

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

READY FOR BUSINESS

LOCAL OFFICE OF HOP ASSOCIATION NOW OPEN.

Numerous Samples of the 1899 Crop Have Been Received—A Large Shortage Is Reported—Conditions in N. Y.

The local office of the Oregon Hop Growers Association will be opened for business today in the city hall building, with J. B. Winstanley as the representative. Already many samples of hops have been received. Telegrams regarding the effecting of sales, which ought to be very encouraging to the growers, have been received, and the board of directors feels greatly elated over the prospects of increased prices for the crop which has been placed in its custody. A thorough inquiry into the situation has developed the fact that, instead of there being 100,000 bales of hops more than will be needed by the consumers throughout the world there is a shortage of probably 40,000 bales. It is also worthy of note that there are not nearly so many bales of hops in Oregon as the dealers had estimated.

President M. L. Jones, of the association, reports that since the last report was made by him, 1100 bales of hops have been added to the association's pool.

The Otsego (New York) Farmer, of the 21st Inst., says: "The local market has seen another quiet week, not over 250 bales having been purchased since our last issue, exclusive of the James F. Clerk growth. This crop of 517 bales, about 120,000 pounds, was taken by T. W. Thayer at 7 cents, and as a part of the same transaction, 100 bales of '98s were also taken at 4 1/2 cents. Both growths went direct to a brewer in New York city. The run of prices on purchases this week has been from 7 to 13 cents, with the bulk of the business below 10 cents."

The Waterville (New York) market is reported in the Times, of December 22d, as follows: "There has been considerable more buying during the past week than has immediately preceded. Among late sales are: Charles H. Curtis, Waterville, 229 bales '98s at a little less than 6c; D. P. Welch, 65 at about 5c; Nelson Day, 23 at 5c; Jerome Hale estate, 45 at 8c; Robert Days, 52 at 9c; W. Collins, 21 at 10 1/2c. One buyer reports about 75 bales at 10 to 10 1/2c."

LANE COUNTY'S SUMMARY.

Taxable Property Reduced Nearly a Million Dollars in One Year—Two More Reports Awaited.

The summary of the Lane county assessment roll was received in the state department yesterday, as certified by Clerk C. U. Lee, of that county. The total taxable property is \$5,358,940, or \$940,500 less than was reported a year ago, this being another one of those counties profiting by the repeal of the state board of equalization law. The summary so submitted shows the following statistics: 116,062 acres tillable land, \$1,188,572; 942,567 acres non-tillable land, \$502,944; Imp. on deeded lands, \$50,594; Town and city lots, \$43,748; Imp. on town lots, \$41,660; Imp. on undeeded lands, \$4,455; 1 mile street railway, \$1,500; 58.39 miles railroad bed, \$196,100; Railroad rolling stock, \$29,195; Pullman Palace Car Co., \$800; 114.15 miles telegraph and teleph., \$7,839; Merchandise, \$275,095; Farm implements, etc., \$151,545; Steamboats, engines, etc., \$62,150; Money, \$95,475; Notes and accounts, \$355,985; 1035 shares of stock, \$75,295; Household furniture, etc., \$30,695; 7166 horses and mules, \$167,440; 17,484 cattle, \$246,729; 21,825 sheep and goats, \$8,225; 6654 swine, \$12,515; Gross valuation, \$6,148,565; Exemptions, \$789,625; Total taxable property, \$5,358,940; Number of polls, 2,950. Only two counties are now delinquent—Multnomah and Polk—and both are expected to report within a few days, when the state board of levy will be ready to make the annual levy.

THREE NEW SUITS.

Commenced in the State Circuit Court Yesterday—An Action for Personal Damages.

In the state circuit court for Marion county, yesterday, three new suits were commenced, as follows: Susan Tucker, plaintiff, vs. Gust Hayden, defendant. The complaint alleges that, on October 25th, while the plaintiff was driving in a buggy on the street in southwest addition to Salem, defendant came down the street in a wagon, colliding with her buggy in such manner as to destroy one wheel, and throw the plaintiff to the ground, causing great injury and pain; she asks judgment for \$500 damages to her feelings, \$25 for medical attendance and \$5 for the expense of repairing her buggy. M. S. Skiff, plaintiff, vs. Ellen Savage, et al., defendant. Judgment is asked for \$14 and interest at 10 per cent from January 16, 1896, on a note given by defendants, on that date, to the Capital Lumbering Co., and by that firm assigned to the plaintiff. Real property was attached by the sheriff in this cause. J. H. Brewer, plaintiff, vs. Henry W. Hencks, defendant. Judgment is asked for \$30.40, due on a note dated October 18, 1899, due one day after date, and secured by a mortgage on 62 acres of land situate near Lewisburg, the foreclosure of which is asked for.

