HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

OREGON'S NEW WATER CODE.

and combersome:

prevent or greatly check the use of their associates who are supposed to and guns, streams either for power or for irriga
As yet the principal work of the cor-

been made.

mits to appropriate water have been tained from Rogue river.

\$5,700, a sum which more than covers desert, but once irrigated, it is said, are necessarily more complicated than lible. celed from the records and the water is ket. subject to reappropriation.

who intends to apply the power to his class condition for collecting the milk. Town of Macs, Idaho, Said to Be own use. It is different, however, with the large appropriator and its retarding industrie is reflected in the small number of such filings made un- the East side has been purchased by J. appropriators have paid the tax in re- is one of the best orchards in the val-

mination of water rights on various tion over 21 acres and is in apple trees streams of the state have been filed ranging from four to eight years old. with the board of control. This board is composed of the state enginext and the division superintendent of the two divisions into which the state is divided. Surveys have along 11 other streams have been located and mapped during the past season by the state engineer. In all, 57,500 acres of irrigated land have been accurately measured and manned. at a cost of 7 % cents per acre.

its tributaries, Crooked river, Squaw \$1.10. creek and Tumalo creek, in Crook county, Willow creek in Morro county, and Willow creek in Malheur county, county. The popularity of the law with respect to the adjudication of old rights has far exceeded the expectation of the legislature, as the appropriation for the state engineer's office is so limited that surveys cannot keep pace with demands.

be acquired except by application to, and the issuance of a permit, by the Verytables Cabbare 1 marized above and the experience of this office during the ten months of \$1.25; persnips, \$1. 1909 during which the water code has been in effect, leads to the condusion 39c; fancy outside creamery, 35@39c; that this law is entirely satisfactory to store, 2002234c per pound. Butter the prospective investor and settler, fat prices average 1 %c per pound un-It has already stimulated the development of the state through irrigation. Power filings and doubtless power development has been somewhat retarded by the annual tax provided for in a per pound, young Americans, 20@21c. separate law. Compisints as to this feature should not be directed against the water code."

To Pipe Water in Farming Section er's Irrigating company will hold a the matter of piping their irrigating system through the farming section of the valley. The election has been called by 74 of the stockhoders who signed a petition asking for the meeting. It is known that the majority of present board of directors are not is favor of piping the system at this 10 ke; salted calfskin, 15c pound; \$2,700 from Dr. D. K. Pearsons.

To Investigate Oregon Electric.

tions furnished patrons by the Oregon 3.75; stags, \$364. Electric Railway company. The in-vestigation will include both car con-hogs, \$8.50@8.75. veniences and depot accommodations operating in Oregon.

BIG DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

chise in Two Counties.

Salem-The following statement was Medford-It is reported that the \$15,000,000 and making the United prepared by State Engineer John H. American Development company has States the leading haval power. Lewis to refute some of the charges applied for a blanket franchise for a Members of the committee said that that the new water law pessed by the trolley line over all the reads of Jack. The secretary's radical plans were legislature last year is too intrinate son and Josephine counties. A certain favorably received by the committee. The assertion has been made that pany in that those whose names appear strength in numbers of ships or armsthe Oregon water code is so intruste on the articles of incorporation recent- ment, but to various features of imand restrictive in its operation as to it filed, refuse to divulge the identity provement of the efficiency of ships

poration. It appears, has been to se-"For the purpose of throwing some cure water rights on the Rogue river light on this subject a summary of the in the vicinity of Sam's valley, about flings made under this law in the 15 miles north of Medford, in Jackson state engineer's office between Feb- county, and to close contracts for rusry 24 and December 31, 1909, has 15,000 acres of land to be included in "A total of 464 applications for per- water supply for which is to be ob-

filed, the estimated cost of the pro- Prom various sources it has been asposed work, as given by the appli- tertained that the contracts for lands cants, amounting to \$30,000,000. The covering an area of 15,000 acres have magnitude of these figures can be up- been secured quietly during the nast preciated when it is remembered that several months, and that water rights \$2,100,000 represented the total cost on the Rogue river have also been obof all irrigation works prior to 1902, tained to insure a sufficient quantity of according to the United States census, water for the irrigation of orchards, and it is believed that \$5,000,000 will it being ceteosibly the intention to fully cover all expenditures made since provide for the irrigation of the land such date, including those of the gov- and its promotion on the market in

mment. small tracts.

