# **OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST**

## 100 STAMPS AT GOLD COIN.

LAND TRADE IN DISPUTE.

tinue Operations.

Baker City-Dr. T. H. White, one in Portland.

given the other day, the mine will be county. in full operation the balance of the winter.

Managing Owner James A. Panting, this work he struck another stream of ing the reilroad spur. water in the mine, which will give him a sufficient supply to irrigate another 100 acres of the home ranch. He says the recent heavy snow storm will benefit both farming and mining interests.

## No Longer Superintendent.

Salem - David E. Baxter, who was appointed county superintendent of schools in November by the county office. died, and the county court appointed Mr. Baxter to fill the vacancy. At torney General Crawford held that the appointment was for the unexpired term, and that Baster would hold office until 1908. Recently it was discovered that Baxter did not hold a first-grade certificate, and again a question came up as to Baxter's eligibility to hold the office. This time the attorney general held that unless Baxter could show a certificate as required by law, the office was vacant. The court notified Baxter office. He resigned.

## Many Men at Opp Mine.

Grants Pass-At the Opp mine, near Jacksonville, about 60 men are at work in and around the mine. All the machinery, even the sawmill, is operated by electricity. The company owns 240 acres covered with timber, and all the lumber for building purposes at the mine and the timbers used in the mine are cut by the sawmill. This is the first sawmill in this part of the state to be operated by electricity. All the main tunnels and drifts at the Opp mine are lighted by electricity. The company has just finished installing an air compressor and power drills.

## Meat for New Railroad.

Arlington - Henry O. Busey has purchased a half interest in the meat business here from C. C. Clark. Although the contract has been let to a large Canadian firm to furnish the fresh meat for all the contractors of the Northern Pacific railroad now being built down the north bank of the Columbia river, this Arlington firm is

Lumber in Court.

of the three owners of the Gold Coin Stoddard Bros. and Henry Hewitt is for the solution of the Venezuelan prob mine, has just returned from Portland, occupying public attention. Hewitt lem. The conference on this phase of where he arranged for the addition of filed an action at law against the Stod- the question occurred some time ago, 100 siam is to their ten-stamp mill al- dards, asking \$2,852 damages, because and M. Jusserand, the French ambasready in opera ion, and purchased a he alleges the defendants in that action new hoist to be shipped to the mine at cut sawlogs on his property. The Stod once. The machinery will all be made dard Brothers have come back with a crossbill in equity, alleging that they Bince the favorable decision in the traded Hewitt a quarter section of land injunction case by the Circuit court, for a like amount of property in this Monrore doctrine.

Under the agreement, they say, they of the Gold Hill mine, in the Durkee Hewitt was also to cut immediately the secrecy. M. Taigny, the retiring French camp, 26 miles southeast of Baker City, timber on the land they traded him. charge, who, it is believed, is now at is here and reports that he has had a The party securing more than \$1,900,full force of men at work retimbering 000 feet of good sawlogs was to put up his way home, and on his arrival at some of the tunnels and stopes, and the difference to the other. They ask New York he will find an invitation that he has cut the main ledge ten feet that Hewitt be forced to comply, as from the French ambassador at Wash- public in China. wider on the lower levels. In doing they have been under expense in build, ington to spend several days here in

## Visit Excites Speculation.

Baker City - It is reported on good anthority that George L. Thayer, of the facts about the situation. It is appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase Walla Walla, engineer for the Northwestern Gas & Electric company, who

has been in this vicinity for the past tew days, has been investigating a project for a mammoth reservoir at the Rock creek power plant, which at prescourt of Wheeler county, is out of ent furnishes the current for Baker The county superintendent City's lights. This reservoir would be used to furnish power for the plant during the dry season. Another report states a project is under consideration to cut Baker City off the Rock creek circuit, and that the company will use that plant for power for the mines and Bourne alone, and will use the plant being installed in South Baker to furnish power for this city.

