NEWS OF THE STATE.

Antelope has voted a 15 mill school tax.

The Jackson County tax levy will be 26 mills.

It is said that eastern investors may buy the saw mill site at Elkton.

The Idaho legislature plans a visit to Salem to see how Oregonians legislate.

The Lincoln county Farmers' Association will meet at Toledo February 7.

The Blue Mountain Ice Company of Perry, is storing ice at the rate of 500 tons a day.

At the meeting of the electors of Jacksonville school district, Saturday, a tax of 5 mills was levied.

Eugene is agitating the proposition for building a new public school house. A mass meeting discusses the problem.

The institution of a K. of P. lodge at Richmond, which was set for Feb. 8, has been deferred until the latter part of February.

The A. O. U. W. lodge, of Gold Hill, Southern Oregon, is making arrangements to erect a brick store building and hall early this spring.

A little railroad track laying race at Oregon City. To secure a franchise and prevent injunctions, a railroad company laid track all day Sunday and until the job was completed near midnight.

A carload of mining machinery, consisting of a new hoist, air compressor, air receivers and the various accompanying parts, from New York, arrived at Sumpter last week for the Bonanza mine.

Moro, in Sherman county, which till now has been reckoned to be a stock and agricultural center, is excited over gold mine discoveries. Two quartz veins have been found one two miles from town and the other only a quarter of a mile from the railroad station.

Sam White, an old and well-known resident of Kerby, was drowned in the Illinois river Thursday night. He had been at Kerby and started home in an intoxicated condition. He succeeded in crossing the river, but after landing walked about dazed and fell into the river.

Snow is from three to six feet deep at the Blue river quartz mines, Lane county and work had been suspended at all the mines till the first of the week when operations were resumed at some of the tunnels. Lack of timbers for tunnel work was what caused the men to knock off.

The machinery for a pressed brick plant purchased at Chicago by E. E. Angel, of Baker City, has arrived: The plant consists of a press machine weighing 22,000 pounds, a 35-horse-power engine and a 40-horsepower boiler in all weighing 37,000 pounds. The capacity of the plant is 20,000 bricks per day.

The mining implements—picks, shovels, cars etc., belonging to the Pacific Opal Mining Company, whose mines were located on Burnt river, were sold at sheriff's sale last week, says the Baker City Democrat, on a judgment obtained by T. T. Stephens for labor as watchman of the property.

A John Day correspondent says that several nights ago dogs killed eight sheep in John Silvies' corral. The following night they rounded up the same band, killing and smothering 46 more. Mr. Silvies sprinkled strychnine freely over the carcasses of the dead sheep, and the result was eight dead dogs.

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