"The fees paid to the state in con- The land in the vicinity of Sam's section with these filings amount to valley and Eagle Point is a veritable the cost to the general taxpayer of it would become most productive, and the state engineer's department. No as the Rogue river has a strong flow complaint as to excessive fees or un- of water with a good fall, it is believreasonable regulations or restrictions ed by those having observed the conhas been beard. Water right records tour of the land that irrigation is feas-

land records, and the applicant, or The object of securing franchises to rather those which have appeared at build railways on county roads, is takthe office, seem to think the cost does so to be part of the scheme for placing not exceed the benefits. Sixty-two of the land within easy reach, if placed the 464 applications have been can under water and thrown on the mar-

charge for the use of water for power Marshfield-Green & Foster, of San development, but limits the franchise Francisco, have purchased the Lakeor right to a period of 40 years, sub- side creamery. The firm owns about ject to a preference right of renewal 25 similar plants along the coast. The great battleship under consideration under the laws then existing. It new management has agreed to thorshould not be confused with a separate oughly equip the plant. They have the weight of the batteries of the huge law which provides for an annual tax plans laid to make it the finest creamof 25 cents to \$2 upon each horsepower ery on the coast. The new machinery developed. But little complaint as to will cost about \$6,000. Besides this the excessive amount of these fees has equipment the company has two milk been beard from the small appropriator boats, which have been put in first

Big Price for Apple Land.

Hood River-The Eaton ranch on der this law. Only a few of the small H. Day, of Portland, for \$30,000. This sponse to notices sent out prior to Jan-uary 2. can and later sold to Wyman and "Forty-nine petitions for the deter-George Euton. It consists of a frac-

223 Acres Bring \$31,500.

Hood River-E. Brong of Portland, has closed a deal through B. E. Dun- aded condition of the road from Walbeen completed and testimony taken can & Co., of Hood River for 223 acres lace to Mace, no details of the catason nine of these streams. All irrigat- Mosier. The price paid was \$31,000. of fine orchard land two miles east of trophe have yet been received. ed lands, power plants, ditches, etc., One hundred acres are improved. The tract formerly belonged to George Sel-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Track prices - Bluestem, a cost of 7 2 cents per series of these \$1.13@1.13 4; club, \$1.06; red Russtreams are the Umatilia river and all sian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.05; 40-fold,

Corn-Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton. Outs-No. 1 white, \$31.50 per ton. Hay-Track prices-Timothy, Wilalso Little Butte creek in Jackson lamette valley, \$206721 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@23; alfalfa, \$17@ 18; California alfalfa, \$16@17; clo-

ver, \$15@16; grain bay, \$16@18. Fresh Fruits Apples, \$1.25@3 hox; pears, \$1.50@1.75; cranberries, \$8@9 per parrel.

Potatoes-Carload buying prices "No right to the use of water can Oregon, 700275c per sack; sweet po-

Vegetables Cabbage, \$1.5002 per state engineer. The records as sum- hundred; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; ruta-

bagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, Butter-City creamery extras, 3762

der regular butter prices. Eggs-Fresh Oregon ranch, 275@ 28c ser dozen.

Cheese-Full cream twins, 19@20c Pork-Fancy, 12@12 e per pound. Veal-Fancy, 12@12 He per pound. Poultry-Hens, 175/018e; springs, 17 5618c; ducks, 20622c; geese, 13

@14c; turkeys, live, 221/2@24c; Hood River-The Hood River Farm- dressed, 25/229c; squabs, \$3 per dozen. Hope-1909 crop, prime and choice, special election March 5 to consider 20022c; 1908s, 17 %c; 1907s, 11 %c whom, the police assert, he intended to per pound

Wool-Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; mobair, choice, 25c.