None but the guilty can be long and complacently miserable.

STOCK IN OREGON.

A Buyer's Opinion Regarding the Markets and the Quality of Hogs and Cattle.

Eugene Register: A representative of the Register called on John Henry, the stock buyer, at the Hotel Eugene last night, where Mr. Henry cheerfully gave a few pointers regarding the stock markets. He has been over the country pretty thoroughly and had succeeded yesterday in rounding up the last bunch of hogs that has ever left the county. The carload averages 218 pounds. A bunch of fifteen head purchased from Amos Wilkins, at Coburg, averaged 298 pounds. Mr. Henry says he has never, in the Chicago markets, seen a better bunch of hogs than this carload. He has two more carloads in sight which will be shipped soon. Mr. Henry says the quality of hogs is improving and gives it as his opinion that more attention given to the raising of hogs would result in much advantage to the farmer. A car of seventy-five hogs was shipped by him about three weeks ago which averaged 204 pounds. He has also shipped two carloads of cattle in the past two weeks. This is but an index of what is being accomplished in the stock business in Oregon, and is but a shadow of what it will be in the future.

AT THE POINT.

Pleasant Point (Or.) Dec. 28.—School closed with the usual examinations. Nearly all passed very creditably indeed.

School begins for a short term on January 1st. Last Saturday a number of the pupils gathered at the home of Miss Talcott, the teacher, and presented her a gift furnished by the patrons of the school. Quite a pleasant time was had.

F. W. Watts and Miss Watts, of the Dalles, visited friends here this week. Little Mary Tolman, who has been quite sick for two weeks, is slowly improving.

Let me say I have used Ely's Cream Balm for catarrh and can thoroughly recommend it for what it claims. Very truly, (Rev.) H. W. Hathaway, Elizabeth, N. J.

I tried Ely's Cream Balm, and to all appearances am cured of catarrh. The terrible headaches from which I long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cts. or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

A LARGE BEQUEST.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28.—The will of the late Josephine Forbes bequeaths \$460,000 to be divided between St. Paul's Episcopal church and the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, the latter to receive one-third of the estate. St. Paul's church is directed to erect a chapel on the site where the old Forbes mansion now stands, and also to erect a home for aged men.

SMALLPOX NEAR SPOKANE

Spokane, Dec. 28.—A telephone message, received here tonight, reports that smallpox has broken out among the Indians on the south half of the Colville reservation. The disease has appeared near the mining camp of Keller.

THREE HUNDRED KNOTS.

A Salem Pastor Performed Many Wedding Ceremonies—A Muslim Honored.

Here are two items taken from the Oregonian, of Dec. 28th, which will be of interest to the Statesman's readers: "Rev. P. S. Knight, the well-known minister of Salem, yesterday was called on to perform the marriage ceremony which united Charles K. Burger, member of the Second Oregon, to Mabel Jordan, of Sunnyside. The young man is now a resident of La Camas, Wash. The interesting feature of the wedding is that with this marriage Mr. Knight rounded a full 300 list of ceremonies performed during his ministerial life. He seems to have been specially popular with the young people, and the 300 couples whom he has married are scattered all over the state. This is a record that few ministers are allowed to make. He began his work as pastor of the First Congregational church at Salem a great many years ago. Wherever he goes he meets couples that he was instrumental in making happy.

"Professor John Coomer, leader of the Southern Pacific band, was hailed before the assembled members Tuesday night and presented with a silver music-stand and case and a beautiful ebony baton. On receipt of these tokens of appreciation, the leader responded briefly, expressing his thanks for the gifts. The band was organized a little over a year ago, and under the leadership of Professor Coomer has made excellent progress in practice, and makes a creditable showing on public occasions."

Now that Richard Croker is far away his nephew Edward F. Croker, who has been made chief of the fire department of the city over which the great boss rules, and who was getting along very comfortably with a fine automobile, is confronted with a decision of the supreme court of the state of New York that he must come up for civil service examination. The decision affects many other positions and there is consternation in the Tammany wigwam.

Miss Elizabeth Carnes, teacher of physical culture in the Detroit public schools, wants the teachers to discard the use of corsets, and wishes she had the authority to make them do so. She is coming East it is said, to consult with Mrs. Richard Harding Davis, who is reported as being interested in the anti-corset crusade.

The dullest fellows may learn to be comical for a night or two.

THE COURSE OF STUDY

AND TEXT-BOOKS DISCUSSED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rural Schools and Their Needs Receive Much Attention—A Plan for the Issuance of Permits.