## Pays \$35,000 for Store.

Eugene-The largest price paid for any one piece of Eugene real estate in to produce his certificate or give op the many years was when F. E. Dunn, a McClung. Mr. Dunn will move his felt concerning them. stock of goods into the building.

## Fruit Pests Must Go.

Albany - Last week the orchardists of Linn county met at the courthouse growing crops have an improved apand listened to the newly appointed pearance. fruit inspector explain the svils of the various fruit pests, and the means of eradicating them. Those present took home with them formulae for the destruction of every pest that blights Linn county fruit, and the crusade against vermin will begin immediately. The effort to rid Linn county of fruit pests will not stop with orchardists

## Sawmill Closes Down.

Albany- The big sawmills of the to north of Europe points is expected Curtiss Lumber company, at Mill City, until spring. on the Corvallie & Eastern railroad,

## GIVEN FREE HAND.

France Assures United States She **Respects Monroe Doctrine.** 

Washington, Jan. 23 .--- Convinced of the sincerity of the assurances received in a Condensed Form for Our from France regarding her loyalty to the Monroe doctrine and all that it in-Extensive Preparations Made to Con- Deal Involving 4,000,000 Feet of volves, the Washington government has given the Paris government a free Baker City-A land trade between hand in the execution of the program HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS sador, has final assurances that the efforts of France to obtain diplomatic treatment for her charge d'affaires at Caracas will not be interrupted at Washington as in any violative of the

The first move in the execution of the French program may be expected at were to build a railroad spur onto the any time, but on this point the French land and cut the timber thereon, and government is observing the strictest Curacoa, will come to this country on conference with M. Jusserand, on whom the burden of an important phase of the Venezuelan negotiation naturally falls, that he may have the benefit of

not unlikely that M. Taigny will also of a wedding gift for Miss Alice Roosesee Secretary Root. The whereabouts of the French ships

remain a mystery so far as the officials of the State department and French embassy are concerned, it is said. It is assumed, however, that they are daily in touch with the ministry of marine at Paris, and are awaiting an the United States outside of New York opportunity to take such action as and Chicago will soon be installed in their instructions may provide for. Great interest is felt in diplomatic circles here about the exact nature of a sentence found objectionable in the note of President Castro to M. Taigny.

## EUROPEAN CROPS IN DANGER.

Weather is Unseasonably Warm and Excessively Humid.

dry goods merchant, purchased from J. crop report for December shows that grazing stock. H. McClung the two story brick block over large areas of Europe the prevailand the lot on which it stands at Eighth ing characteristics were unseasonably and Willamette streets for \$35,000. warm weather and excessive humidity. The building is 70 by 120 feet and is Crops lightly sown have germinated occupied by a dry goods store, a book finely and entered on the winter in store and a drug store on the lower strong, healthy condition. Late sowing floor, and offices on the upper floor. It of crops, in Europe, however, were unwas built about four years ago by Mr. nenally extensive, and some anxiety is

In Great Britain the winter wheat area has been extended. The acreage, however, is still believed to be diminished, as compared with last year. The

In France the wheat area is the average.

In Germany weather conditions were unfavorable and there was no marked improvement.

In Roumania the area under when is 25 per cent short of last year. The take place at noon February 17. 1905 crop is now estimated at from 50,-000,000 to 55,000,000 bushels. The bulk of it is said to be out of condition, hence no important export movement

No important definite news regarding

NEWS OF THE WEEK **Busy Readers.** tion of the reclamation fund in the

## A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Secretary Taft denice that the Philippines will be sold to Japan.

The discovery of 25 new stars is anounced by Harvard observatory.

Thirty-seven persons were saved from he wreck of the Valencia, making the death roll 117.

A revolutionary agitation is now on looking to the establishment of a re-

The president has made public evidence that the beef trust has bribed reporters in Chicago.

The Cuban senate has passed a bill velt.

The Canadian government will be asked to provide a life saving station near Cape Beale, where the Valencia went ashore.

The largest telephone switchboard in San Francisco.