Cascara bark-4 4 65c per pound. Hides Dry hides, 186218 be per pound; dry kip, 186218 be pound; dry

green, Ic less. Cattle-Best steers, Salem—The railroad commission upon its own motion has ordered an incows, \$3.75@4; light calves, \$5.50@6; vestigation into passenger accommoda- heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.50@

Hogs-Top, \$9@9.25; fair to good

Sheep-Best wethers, \$6@6.25; fair such as are required of other railroads to good wethers, \$505.50; good Miners union, which proposition he exewes, \$6; lambs, \$6@6.50.

PLANS FOR STRONGER NAVY.

Battleship to Cost \$18,000,000-Sub marines for Pacific.

Washington, Feb. 28.- Secretary Meyer, of the navy department, is said to have told the house naval committee today of plans of building a Methods of Registering Water Rights Company Applies for Blanket Fran- world's record-breaking battleship of 12,000 tens displacement at a cost of

degree of mystery surrounds the com- The secretary did not refer to naval

The building of the proposed giant battleship is delayed until next year only because the naval experiments with 14-inch guns have not been completed, and the department desires to know the result of full experiments Tentatively, it is planned to arm the an extensive irrigation project, the great battleship with a battery of system supply for which is to be on-

> The secretary said that plans for enlargement of all the drydocks of the ountry, as outlined to the nommittee some weeks ago, were made in contemplation of the great enlargement of the partieships and he wanted the docks built to accommodate ships of great

> It was tentatively agreed that the naval increase this year, based on the secretary's recommendations, shall be as follows: Two 21,000-ton battleships, equipped either with 12 or 14inch guns; one regular ship, two eniiers and five submarines.

The submarines are for the Pacific mast, and are the first of a fast feet of these vessels which will be provided in the next few years. The plan to place ten additional submarines on the Pacific coast next was considered fav-

These submarines will be one of the fastest yet launched, and will be capable of making a speed under water of

11 knots an hour.

A member of the committee said that the government had unofficial in-The water code makes no annual Lakeside Oreamery Will Be improved formation to the effect that Japan is laying the keels of two great battleships approaching the 32,000 ton imit. He said the tornage of the would depend to a great extent upon 14-inch guns, which would be placed

AVALANCHE BURIES 75.

Scene of Desaster.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 28.-With a the mutineers. mar that could be heard in Wallace, five miles distant, an avalanche overwhelmed the town of Mace, Idaho, last night, and 75 people are believed to be buried under tons of snow and debris. Telephone messages from Wallace say that the slide occurred at 11:30 o'clock. Rescue parties started at once from Wallace to the scene of the disaster. A special relief train was also started out from Spokane.

Because of the de

Heavy snow has been falling in Northern Idaho during the past week, and with the thaw which began yesterday conditions were favorable for just such a disaster which has overwhelmed the little town.

Walia Walia, Wash., Feb. 28 .- A special dispatch at 3 a. m. says that five hundred rescuers have taken out seven dead bodies while 25 men, women and children were taken from the slide alive, that occurred at Mace last night. It is known that 100 additional are dead.

The slide is half a mile long and 30 feet deep. The first train bearing the 25 injured left Mace for Wallace at 2:25 a. m.

Additional rescuers are being sent to the scene on a train now being made up here.

"Corpse" Comes to Life. Brookville, Ind., Feb. 28.-Popular

misconception of the coroner's law nearly permitted the body of Miss Olive Sanders to be frogen in a snowbank today. Miss Sanders' sister missed Olive from the house and found her, seemingly dead, lying in the snow in the harnyard. It took two hours to get the coroner, and the body lay where it was found. He "viewed" the body and it was carried into the house. The undertaker was called to prepare it for burial. At this stage Miss Sanders revived.

Blue Book Names Picked.

after."

be said.

"No."

to England?"

"A dying man !"

"Yes, Capt Altamont, an American

navigator, whose ship, the Porpoise, was stranded somewhere to the north

We found him, half starved and frozen

Johnson muttered an exclamation of

Then we have no fuel whatever?

"And no ship to make our way back

It required courage to face these

comy realities. After a moment's si-

Well, at any rate we know emetly

how we stand. The first thing to be

pity. But his mind went back at once

his own desperate situation.

on the ice," said the doctor.