(From Daily, Dec. 29th.)

In the absence of Superintendent Frank Higler, chairman of the department of superintendence, that organization was called to order by Superintendent A. S. McDonald, of Linn county, at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, in the senate chamber. Superintendent G. W. Jones, of Marion county, led the discussion of "Relation of Text-books to Courses of Study," and took the position of not using more than two text-books in arithmetic, one in physiology, one in geography, and is in favor of a uniform use of text-books throughout the state. He advocates the use of much supplementary matter by the teacher. Superintendent G. A. Gregory considered the course of study of paramount importance to the text-books, creating the power to reason well is better than committing the facts contained in text-books, and to this end the teacher should be strong enough to do more oral work. Superintendent N. W. Bowland, of Clackamas county, thinks the able teacher will supply the place of the text-book; on further discussion it was brought out that there should be proper use of text-books based upon the course of study. It is essential that all pupils of one class should have a uniform text.

Superintendent H. A. Bell, of Washington county, read a paper on "Consolidation of Rural Districts." During the last decade, the question has been raised as to whether it is better to bring the school to the child or the child to the school. Briefly stated, the plan proposed for this purpose is to consolidate half a dozen or more of the ordinary rural districts into a single large district with one central school, organized on the graded school plan. The pupils, except those who live in easy walking distance, are to be regularly transported to and from school in carriages or otherwise, by parties under regular contract to perform this service. The pupils brought together can be taught by a less number of teachers and the money thus saved will pay for the increased cost of transportation. The following benefits of consolidation are claimed where the system has been tried: 1st—Better school houses, seats, ventilation, and sanitation; 2d—Better equipments, such as maps, globes, charts, books, blackboard, etc.; 3d—Larger, more regular and punctual attendance; 4th—Longer school terms and better teachers; 5th—The inspiration and class emulation that comes from larger classes.

Following this the state superintendent of public instruction, J. H. Ackerman, explained to the department the plan of the proposed school register, now in preparation. During the afternoon session Superintendent A. S. McDonald, of Linn county, presented the subject of "High Schools for Rural Districts," and it was ably discussed by several of the superintendents present.

The committee, appointed on the previous day to draft resolutions relative to the issuance of permits, presented a resolution, declaring it the sentiment of the department, that, in issuing permits or temporary certificates, authorizing persons to teach, they be issued only to holders of any county certificate of a county in Oregon, and to holders of county certificates in any state, if with the application, proof of such county certificate is presented, together with a certificate of good character, and success as a teacher; otherwise, the applicant must pass an examination. The resolution was adopted without dissent by the department of superintendence. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, A. S. McDonald, of Linn county; vice president, E. V. Littlefield, of Yamhill county; secretary, C. L. Gilbert, of Wasco county. The department took an adjournment at 4 p. m.

THE VISITING TEACHERS

Names of Those Registered with the Secretary of the State Association—Many Prominent Educators.

The annual meeting of the state teachers' association has brought many prominent educators to Salem, the attendance at the capitol being exceptionally large. Many of these teachers registered with the secretary of the association yesterday, the following being the list of those reporting their presence up to last evening:

- H. A. Ball, Hillsboro; Loretta Starr, South Bend, Wash.; R. L. Bellinger, Salem; Mrs. Mary V. Charlton, Tione; Emily Horan, Butteville; Roxanna Thompson, Willard; Minnie McCourt, Salem; S. I. Pratt, Corvallis; Emma Chase, Eugene; Grace Long, Lewisburg; Alice McDougal, Salem; W. I. Powers, Salem; Margaret Cosper, Salem; Lulu E. Massey, Brooks; Mrs. Alice S. Gray, Salem; Mrs. W. A. Stephens, Salem; Fernando Shanks, Mt. Angel; E. A. Harvey, Salem; Ella L. Welch, Salem; Cora M. Massey, Brooks; Ellen M. Massey, Gervais; E. M. Smith, Monmouth; V. A. Manning, Gervais; J. M. Powell, Monmouth; Thos. Newlin, Newberg; Ellen Hubbard, La Grande; Sister Mary Hycintha, Salem; Mrs. J. C. Taggart, Salem; Sister Mary Ursula, Salem; Geo. P. McArthur, Eagle Creek; A. M. Sanders, Dallas; Mrs. E. Ahlhauser, Turner; W. S. Powell, Independence; Mrs. Ellen M. Pennell, Monmouth; W. A. Wann, Monmouth; L. G. Lamberson, Portland; Louis P. Freytag, Monmouth; Miss Sarah Tutthill, Monmouth; Jos. R. Geddes, Mill City; Loretta Smith, Monmouth; W. I. Reynolds, McMinnville; Lovrinia Goff, Independence; C. L. Gilbert, The Dalles; Katherine Lambert, Portland; J. Bumbauer, Portland; Virginia, Keen, Woodburn; Clara Graves, French, Monmouth; Muried Talcott, Turner; Robt. C. French, Monmouth; J. T. Neff, The Dalles; Musa Geer, Salem; M. Grace Bellinger, Sa-

HAS NUMEROUS HEIRS

WILL OF JAMES ANDERSON, DECEASED, IS FORWARDED.