Chairman Shonts, of the Canal commission, has admitted that he still holds his old position as president of the Clover Leaf railroad and is drawing \$12,000 a year salary from that company.

'The Wyoming Woolgrowers' association has adopted resolutions against the leasing of public lands, any reduction in the tariff on wools and hides Washington, Jan. 23. - The foreign and opposing the present charges for

General Joseph Wheeler is dead.

The revolt of Letts in Russia is hard to suppress.

The Chinese empress dowager is busy selecting an heir to the throne.

Japan has adopted a plan which will enable her to pay the war debt in a comparatively short time.

Forty more Chinese commissioners are coming to the United States to study American life and customs.

Congress will be asked to pass a law giving the secretary of the navy power to dismiss midshipmen he finds guilty of hazing.

of Miss Alice Roosevelt, which is to tion of every day affairs.

A resolution has been introduced in the senate authorizing the payment of the funeral expenses, amounting to \$547, of the late senator Mitchell.

An earthquake has been felt in New Mexico and Arizona. Not a great deal

build-

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Senators Want Hand in the Allotment A Little Lesson Washington, Jan. 22 .- The senate In Patriotism committee on irrigation today discussed the proposition to amend the national irrigation law by placing the distribu-

Francis Lewis, signer of the Declarahands of congress, instead of the secre- tion of Independence, was born in tary of the interior, as at present, Liandaff, Wales, and educated in the

city of London. On coming of age he at once embarked to the American colonies, establishing himself in a commer-



cial business in New York. At the time when the colonies were in a state of unrest and war seemed the inevitable solution of

the difficulties and FRANCIS LEWIS. once threw his lot with that of the The committee also gave attention revolutionists. He mided their deliber-today to Fulton's bill authorizing the ations with his good business judg-

> Lewis was one of the first to join the Sons of Liberty. He was a member of the New York committee in the first Continental Congress and served on several advisory bodies. He was one of the signers of the Deciaration of Independence.

> He was commissioner of the board of admiralty and held several important and honorary offices under the new government. He was a man whose opinion was held in such value by his

## THE STORY OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Ares, 18,045 square miles.

Population, 500,000; language, Span-

Population, mixed race of white, Indian and African blood. Slavery introduced in 1502; abolished

in 1822.

Chief cities, Santo Domingo, capital; population, 20,000; Puerto Plata, 6,000; La Vega, 6,000; Santiago, 8,000; Samana, 1,500.

Term of President and Vice President (according to the constitution), four years.

Congress, a single house of twentyfour members.

State religion, Roman Catholic. Municipal schools, 30; pupils, 3,000;

newspapers, S. Debt, \$32,000,000 gold; annual reve-nues, about \$2,000,000.

Products, sugar, rum, escao, tobacco,

offee, tropical fruits, fine woods, 1402-Island discovered by Columbus, 1406-Santo Domingo city founded. 1795-Spain transferred island to

French. 1801-French driven out by Toussaint L'Ouverture.

1802-French reoccupied island. 1800-French driven out by English and entire island of Santo Domingo giv-

en to Spanish.

Strong sentiment in favor of the change developed. Several senators on the committee believe it unwise to permit the secretary of the interior to have undisputed control of this fund, now aggregating \$32,000,090. No bill for this purpose was pending, but probably such a bill will be introduced and passed this session. The discussion today was incident to

a debate on Heyburn's townsite bill, which authorizes the withdrawal of land for townsite purposes on government irrigation tracts, and provides that money derived from the sale of wrongs of the colonists, Lewis, altown lots shall be turned into the re- though aware of the fact that war was clamation fund for expenditure on town certain to wreck his business and to improvements. This bill was referred endanger his personal interests, at to a sub-committee for report.

CONTROL THE CASH.

of Reclamation Funds.

condemnation of land needed as part of ment. He freely distributed his money national irrigation projects. No action to aid their cause. His own house at was taken, but members expressed the Whitestone, Long Island, was burned opinion that such a law would be un-by the British and his wife imprisoned constitutional. This bill was drawn in the city. particularly with a view to enabling the government to acquire private land under the Malheur irrigation project. It will be acted upon later.

