THE POOL STILL GROWS phones and 74 are residence party

SOCIATION ACTIVELY AT WORK.

During the Past Few Days 1461 Additional Bales Have Been Placed in the Association's Pool.

The pool of the Oregon Hop Grownow aggregates about 20,000 bales, additional subscribers. During the past few days 156t bales have been signed over to the association by individual growers, the amount of the assignments ranging from twenty bales to 110 bales.

There is practically no market for hops at the present time, the highest quotations offered being from 5 to 6 cents per pound. No sales have recently been made either by the association or by individual growers. The last sales made by the association were on last Saturday, when two lots of seventy and 100 bales respectively were made through the Salem and Portland offices. Jacks & Carmichael purchased the Salem lot and although the selling price is not obtainable it is reliably re-ported that the hops brought a remunerative figure.

A fraction of the 1561 bales herein alluded to, were at a previous time signed over to the association but the formal transfer was not consummated until recently. A condition that is especially gratifying to the association is the fact that a large per cent of the 1561 Lales enumerated here, were original and bona fide transfers, having been made, in many instances, by growers who until recently were not members of the association.

Says the Eugene Guard, of the 2d Al. Holden, agent for Horst Bros. yesterday purchased 153 bales of hops in Southern Oregon for 71/2 cents per pound, and the Elmer Yarnell lot of 95 bales, in Eugene, for 714 cents per pound. He also has orders for about 200 bales more of specified lots. Hops are a little stronger and growers are jubilant over the success of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association, which is undoubtedly responsible for the upward Most of the Lane county. hops are already in the pool.

item from Coopersfown: "The following purchases are reported by local dealers: 100 bales at oc., 100 bales at 70 9c, 11 at 91/2c, 75 at 10/0111/2c, 34 at Shipping men have not been doing anything this week.

WITH THE RIVER CRAFT.

City of Eugene Remains Stranded on The Minto Gravel Bar-Freight Business Is Inactive.

has remained practically stationary for a the effect only of keeping the depth enviable record. of the stream stationary

The steamer City of Eugene remains ! aground on the lower end of Minto's gravel bar opposite the Capital Lumbering company's yard, where it was stranded some ten days ago. It will stranded some ten days ago. require a raise of at least four feet in the stage of the river before the craft can be floated and resume her operations upon the river between Eugene and the metropolis, 5

The other river steamers are following their regular schedules and report a fairly good business in both the freight and passenger departments, the passenger traffic during the holiday season ust closed surpassing that of any previous season. Speaking of general conditions of steamboat traffic, M. P. Baldwin, local agent for the regon City Transportation Company, yesterday 'Freight business at the present time is rather quiet with us as is usual at this season of the year. I do not anticipate a substantial improvement in river business before the spring trade begins. However, there is still a great circles more lively than usual. company never had a better holiday trade in the passenger department than we have enjoyed during the season just closed."

Some hops are being moved each week. On a recent down-river trip, the steamer Pomona carried 100 bales which were received at Wells Landing above Independence. They were consigned to Phil Neis & Co., of Port-

MANY TALKING MACHINES.

359 Telephone Instruments in Operation in the Capital City-Number to Be Increased.

The general utility of the telephone to the business and professional man, yes even the busy house-wife, is best evidenced by the fact that there are 359 instrumnts in operation in the Capial City. By reason of the large and con-Telegraph Company is enabled to furnish this modern invention of great convenience at a minimum expense. For a number of years following the introduction of the telephone, the instrument was a luxury and only aristocratic and well-to-do people could afford it. general use among all classes of citizens, the reasonable charges assessed for its use enabling many to have an instrument placed in their business house or residence, or both as they may

Of the 350 phones in use in Salem, 153 are individual phones in business houses; 51 are individual residence phones 81 are business house party

J. E. McGillioray and Mr. Walker representing the O. T. & T. Company, LOCAL AGENCY OF THE O. H. G. As- are in the city and will assist W. H. Dancy, the local manager, in making a thorough and systematic canvass of the city, which it is presumed will re-sult in the addition of fully 100 phones to the local circuit. The telephone solicitors report splendid progress in securing additional subscribers for the local exchange. Yesterday orders for twenty-two new phones were received, and if this rate continues, it will be no ers Association continues to grow, it trouble to secure even more than 100

A CHURCH ELECTION.