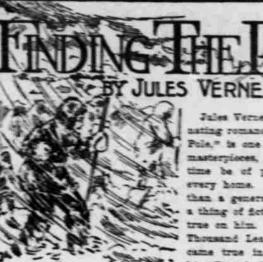
"And no provisions?"

ence, Johnson said again;

Chicago, Feb. 28.-A man who had prepared from Chicago's "bluebook" a extort money, was arrested tonight after he had held up and robbed Dr. B. H. Chamberlain. Later the robber was identified as Edwin English. In his possession were found a burglar's kit and letters addressed to wealthy calfskin, 19@21c; salted hides, 10@ Chicagoans. One letter demanded

Butte Strike May Soon End.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 28.-A settle ment of the strike of mine engineers is expected soon. Mat Commerford president of the International Steam Engineers' union, tonight stated that he had submitted a proposition to end the trouble to the officials of the Butte pected they would accept.

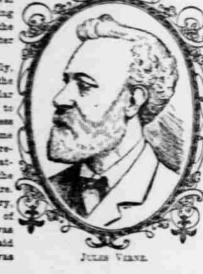


Jules Verne's thrilling and fascinating romance, "Finding the North Pole," is one of the great literary masterpieces, and should at this time be of particular interest in than a generation ago, as a story, a thing of fiction. But it has come true on him. Just as his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" - came true in the submarine, and * Bound the World in 80 Days"

has been shown easy of accomplishment. But none of this famous and gifted French romancer's creations has been borne out so fully, so much in detail, as his "Finding the North Pole" 35 years after he wrote it. As in the controversy betwee Commander Peary and

Dr. Cook, there is a fight in Verne's story between two rival explorers for the glory of finding (the pole. In the end, as in the present case—well you'd better read the story. The novel describes-wividly,

as only Jules Verne can-the hardships and dangers of polar exploration, and makes clear to / the readers with what bitterness one explorer, who has overcome all hardships of nature, will regard a rival explorer who threatens to smatch from him the glory of realising his life desire. There is a surgeon in this story. the efficient aid to the chief of the party, just as Dr. Cook was Peary's brave and efficient aid before their friendship was broken.



In rapidity of action and tenseness of interest, this old story of the great French romancer is not excelled by anything he himself wrote, and by few stories of adventure written by

CHAPTER L

It was a bold project of Capt. Hat- replied the doctor. Then go and find berse to try to push his way to the the sledge, and get the American." north pole, and gain for England the clory of its discovery. But he had Johnson had to take viscovous measures struggled for nine months against cur- to rouse him, but at inst, by dint of mand of the ship. I couldn't resist rents and tempests, shattering losbergs shaking and rubbing him with snow, him. Shandon made no attempt at disand breaking through almost insur- he succeeded. mountable barriers.

outflatanced all his predecessors and man; we must have a talk about our ed. accomplished half his task, when he situation, and we need a place to put saw all his hopes blasted. The mu-our heads in. Come and help me. Bell stove, and the men were allowed to eat they of his wormout crew had left him. You haven't forgotten how to take a and drink all them wanted. Not only and his little band of three men in a snow but have you? There is an iceterrible situation—helpiess in an key berg all ready to hand; we've only got desert, 1500 miles from their native to bollow it out. Let's set to work; land-their ship a wreck, blown up by we shall find that is the best remedy

However, the courage of Hatterns | Bell tried to shake off his torpor and was still undaunted. The three men belp his comrade, while Dr. Clawbonny which were left him were the best on undertook to go and fetch the sledge board his brig, and while they remain- and the dogs. ed he might venture to hope.

of the Forward, the brig they had asked Johnson. so carefully built not a vestige re-

"Tes, but we must first revive Bell,"

Bell lay on the ice almost inanimate.

In an unprecedented winter he had way like this. Exert yourself, my end. Economy was entirely disregard-

"No, my friend," said Hatteras, in a mained. Shapeless blackened frag-gentle tone, "if the doctor will kindly ments, twisted bars of iron, table ends undertake the task. Before the day still smoldering, and here and there in ends I must come to some resolution.

and the further their labors advan the more they became sheltered.