## SLAY WORKMEN IN THREES.

How Soldiers Strike Terror-Enraged Reds Plan Reprisals.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22 .- It is believed that workmen employed in the government works are being shot after townamen that to his influence and brief trials by courts martial. It is re- example was due the loyalty of many ported that the victims selected for a citizen of New York. slaughter are led out three at a time and executed before the eyes of their comrades, who are awaiting their turn to face the soldiers. As soon as one batch has been dispatched, three other and shot. Firing has been heard at the scenes of execution, continuing without cessation. The military has also resorted to beaving girls brutally

Stories of the cruelties that are being prisals.

In the south of Russia there is a great congestion of grain, as it has been accumulated for some time, and there is no means of transporting it, as the authorities are too busy with their President and Mrs. Roosevelt have campaign of repression against the re-sent out the invitations to the wedding volutionists to think of the administra-

wave is predicted for tomorrow, with a

are expressed lest all vegetation now

started may suffer such a set-back as

will cause great loss in the floral and

shrubbery display of the many miles of

All States Should Act.

New York, Jan. 22. - A general de-

Senator Armstrong, chairman of the

would probably be no more conferences.

Stevens for Lock Canal.

park and boulevards in the spring.

Warmest Winter Day in History May Injure Growing Things. Chicago, Jan. 22. - Something has

prisoners are lined up in the same spot as a means of punishment.

practiced have become noised about, and they have entirely inflamed the revolutionists, who are planning re-

## BUDS SWELL IN CHICAGO.

providing the meat for the railroad men town for meat alone.

## New Industry for Gresham,

Gresham - The Gresham Trading & Packing company has begun work on a cold storage plant, which will cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000. The company intends to engage in an extensive packing business, and will operate largely in dressed meats of all kinds and the storage of all perishable products. It is the intention of the company to conduct a business aggregating about \$400,000 during the coming year, and it will be prepared for hot weather.

### Contract Let for Ties.

Elgin-Another large contract for ties for the Wallowa extension has been let by the O R. & N. Co. to George Edwards, of Spokane. Mr. Edwards is equipping two camps and hiring men to commence work at once. His contract calls for 20,000 ties to be delivered by June. He has the privilege of accepting another contract for 30,000 more, if he so desires,

## To Build Railway.

Salem - Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for the United Railways company. The incorporators are W. D. Larrabee. M. H. French and J. White Eveans. The road is to run from some point in Portland to Peak, in Washington coun-The capital stock is \$5,000, divided into 50 shares of \$100.

## Oregon Firms Dissolved.

Salem - Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation, as required by law, dissolving about 5,000 corporations that have not complied with the provisions of the corporation license tax law. Most of the companies have already gone out of business.

## Subscribe Many Acres.

Echo-More than 6,000 acres of land | 17c. have been subscribed to the Umatilla Waterusers' association. The executive committee has met and signed the articles of incorporation and the papers have been forwarded to the secretary of state.

### State Loana \$61,200.

Salem-The State Land board has approved 44 farm loans amounting to \$61,200. The money loaned belongs to the state school fund and draws 6 per cent interest.

for 25 miles east and 20 miles west of has shut down for a few days. It was Arlington. Several hundred dollars stated the mills needed overhauling, each week come into the coffers of this and the deep snow in some portions of the Cascade mountains has interfered somewhat with the logging operations of the company and a shortage is the result. This condition is not expected to prevaii very long.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 70@71c; bluestem, 72 @73c; red, 67@68c; valley, 73c. Oats-No. 1 white feed, \$27.50@ 28.50; gray, \$27@28 per ton. Barley-Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$23.50@24; rolled, \$24@25. Bockwheat-\$2.50 per cental.

Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13.50@14 00 per ton; valley timothy, 9@10; clovar, 7.50@8; cheat, \$7.00@ 8 00; grain hay, \$7@8.