Chemeketa Street Evangelical Society Holds Its Election of Church and Sunday School Officers.

The annual meeting of the church and congregation of the Chemeketa Seventeenth street Evangelical church was held in the church parlors on last Monday evening. There was a good attendance and a keen interest manifested in the welfare of the church and the well-organized Sunday school. Church officers were elected as fol-

Class leader, 'Major Dennis. Exhorter, Mrs. L. Culver. Trustee, O. C. Hutchins. Church organist, Mrs. O. C. Hutch-

Assistant organist, Miss Lena Royal Officers for the Sunday school were lected as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Culver.

Assistant superintendent, Mrs. Myers. Secretary, Nellie Bell. Treasurer, Mrs. Major Dennis. Librarian, Carl Williams. Assistant librarian, Edna Hershey, Organist, Miss Lena Royal. Assistant organist, Miss Allie Her

COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER.

Business of the State School Land Office During One Month-Payment to the Treasurer.

In the office of the state school land board, during the month of December, collections on account of the various funds in that department were made, aggregating \$12,038.62, and this amount The Otsego (New York) Farmer, of urer Chas. S. Moore. The funds so the 29th ult. has the following hop received were credited to the various accounts in the following amounts: School principal \$ 8,593 43 Agricult. Coll. interest..... Swamp land

M. L. Chamberlin, clerk elect of the state land board, has succeeded to the position to which he was chosen, Gen. W. H. Odell, for the past four years at the head of that office, retiring. Mr. Chamberlin is well equipped, by his The Willamette river at this 'point long experience as an abstractor and searcher of records and as an office number of days, the guage at the O man, for the duties he finds awaiting in the future, for this will be our maid- year old; 1st and 2d premiums on ewes R. & N. company's dock registering a him, and his friends predict that his depth of 61/2 feet above the low water administration of the affairs of the ofmark. The rains of the past few days fice will meet with as much success as have not been heavy enough to produce were the efforts of his able predecessor, can expect to reach the climax. But 2d premiums on pair of ewe kids. a raise in the stage of the river, having Gen. W. H. Odell, who has made an

> The office of L. B. Geer, the state land agent, is just now seeing a very busy time. Rents from the lessees of the state's farms are being received, and a mountain of correspondence, regarding the leasing of cultivated lands belonging to the state, is awaiting disposition. Mr. Geer says the new year starts in very promising, and the indications are for a most successful season of his department's operations.

A MERRY TIME.-A most joyful family reunion was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hughes on December 25, 1899, at Fruitland, Oregon, about 51/2 miles east of Salem, consisting of the following: W. H. Harrison, from Payne county, Oklahoma, a brother of Mrs. Hughes; Mrs. W. B. Bort, of West Superior, Wisconsin, a sister of Mrs. Hughes; Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, of Salem, Oregon, also a sister of Mrs. Hughes; F. M. Bort, C. A. Bort and wife, Ed. Hughes Ethel quantity of wheat in the river ware- Hughes, Daisy Hughes, Birdie Hughes houses yet to be moved while only a and Alva Hughes. One thing of insmall part of the hop crop has been terest about the reunion was the meethandled. These conditions should have ing of Mrs. Hughes, her two sisters, a tendency to make business in shipping and brother, after a separation of over Our thirty years. An excellent dinner was prepared, of which all happily partook. In the evening all enjoyed the presence of a Christmas tree, one of such as are not seen very often. It was well laden with beautiful gifts for all who were present. This was a very pleasant re-union, indeed, and one that is not likely

> FOR THIS YEAR -- County Assessor J. W. Hobart is busily engaged ever has done good service under pressin his preparations for this year's work of assessing Marion county. He is now writing up the transfers of property, with a view of bringing his records up to date by the time the field work of his deputies begins-March 1st. Mr. Hobart has no deputies employed at this time, doing the work himself.