Hatteras alternately paced up and down and stood motionless, evidently shripking from any approach to the evene of the explosion.

In about an hour the doctor returned, bringing with him Altamont, the American, on the sledge, wrapped up in the folds of the tent. The dogs were so exhausted from starvation that they could scurcely draw it along, and they had begun to graw their harness.

While the hut was being dug out the doctor went foraging about, and had the good fortune to find a little stove, almost undamaged by the exploslon. He soon restored it to working trim, and, by the time the hut was completed, had filled it with wood and got it lighted. Before long it was roaring, and diffusing a genial warmth on all sides. The American was brought in and

sid on blankets, and the four Englishmen seated themselves around the fire to enjoy their scanty meal of biscuit and hot tea, the last remains of the provisions on the sledge. Not a word was spoken by Hatteras, and the others respected his stience.

When the menl was over, the doctor ose and went out, making a sign to

Johnson to follow. "Come, Johnson," he said, "our goods ar scattered in all directions. We had better pick them up as fast as possible, for the snow may fall at any moment, and then it would be quite useless to look for anything."

"Don't let us lose a minute, then," replied Johnson. "Fire and wood— these are our chief wants."

"Very well, you search one side and I'll take the other, and we'll take from the center to the circumference."

This task occupied two hours, and all they discovered was a little salt ment about fifty pounds of pemmican. three sacks of biscults, a small stock of chocolate, five or six pints of brandy, and about two pounds of coffee, picked up bean by bean off the ice.
Neither blankets, nor hammocks, nor

clothing, were found-all had been con-

sumed in the devouring flame. This slender store of provisions would hardly last three weeks, and they had wood enough to supply the stove for about the same time.

Capt. Hatteras, with Bell and the doctor, had been away on an exploring expedition when the mutiny occurred. The morning after the little party had built their snow house, he called Johnson to him.

"Tell me all the particulars of the

mutiny on the brig." he said. "Well." began the sailor, "almost immediately after your departure Shandon, supported by the others, took comcipline. He made them believe that "Come, Bell," he cried, "don't give their privations and tolls were at an

> was tea and coffee at their disposal, but all the liquor. On men who had been so long deprived of strong drink. you may guess the result. They went on in this manner from the 7th to the 15th of January."

"And this was Shandon's doing?"

asked Hatterus. "Tes, captain."

"It was about the 24th or 25th of January that they resolved to abandon the ship. Their plan was to reach the west coast of Baffins bay, and from thence to embark in the boat and follow the track of the whalers, or to get to some of the Greenland settlements on the eastern side Pen abundant, and the sick men were so excited by the hope of return that they were almost well.

"They began their preparations for departure by making a sledge which they were to draw themselves, as they had do dogs. This was not ready till the 15th of February, and I was always



and I need to be alone to think. Go. dreaded it, too, for you could have Johnson went back to the doctor and

"it's very strange, but the captain ems quite to have got over his anger. I never heard him speak so gently before."

"So much the better," said Clawbonny. "Believe me, Johnson, that man

And drawing his hood as closely round his head as possible, the doctor seized his iron-tipped staff, and set out without further delay.

Johnson and Bell commenced digging a hole in the heart of a great block of ice. It was not easy work, owing to the extreme hardness of the done now is to make a hut, for we can't material. However, this very hardness stay long exposed to this temperature." guaranteed the solidity of the dwelling.

Do meantime whatever you think best done nothing with the men, and they would have massacred you rather than remain on board.

"I tried my influence on each one separately, remonstrating and reasoning with them, and pointing out the dangers they would encounter, and also the cowardice of leaving you, but it was a mere waste of words. Not even the best among them would listen te me.

(To be continued.)

The Kitty Resented It.

Edwin, aged 3, who unwisely fordled his small cat overmuch appeared before his mother one day, his face guiltily pained and a scratch upon his hand. "What happened?" she asked. "I bent the kitty a little." he said briefly.—The Delineator.