Fruits - Apples, 75c@\$1 per box; choice, \$1 25@1.50; fancy, \$2@2.50; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$13@13.50 per barrel.

Vegetables - Beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 2% c per pound; cauli-flower, \$2 per crate; celery, \$3 per crate; bell peppers, 35c per pound; pumpkins, % @le per pound; sprouts. 616@7c per pound; squash, 116@116c per pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@ \$1 per sack.

Onions - Oregon, No. 1, \$1@1.15 per sack; No. 2, 70@80c.

Potatoes - Fancy graded Burbanks, 70@75c per hundred; ordinary, 50@ 60c; sweet potatoes, 2@234c per pound.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 16 @32 16 per pound.

Eggs - Oregon ranch, 27@27 16c per dozen.

Poultry - Average old hens, 1236 13c per pound; springs, 12@13c; mixed chickens, 11@12c; broilers, 13@15c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; purchase arms for the pessants and turkeys, live, 15@16c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 17@20c; geese, live, 9@11; geese, dressed, 12@14c; ducks, 16@

Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c no guns. per pound; prime, 816 @936c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

Wool- Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef-Dressed bulls, 2@216c per pound; cows, S1/ @ 41/c; country Juan, P. R, reports that the Dewey was steers, 4@5c.

Veal-Dressed, 5%@8%c per pound. Maryland. The Dewey was in latitude Mutton - Dressed, fancy, 7% @8c; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7%c. She was traveling four knots an hour. The Brazilian warship Aquidaban blew up, killing all the officers and crew excepting 50. The dead will Pork-Dressed, 667% c per pound. All were well.

of damage was done, although the condition of winter sown ceresis in Russia are reaching the outside world. ings rocked and chimneys tumbled.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

Colorado Propounds Searching Questions to Insurance Companies.

Denver, Jan. 23 .- All of the 222 in-Castro. surance companies doing business in this state have been asked, through their head officials, to make oath to replies to a list of questions compiled cago. by the Colorado Insurance department.

Some of the questions asked are whether money has ever been contributed to campagin funds, particularly during the last six years, and if so, whether or not it is proposed to continue the practice, and also if the item 'legal expenses'' in the report of 1905 included contribution to funds for campaign purposes or to influence legislation.

## Trade with the Netherlands.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- According to a report of the bureau of statistics of the department of Agriculture exports for the fiscal year 1905 amounted to all in his power to secure an appropria-\$75,000,000 and our imports \$22,000,-000 from the Netherlands. Our exports to Belgium in the same year were \$28,000,000 and our imports from that country \$26,000,000. The Netherlands and Belgium rank next to the United Kingdom, Germany and France in importance as markets for products of the United States. Copper exports to the Netherlands aggregated \$20,000,000.

Arms to Overthrow the Czar. Baltimore, Jan. 28 .- At a meeting of Hebrews held last night in celebration of the anniversary of "Red Sunday," Jacob Pauken, of New York, aroused the large audience to great enthusiasm by his appeal for funds with which to working classes in Russia. "The revolution has begun," said Pauken, "and will never stop. It would be accomplishing more now, but the people have

Drydock Dewey Spoken. Washington, Jan. 23 .- The drydock Dewey, on the way to the Philippines,

has again been heard from. The com-mandant of the coaling station at San epoken Friday night by the cruiser

Castro says M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires, violated diplomatic etiquette. He also claims Taigny was all records since New Year's day of not representative of France when ex- 1876, when it stood at 65 above. Garpelled.

deners at the parks and along the France is not quite ready to whip ried The mild rains, light snows The government has opened, its case and general springlike weather of the in the trial of the packing trust at Chi-

past two weeks have brought the sap into motion and buds are beginning to Serious anti-Jewish rioting occurred swell. Maple trues are said to be as in Bessarabia during the celebration of far advanced as they should be on March 1, and many of the more or less Red Sanday.

delicate vines are well along toward the A shipment of 1,000,000 salmon eggs spring rejuvenation. Now that a cold to New Zealand has been made from Tehama, California. drop of nearly 40 degrees, great fears

The Chinese commissioners in the United States to learn our ways are making many friends.