FRUIT GROWERS,-The annual meeting of the Marion County Horti- animals are veterans in the fire departcultural society will be held at the ment service, the former having seen court house in Salem, on January 9th, beginning at 10 a. m. All fruit growstantly increasing list of subscribers in ers are most cordially invited to be this city, the Oregon Telephone and present. The election of officers will take place at that time.

SCHOOL CENSUS.-C. E. Bruce and W. H. Savage are enumerating the persons of school age in the Salem school district (No. 24) under the direction of Clerk Jos. Baumgartner. but the instrument has now come into They have been at work ten days and are making rapid progress.

RABBITS, NEXT.

The jack rabbit is becoming plentifull in Benton county.

BEECHAM'S PILLS for Stomach and Liver ills.

J. H. DUNCAN SUCCEEDS C. N. CHURCH-ILL IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Ex-Chief Will Resume the Plumbing Business—Summary of City's Firefighting Apparatus.

(From Daily, Jan. 4th.)

John H. Duncan, who on Tuesday evening was elected chief of Salem's fire department by the city council, was yesterday morning formally installed as fire chief, and at once assumed charge of the department.

When seen yesterday, Chief Duncan said he proposed to conduct the department to the best of his ability and to the betterment of the public service. He proposes to place the department in the best possible condition at the earliest possible time. During the ensuing two weeks he will select his hosemen and his recommendations in that connection will doubtless be favorably acted upon by the council at its next regular ses-

Ex-Chief Churchill gladly retires rom the position he filled for the year ust closed. He cheerfully surrenders the position with its attendant burdens and responsibilities to his successor, and is only too glad to again resume his life vocation, that of a plumber. Mr. Churchill retires with the earnest conviction that he has served the interests of the city faithfully and that is administration has been as efficient as it was possible for it to be under the existing conditions with which he had to contend and the great handicap in the matter of the management of the department that he was obliged to tolerate. Throughout his incumbency he was compelled to act in a dual capacity-that of fire chief and driver of the engine—the council deeming it an ex-pedient measure, economically, for him to fill such assignment, with the result that the efficiency of the department was greatly impaired thereby. Mr. Churchill will again resume the plumbing business with his former partner, S. Burroughs, on State street.

Thinking a summary of the machines, equipments, etc., that constitute Salem's fire department, might prove interesting to the average reader, a Statesman reporter yesterday visited the department headquarters at the city hall, where he obtained the desired information from C. N. Churchill, the re-

HAS ASSUMED CHARGE partment, it is only essential that the various assignments be properly filled and satisfactorily discharged to insure for the citizens of Salem adequate protection from losses by fire.

FROM JUNCTION CITY.

A Store Entered by Burglars and Quite an Amount of Goods Stolen.

Junction City (Or.) January 3.— Burglars entered the store of Pollock & Warner, last Sunday night, by breakng out the plate glass in the front window. They secured about \$75 worth of goods. They also broke the window in front of C. F. Hurlburt's store and appropriated about \$10 worth of goods. J. Williams, night clerk at the hotel, fired three shots at the man as he ran from the building, but it being so dark, missed his man.

G. C. Millett, a farmer near here. suffers from a fracture of one of his legs, below the knee by being kicked by a bunch grass horse he was trying to break.

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST

PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR THE EXAMINATION.

Governor Taylor's Attorneys Will Be Ready for the Fight-Colonel Whallen's Case,

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 3.-The evidence in the Goebel-Taylor and Beckham-Marshal contests, for governor and lieutenant governor, will be formed tomorrow. The law provides that the members of the committee shall be drawn by lot, three in the senate and eight in the house. Governor Taylor's attorneys are preparing not only rebuttal evidence to offset the charges of fraud set forth in Goebel's notice of contest, but, according to Senator Deboe, are going much further and attempting to show up counterfrauds of a glaring nature on the democratic side.