A Large Amount of Property is to be Divided Among Children and Grandchildren—One Minor Order.

(From Daily, Dec. 29th.)

The last will and testament of James Anderson, whose demise occurred at Jefferson on December 8th, at the age of 87 years, was admitted to probate yesterday, by County Judge G. P. Terrell, upon the petition of William W. Anderson, a son of the deceased, and who is named in the will as the executor, to serve without bonds. The testament was executed on October 20, 1899, at Jefferson, and disposes of property, both real and personal, valued at \$10,500 by the petitioner, though parties who are well informed, state that it is easily worth double that amount. By the terms of the will the entire estate goes to the widow, Lucy Anderson, and after her demise, it is to be divided among the heirs, who are named as follows:

- E. H. Anderson, aged 49 years, residing at Bear, Idaho. C. L. Anderson, son, 42, Bear, Idaho. W. W. Anderson, son, 40, Jefferson. Ida Lynes, daughter, 36, Bear, Idaho. Emma Tharp, daughter, 30, Sidney. Claude Anderson McClure, adopted son, 20, Jefferson. Nellie Fletcher, grand-daughter, 20, Jefferson. Sylvia Anderson, grand-daughter, 17, Grants Pass. Orda Thurman, grandson, 17, Jefferson. Leona Thurman, grand-daughter, 16, Jefferson. Rena Thurman, grand-daughter, 15, Jefferson. Velveth Thurman, grand-daughter, 13, Jefferson. Count Judge G. P. Terrell admitted the will, and appointed W. W. Anderson as executor of the will and estate as provided for by the deceased, and that gentleman at once filed his oath of office.

Miss Jeanette Booth, administratrix of the estate of J. C. Booth, deceased, petitioned the probate court yesterday, setting forth that one of the heirs, Georgia Belle Booth, is a minor; that she is now under the care of her mother, Mrs. Belle Booth, and asking that an order be issued, authorizing the petitioner to pay to her mother \$10 per month, to be expended for the benefit of the minor, the estate being in such condition that this might be easily done. The court made an order in accordance with the petition of the administratrix.

PA ON THE 20th CENTURY

"Of all the Silly people I ever seen," paw set after rinkin his fover A long time, "the worst is the Ones what Git to Starten Argymunts about When the twentych sentcherry Begins. People what ain't got no More Sentz than to Waste Time Over such a Thing ot to Have babies or sumthing in the house So that they could keep bizzy Goin away from Home to hunt for trouble. But the good Lord made it So sum folks basent got nothing to Do But always Look around for sum Way to Show thare foolishness. That's what makes me Glad I haft to work for a Live. If I wouldnt Have nothin else to Do meby Sumtimes I mite Git to goin on like a South American Republic, too. Ennybody what Has haft as much as they are in a little Red mouse trap ot to no the twentych sentcherry Can't Begin only Wunst

and that is nineteen Hundred and Wun.

"How Can it begin then?" maw ast, "Great heavens," paw ansered, "Can it Be possible you are One of the Soup preem liddyts That thinks it Begins with Nineteen Hundred? No wonder our Children sumtimes Don't hardly Seem to be Worth raisin. Now I'll list Sho you How this thing is. If I am workin fer a Hundred Dollars a Week and—

"Oh, paw," maw says, "Don't go to supposin' Ennything of that kind. It ain't Ever goin to Happen."

"Stay," paw told Her, "Don't you want to Find out about this Bizness er not? If you do, try to Brake the reckerd now by not sayin' nothin' for about a Half minit and I'll sho you. You see if I was goin to Rise a hundred miles I wouldnt go Back and Ride before I got started, would I?"

"I Don't no," maw says, "I Have Offen saw You Do things what was just as Hard to Explain. They are never no Telling what you mite Do."

"Oh, well," paw says, "they ain't enny use Tryin to Talk to people what Don't no eduff to Learn things when they have a Chanct. Sposen you was goin to Pay a Grocery man a Dollar and Begin Counten out pennies. Do You Think he Would tell you to Stop when you Give him ninety Nine?"

