued without interruption as long as possible.

FILED FOR PROBATE.—On Monday afternoon the will of Ben Holladay, who died in Portland, July 8th, 1887, was filed for probate in Portland. He bequeathed to his wife Esther his Portland residence and all its appurtenances and the sum of \$50,000; to his son Ben Holladay, Jr., all his interest in the steamships Pelican and California; and the remainder of the estate to his grand-daughter Maria, daughter of his daughter Jennie, now deceased, formerly the wife of Count Arthur de Portales. His brother Joseph Holladay, Henry Hampton, and L. M. Barlow, executors of the will, without security. Joseph Holladay filed the will, and a petition asking that he be appointed executor and Geo. W. Weidler administrator of the estate. The estate is valued at \$500,000.

FOR LOS ANGELES.—Judge C. W. Bowie, wife, and son John, formerly of this city, but more recently of Portland, left last evening by the overland express for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will make their future home. They will visit friends and relatives in San Francisco for a few days before proceeding to their final destination. They are accompanied by Miss Frances Strang, who will visit her sister in Los Angeles, Mrs. M. A. Gould, during the coming year.

ONE DRUNK.—A drunk, answering to the cognomen of A. R. Myers, was arraigned before Recorder Strickler yesterday morning, charged with having been very drunk and disorderly. Miss sported a Grand Army badge, and stated confidentially to His Honor that he was on his way to the Grand Army encampment at St. Louis, and had left his purse in Portland. He was sent up for four days.

APPOINTMENTS.—Gov. Penneyver has during the past week made the following appointments: Notaries public, H. H. Emmons, Portland; H. E. Cross, Oregon City; J. H. Townsend, Dallas; John W. McCreary, Perrydale; I. T. Mauley, Tillamook; W. T. Locke, Huntington; commissioner of deeds, Geo. Lee Fitzhugh and Thos. H. Brents, Walla Walla.

IN HONOR OF MISS COSPER.—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of last Sunday contains an account of a pleasant party given at the residence of W. E. Wilson on Thursday evening, August 4th, in honor of Miss Maggie Cosper, of Salem. Dancing and whist were the amusements of the evening. Refreshments were served and the evening passed most enjoyably.

THANKS EXTENDED.—The ladies of the W. C. T. U. hereby tender their thanks to Salem Engine Co. No. 3 for the offer of \$2 a month coffee fund. If the other companies would do as well, the ladies would purchase and fix a canvas for their hall, and be prepared to serve it at all times in good style.

DIRECTION.—The New Photograph gallery for a fine photograph. Do not put off too long, if you want those fine cabinet photographs for \$4 per dozen. Mr. Cherrington is just introducing his work at that price.

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

There is nothing new to chronicle in the wheat situation. The new crop is being harvested rapidly. Considerable has already been threshed, but very little hauled in, as the farmers have been very busy helping one another. The yield is rather lighter than average, but the quality is uniformly good. The dispatches show that the farmers of Oregon are decidedly favored in this respect. They have also been greatly favored in the prices received by them for the last of last season's crop, and while nothing certain can be said of what the new crop will bring, yet the long rest taken by the San Francisco gamblers in wheat is deemed by many to indicate that they are taking advantage of the time to lay their plans to corral the balance of No. 1 wheat in the state and to go on with their corner, at least at a price considerably above what it is worth for export. This, however, is only a guess at the situation. The latest quotation since the break was an offer of \$1.60 per cental in San Francisco for Oregon wheat for milling purposes, which offer was declined. One thing is certain, that unless the deal is broken entirely, which is contrary to all reasonable deductions from the present actions of the board of directors, California millers will depend upon Willamette valley wheat, for which they can afford to pay considerably more than it is now worth for export. The offer of \$1.60 per cental in San Francisco would warrant the payment of above 80 cents per bushel in Salem.

NEARING COMPLETION.—The putting in of the machinery in the fruit evaporator, and the finishing touches on the building are going rapidly forward, and the factory will be able to start in a very short time. Mr. Treseott, manager of the company, has made arrangements with the O. & C., by which the railroad company agrees to construct a switch for the exclusive use of the evaporator, beginning at the cattle guard, where the main north switch enters the university yard, and running down parallel with the main switch north of the building. The switch is to be put in almost wholly at the expense of the O. & C., and work will be commenced on it immediately. Mr. Treseott left last night for Ashland to complete arrangements for the shipment of fruit to this city in time for the starting up of the factory. From the energy in managing the fruit company's interests that Mr. Treseott exhibits, and the bright prospect for such an enterprise, not a doubt can be felt that the fruit evaporator will prove an excellent financial investment for its owners.

FINE PEACHES.—Wm. Wright, of this city, yesterday brought into the STATESMAN office a basket full of peaches, which he had picked from his peach orchard on Brown's island, in the Willamette, several miles above Salem. The peaches are of the Early Crawford variety, and are luscious, and highly creditable as an Oregon production. Several years since Mr. Wright planted two trees on the island, and they bore so well he determined to make a specialty of peach production. He now has 4000 trees, of which 2000 will bear next spring, and 2000 the year after. He will set out 2000 trees in the spring, and 2000 more a year or two later. The great advantage of Brown's island as a location for peach culture is that the frosts which so often destroy the peach crop in other places are never severe here, and therefore such a venture as Mr. Wright has engaged in is sure to be successful.