Colonel Whallen was arraigned for examination and trial on the bribery charge this afternoon, and was held over to Franklin county grand jury.

FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Sublimity (Or.) Dec. 27, 1899.— Editor Statesman: On the 26th inst. the Farmers' Fire Relief Association of Sublimity, Or., field its fourth annual meeting, which was well attended, the farmers well realizing that they have a The department is fully equipped with ble insurance association at home.

A GOAT SHOW AT DALLAS.

To Be Held During the Last Week in February Next-A List of the Premiums to Be Offered.

Sir: The goat breeders of Polk coun- that we may make our arrangements ty will hold a goat show at Dallas on accordingly. No entrance fee charged. Saturday, February 24, 1900, and we hope you will assist us by entering as Crider, committee. an exhibitor in some of the classes.

to get the breeders, as well as the pubyou in what class you will enter, so we mother of all three animals.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 1, 1900.-Dear can tell how many goats will be here, Yours very truly, U. S. Grant, J. W.

The premium list is as follows: 1st en effort in this line; and we will have 2 years old or over; 1st and 2d premiums on ewes I year old; 1st and 2d lic, interested in this matter before we premiums on pair of buck kids; 1st and we will give each prize winner a cer- First prize for best flock consisting of tificate showing what prize he has tak- aged ewe, one buck, one yearling ewe en. We will be peased to hear from and one ewe kid; aged ewe to be the

all the necessary engines and paraphernalia for fighting fire. The La France engine, weight 7830 pounds, was received by the city in the fall of 1886, by engine No. 2, weight 6260 pounds, and received by the city in October, 1881, has seen its best days, it is still in good condition, and in case of an emer-

gency, would render faithful service. There is stored at the fire department headquarters, Capital Hand Engine No. I-Salem's first machine for fighting fire. It saw service for the first time in May, 1865, and was used con-tinuously until the more modern steam engines were received in the early 'Sos. However, it is in condition now and could be used in case of an emergency. It will be preserved as a relic of the city's fire department, as will also a hose cart with 600 feet of hose which was purchased by the city at the same

The city has a modern hose wagon, weight (loaded) 4000 pounds. It carries 1200 feet of new hose that was purchased a year ago under a four year guarantee, and two folding ladders, 16 and 24 feet, respectively, in length. The wagon is also completely equipped with Babcocks, lanterns, nozzles, etc. There is one reserve hose cart with 800 feet of second grade hose, which, howure of 110 pounds.

Two finer teams were never owned by the city than the ones now used in the department. The beautiful team of grays that pull the fire engine are known as Belle and Maggie; they are aged 8 and 7 years and weigh 1370 and 1390 respectively. The hose wagon team consists of Maude and Dolly, aged 17 and 15 years, respectively. ten years of active service, while the latter has assisted in propelling the hose wagon for about eight years. In point of tenure of service, the team is entitled to be pensioned.

When asked if there was anything needed that would contribute to the efficiency of the department, ex-Chief Churchill replied that the only recommendation he had made to the council prior to his relinquishment of the office, was that a new team be purchased for the hose wagon, the present team being too old for active service much longer. He said the city had all the hose it could use-there being 2000 feet, about 800 feet more than could be carried by the department in making a run. W. H. Phillips, the newly-elected driver of the steam fire engine team, yesterday entered upon his duties, also.

With so completely equipped a de-

The secretary read his annual report showing that the association was in a flourishing condition and made a gain of 45 per cent over all of the preceding and it is in perfect condition-a most years; and by having only their own diefficient agent in combating with the rectors as solicitors they have excluded dread element, never failing to render all dangerous risk and prevented any remarkable service. Although the Sils- over-value of insurance They have by engine No. 2, weight 6260 pounds, conducted their business for over 31/4 years and during that time they have had no losses by fire and no assessments were levied.