"Mebbe He mite Be makin a marked Down Sale Saat day," maw says, "What's the use Gitten Bothered about it enny Way? I tuff you sed people was Silly if they would waste Their time over such a thing?"

"They are," paw told Her, "only they Don't no Enuff to see it the rite way. Now I'm list again to sho you How this thing is so you Can't Help but see it."

So he got Two of the Kitchen Chares and stood with one foot on one chare and the other foot on the other chare, and the nineteen sentcherry and the other one is the next one with the first of January Haft way Between. Do You See it all rite as Far as I got?"

"Yes," maw says, "But I Don't never Believe in Straddlen on these Things. They Can't be two Sides to it. You got to git on one or the other."

"You watch," paw sed, "I got it Down me. Enny Buddy What Couldn't understand it after I git thru would set up after a House fell on Him and tell you the Joke was on the pursion what stood across the road and Seen it Happen. Now, sposen my left foot is at Teen winty nine and the Chare where it's Resten on is the nineteen sentcherry. Af I—

"By the Time he got it all Settled up to That point little Albert and the Pupp Come in Chasen after the Hendersonses Cat what I had shut up in the seller the nite Before becoz maw Herd some rats Down thare last week. The Cat Scooted Between the Chares where paw was standen and the pupp thot He would Do the Saim, but made a mistake and Bumped against the Nine teenth sentcherry and noked it frum under paw, and the Bottom Dropt out of the argumnt. His Cote was all Tore up the Back too.

TO MANILA. S. L. Kidder, of Roseburg, is en route to Manila to take a position in the United States mail service.

Abraham Jacobs, the New York man who has been missing for the last two weeks and to whom it was feared foul play had come because when he disappeared he had \$2,000 with him, has at last been found serving a term in the work house, to which he was sentenced shortly after his supposed disappearance for vagrancy, having been arrested for loitering in the streets. Mr. Jacobs still has his \$2,000 with him, but he is likely, it seems, to serve out the remainder of his three months' sentence.

MALE ATTIRE IS HER FAD

Peculiar Notions of an Indiana Farmer's Wife—She Runs the Farm to Her Own Liking.

Performs Much of the Manual Labor—Has a Record with Rifle and Gun with the Best Man Shot in the County.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 27.—Residing near this city is a remarkable woman in the person of Mrs. Noah Bantz. She frequently masquerades in male attire, not with the spirit of frivolity but because she finds this costume more suitable to her business purposes. Bantz is a well-known farmer near Albany, twelve miles northeast of this city. He is eccentric in some ways and apparently is of the notion that woman was really made solely for the convenience and accommodation of man. Several years ago he advertised for a wife, stating that she must be "new," according to the twentieth century idea, that she must fill his place on the farm and assume the management of the home and premises. A prompt reply was received and the applicant was told to call around, be inspected, and answer questions. She went through the test, met the requirements, and was immediately accepted. The peculiar couple going at once to the nearest parson's where the connubial combination was effected.

Bantz's hopes, wishes, and expectations were more than realized. His newly acquired spouse surpassed his fondest dreams and surprised the country for miles around, her fame having spread to the uttermost confines of the state. Instead of merely managing the farming, as stipulated by her master and husband, she has actually performed much of the manual labor herself. Early in the morn during the past season, she may have been seen following and guiding the plow over large areas of ground. From the

roadside her identity would not have been discovered for, while attending to these "chores," as she calls the work, she wears a suit of her husband's clothing, the two being near of a size. Mrs. Bantz also knows a few things about handling a rifle or gun and the best man shot in her neighborhood, where small game is plentiful, has his hands full in equaling her record. During the qual season, now drawing to a close, she has bagged as many of the Bobwhites as the crack marksmen of the local gun club and many a poor bunny's tail graces her barn loft as the result of her good aim. While hunting she wears male attire.

Though past 40 years of age, Mrs. Bantz is as agile and alert as though the bloom of young womanhood had scarce left her cheek. She is tall, well proportioned, and her physique is one that would excite the envy of a frail man. Another indication of her apparent admiration of the manlier sex is that she is addicted to the tobacco habit. She does not smoke but, as she goes up and down the furrows in the field or drives cattle to pasture across the meadows, it may be sure that, within her cheek, comfortably stored away where the juice will exude to her keenest delight, is a large piece of the weed. With her "scrap" will do, plug is better, but finest is the kind for the promoter of a trust. In her neighborhood Mrs. Bantz is well liked for she is of a courteous disposition and has affable manners. The women in her locality, it may be expected, regard her in a peculiar light.