ARTICLES FILED.—The Portland Cyclorama company yesterday filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state; incorporators, F. N. Shurtliff, L. L. Hawkins, H. W. Scott, I. A. Macrum, Rufus Mallory, John R. Foster, and J. W. Whalley; capital stock, \$35,000; place of business, Portland. The object of this incorporation is to erect a building and exhibit in it a cyclorama of the battle of Gettysburg. It will be on the same plan as the cyclorama in San Francisco, Chicago, and twenty-nine other cities in the Union. It will require a special building, either sixteen-sided or circular, 100 feet in diameter and fifty feet high. The exhibition will be permanent and will attract thousands of people from the interior probably.

WRITING SCHOOL CLOSED.—Miss Bettie McConnell, of Corvallis, closed a very successful term of writing school in South Salem on Monday evening. The pupils all showed very marked improvement, but a prize was awarded to Henry Chase for having made the greatest advancement. Miss McConnell, accompanied by Miss Buchanan, of this city, will go at once to Yaquina bay to spend a few weeks before returning to her home at Corvallis.

A GOOD PICTURE.—Caterlin & Hicks, the photographers of this city, display in G. W. Johnson's show window an enlarged picture of Mrs. Marie Flint, wife of Col. Flint, the banker at Roseburg. While the subject is an excellent one, the execution of the work is creditable to the Salem artist. It should be seen to be appreciated. Caterlin & Hicks are doing the sort of work right along.

A FINE STOVE.—Brown, Fullerton & Co. have received and set up in their store on Commercial street a parlor stove from the Chicago stove foundry which they intend to exhibit at the state fair. The stove is a base burner, nickel plated, and furnished with all the latest improvements. It's a beauty.

NOTHING BUT HIGHEST PRAISE.—Every body is drinking Standard Nerve food. All classes have nothing but praises for its virtue and power.

Our druggists keep for sale Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer, the best preparation ever made for restoring the vitality and color of the hair.

New green corn for dinner to-day at Strong & Co's.

Meeting of the Commission—Informal Conference between the Commission and Representatives.

Wednesday morning the military wagon road commission, consisting of James B. McNamee, of Ohio, of the department of justice, and Gen. G. C. Wharton, government inspector of land offices and surveys, convened at the state house. The investigations which these gentlemen are to make was ordered because of protests against the confirmation of the grants of lands made to the road companies, conditional upon the completion of the road according to the terms of the grant. These protests were confronted by accumulating affidavits to the effect that the roads had been built in good faith. In view of these counter statements the commissioner general of the land department and the secretary of the interior determined upon the appointment of the commission, which was to meet in Salem and take testimony of witnesses, for the purpose of determining as to whether or not the companies have kept faith with the government.

The meeting was attended by Hon. E. B. Pond, mayor of San Francisco and president of the California and Oregon Land company, and Rufus Mallory, attorney of the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road company and the C. & O. Land company; Hon. Barclay Henley, of Santa Rosa, Cal., attorney, and Jas. K. Kelley, of Portland, president and attorney of the Dalles Military Wagon Road company; C. E. S. Wood, attorney of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountains Road company; and J. W. Whalley, attorney, and Wallis Nash, vice-president, of the Willamette Valley and Coast Railroad company, which contests the ownership of the Albany route with the W. V. & C. M. Road company.

After a short session the meeting adjourned until this morning. Yesterday afternoon an informal conference was held between the commission and the representatives of the various wagon roads. The commissioners having announced that they intended to travel along the line of the different roads, beginning at The Dalles, going over that route, then coming over the Albany road and traveling back again over the Eugene road, taking testimony along the routes, the representatives asked leave to accompany the commissioners, and cross-examine witnesses whose testimony was adverse to the interests of the roads, and to introduce testimony in rebuttal. After considerable discussion the matter was postponed until evening, when a stipulation was entered into, embracing the points referred to above, and agreeing that the wagon roads companies should have access to all meetings of the board, and be allowed equal privileges with those adverse to their interests.

Several months will be consumed in the investigation. The commission will meet at The Dalles on Tuesday, August 16th, to hear testimony in regard to The Dalles wagon road.

TEXT-BOOK CANVASS.

The County School Superintendents Select Primary Text-Books on Physiology and Hygiene. In compliance with the circulars issued by Supt. McElroy, as authorized by the act of the last legislature, the different county school superintendents have handed in to the state board of education their ballots on primary text-books on physiology and hygiene, to be hereafter used in the public schools in Oregon. The result of the voting, with the announcement of the state board of education, is as follows:

The official canvass given below exhibits the vote of the several county school superintendents for primary text-books on physiology and hygiene, to be used in the public schools of Oregon, beginning August 8, 1887, and to continue in use until changed by law. The special circulars, calling for the ballot for Primary text-books on physiology and hygiene, were issued to the county school superintendents by order of the state board of education, July 8, 1887, in compliance with senate joint resolution No. 9, and with section 12, of the Oregon school laws.

Table with columns: COUNTY, CO. SCHOOLS, Smith series, Animal Physiology for Schools by Fosterhill, Pathmaster series. Rows list counties and their respective votes for different text-book series.

Total votes cast 26 1 2. The above vote shows that the Smith series of primary text-books on physiology and hygiene have been adopted by the several county school superintendents for use in the public schools of this state from August 9, 1887, until changed by law. SILVERIUS PENNEYVER, GEO. W. McBRIDE, E. B. McELROY, State Board of Education.