The following officers were elected: for President, Chas. Fisher, Sublimity; for Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. Hattinger; for directors, Jos. Susbaur, (Sublimity), M. E. Smith, (Whitaker) L. Hobson, (Stayton), Henry Bruer, (Turner) and Geo. Weinrich (Aums-

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

Fourteen soldiers from the Presidio military reservation have been declared insane and sent to Washington. Nearly all of them lost their minds as a result of campaigning in the Philippines. The Mississippi legislature organized yesterday, with Hon. Judd Russell as

Bubonic plague has been found in a house in the walled portion of Manila, where two suspicious deaths have occurred. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the disease spreading. The county treasurer of Shelby coun-

ty, Indiana, is short \$125,000. All the books of the office for three years and a half prior to last June are missing. There will be no reduction in the mil-

itary force now in the Philippines for at least six months. Including all arms of the service, there are now in the islands 65,000 soldiers, in addition to about 1200 marines at Cavite and about 5000 soldiers on the warships. total of the fighting forces is thus fully 70,000 men.

A LENGTHY POTATO.

Corvallis Times: Fifty-seven inches of length in one potato would strike the ordinary citizen as remarkable. Fifty-seven inches is almost six feet. But J. H. Albright He grew it in his has such a potatogarden in this city. It weighs four and a half pounds. The main span of and a half pounds. this potato is nine and a half inches long. It has branches and forks and attachments the aggregate fength of which, added to the main span, makes 57 inches of potato.

A NEW OFFICE.

Dr. D. A. Paine, ex-superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, has been elected vice-president of the Eugene Loan and Savings bank.

CASTORIA

for Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision for over 30 years. Allow no one to deceive you in this. Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments, and endanger the health of Children-Experience against Experiment.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

In Use For Over 30 Years.

WILL NOT SERVE.

Senator Hanna Refuses to Succeed Himself 'as Chairman.

Cleveland, Jan. 3.-Senator Hanna declared today that, although he had been urged to stand for the permanent chairmanship of the next national republican convention, he would not do

"There are other men," he said, "who are more ambitious than I, and who value that honor more than I do. will give way to them.

He also declared that he would not be one of the delegates-at-large from

THE CZAR'S PRIVATE TRAIN. A Magnificent Moving Establishment Fitted Up Luxuriously.

The imperial train in which the czar and czarina usually travel is wholly of Russian workmanship, having been made in the Alexander works at St. Petersburg. It consists of eleven carriages, painted blue and gold. They are connected by corridors and provided with every luxury. Behind the luggage wagons there are, first, the kitchen, containing a splendid French stove and two large fixed samovars. Then comes the pantry with all its appendages, to which is attached second-class carriage for the kitchen servants. The dining room, a whole carriage is furnished with a large table in the center and small tables along the sides, the wall being paneled with red beechwood inset with huge mirrors. The chairs uphoistered with brown Russia eather.

Another carriage serves as a reception room, the walls being ornamented We cannot see our way clear to have and 2d premiums on buck 2 years old or with stamped leather in beechwood any cash premiums this time, but will over; 1st and 2d premiums on buck I frames. The seats are salmon-colored ith white stripes in Louis XV. style. The reception room also contains five small and beautifully inlaid tables and three hanging candelabras. The czarina's carriage is light blue with padded walls, and contains her 'majesty's writing table and an enormous mirror, and is decorated with beautiful creeping plants, of which the czarina is particularly fond. Next to the czarina's room, and in the same carriage, is the imperial nursery, while the wheel of the adjoining carriage is also de-voted to the children and their wants.