The prosecuting attorney of Missouri is actively engaged in taking testimony against the Standard Oil company.

Burton has renewed his pledge to do cision that insurance reforms should be inaugurated immediately by state tion for the mouth of the Columbia. legislatures throughout the country

Physicains in attendance apon Genwas arrived at by the insurance comeral Joseph Wheeler say his attack of missioners of several states who conpneumonia is slight and they expect to ferred with the New York legislative have him out soon.

ter. Conferences between this com-The United Mineworkers of America. has voted for an increase in wages.

A competitive examination will be held at Whitman college, Walla Walla,, New York committee, said that there February 10, for aspirants for appointment as midshipmen.

A bomb was thrown into a crowd of police at Odessa, Russia, injuing two officers. Two bomb factories have been discovered and many arrests followed.

Fresh trouble has appeared in the Balkan states.

Rockefeller has given \$1,450,000 to Chicago university.

The government has abandoned the Harney irrigation project and will let the private company go ahead with the the officials of the State department. work.

Representative French, of Idaho, has introduced a bill appropriating \$10,000 for experimental dry farming in semiarid regions.

number 300. 110.000

1822-Revolt succeeded and the two gone wrong with the weather machine. island governments united under Presi-All residents of this city are willing to dent Boyer of Hayti. 1844-Santo Domingo republic sepaswear to this fact. The mercury reached 63 at 4 p. m. today, breaking rated from Hayti.

1861-Santo Domingo republic ceded by President Santana to Spain.

1865-Spaniards driven out.

1870-Treaty of cession to the United boulevards have become greatly wor- States rejected by the American Senate. 1886-Gen. Ulises Houreaux elected President.

1809-Heureaux assassinated by Raon Caceras. 1899 to 1905-Presidents Figuero,

Jimines, Vasques, Wos y Gil and Morales.

#### He Wasn't Afraid to Try.

C. W. Raymond, Chief Justice of the United States Court of Appeals of Indian Territory, was a factory hand at Onarga, Ill., at 90 cents a day, twentyfive years ago. He resolved to become a lawyer, and made application to Henry A. Butzow, the county clerk of his county, for employment. The clerk wrote him that at that time he did not need any further assistance, but that the future might bring a demand for additional help. He closed his letter as follows: "Our work is adding, adding, adding, all day long. Did you ever try it?"

Young Raymond was equal to the occasion, and answered the clerk on a committee which investigated the mat- postal card, as follows: "No, I have never tried adding, adding, adding, all mittee and the state commissioners day long, but I can try, try, try, and have covered a period of two days. I won't fall."-Success Magazine.

### Not a Born Forger.

The indorsement of checks is a very simple thing, but, as the following story will show, it, too, has its difficulties:

A woman went into a bank where she had several times presented nority report of the board of consulting checks drawn to Mrs. Lucy B. Smith, This time the check was made to the order of Mrs. M. J. Smith-M. J. were her husband's initials. She explained what she should do.

"Oh, that is all right," he said, "Just indorse it as it is written there." She took the check, and after much healtation, said, "I don't think I can make an M like that."

#### Airy Fiction.

"He has wonderful imagination," said Miss Cayenne.

"But he is not an author."

"No. He tells what he is going to races."-Washington Star.

Washington, Jan. 22. - Secretary Taft called at the white house tonight and furnished to the president the miengineers of the Isthmian Canal commission. This report was prepared by

Chief Engineer Stevens, who, it is stated, is in favor of a lock canal. The this to the paying teller, and asked secretary stated that his visit had nothing to do with the Venezuelan question, which is entirely in the hands of

Cruiser Denver to Watch Castro. Washington, Jan. 22 .- The protected cruiser Denver, which has been tempo-

rarily detached from the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet, has sailed from Culebra tor San Juan. The Denver

will be detained in West Indian waters crew excepting 50. The dead will for the present, awaiting the turn o do with the money he wins at the events in Venesuels.