Here are their low cradle beds. A special coupe is reserved for the governesses and nurses. The czar's apartments consist of two rooms, his study and a dressing room. The study is fitted with brown Russia leather, and the study table is ornamented with fine bronzes. The next two carriages are reserved for the suite. In them travel Baron Fredericks, Gen. Pless, Princess Orbeliani, and the court marshal. Each coupe is lined with brown leather, and contains a red beechwood chair, a writing table and bronze fittings, and washhand table. The electric light can be switched on at will. The floor is carpeted, and the double window hung with elegant curtains. The last carriage is reserved for the railway official Here the speed of the train is regulated

All the carriages are connected and heating is carefully attended to. Over three hundred lamps are supplied by the electric battery on the train. On the train being transferred from Russian to the German railway, the gauge of which is smaller, the axles are changed. The train runs quite noiselessly, even at the highest speed.— London Standard.

LANDS, PATENTS, PENSIONS AND CLAIMS.

Washington Low and Claims Company, Rooms 5 and 7, 472 Louisiana avenue, N. W., Washington, will, on very reasonable terms prosecute land claims, including mineral lands and mines, applications for patents and pensions, and all other claims before con-gress, the District of Columbia courts, the several government departments the court of claims, and the supreme copet of the United States.

The company will also aid lawyers at a distance, in preparing their cases for the supreme court of the United States, and for a small consideration will furnish corespondents information concerning matters in Washington that they may desire to know. Serd for our-

JOHN G. SLATER, President. (In writing please mention this paper.) For Morbid Conditions take BEE-

CHAM'S PILLS.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Chat H. Flitcher.

BERRIES IN JANUARY,

Corvallis Times: A portion of a caspberry bush laden with berries fully ripened, berries in every stage of development, and with blossoms, was exhibited on the street on New Year's day. The bush grew in the garden of William Groves, in this

WILL SOON STRIKE.

The town clock for the court house tower at Albany has arrived and will be put in place at once.

Drowsiness is dispelled by BEE-CHAM'S PILLS.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has teen appointed administrator of the estate of W. H. Bagley, deceased, by the county court for the county of Marion, state of Oregon, and all parties having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned administrator. at the office of Brown, Wrightman & Myers in the city of Salem in said county and state, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this sixth day of December 1899.

ALVIN W. BAGLEY. Administrator.

12:8-5tw.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

In the matter of the estate of Conrad Neibert, deceased .- Notice is hereby given, under and by virtue of an order of the county court of Clackamas county, state of Oregon, made and en-I will sell at public auction to highest bidder, for cash in hand, following described real estate: of Block three (3); Lot eleven (11). Block fourteen (14); and the West half of Lot twelve (12) in Block fourteen (14), in Turner's addition to the town of Turner, all in Marion county, state of Oregon, belonging to the estate of Conrad Neibert, deceased,

Sale to take place on the steps of the county court house at Oregon City, Clackamas county, at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, January 10, 1900.

ROSA NEIBERT, Executrix. Pipes & Tifft, 708-709 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon, Attorneys for Executrix.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their final account as executors of the estate of Benjamin Tucker, deceased, in the county court of the state of Oregon for Marion county, and the said court has appointed Saturday, the thirteenth day of January, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, as the time for hearing objections to said final account

and for the settlement thereof. B. F. TUCKER. RICHARD W. TUCKER, Executors of the Estate of Benjamin Tucker, deceased. Browe, Wrightman & Myers, atorneys for Executors. 12:15-5tw.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE OF POINTMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern: That the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the ast will and testament and estate of James Anderson, late of Marion county, Oregon, deceased, by the county court of Marion county, Oregon. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned. And all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present . the same duly verified according to law to the undersigned at the law office of Tilmon Ford, W. M. Kaiser, and W. T. Slater, at the city of Salem in Marion county Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this Deember 28, 1899.

WILLIAM W. ANDERSON. Executor of the last Will and Testament and Estate of James Anderson, deceased. 12:29-5tw.

FINAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the executrix of the last will and testament of John Sutton, deceased, has filed her final account of her administration of the estate of said deceased in the county court of Marion county and that said court has appointed Monday, the fifth day of February, 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m. said day for the hearing of objections to the said account and the

settlement thereof. ADDIE PARVIN, 12:29-5t w. Executrix.