

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY

LAW OF REGISTRATION

MANY CITIZENS LISTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK YESTERDAY.

No Voters Yet Rejected—Justices of the Peace and Notaries Have Made No Reports.

Registration of voters continues at the court house, and the number coming in is increasing from day to day. Yesterday fifty-eight voters appeared and registered with the county clerk, the largest number from any precinct being nineteen from Salem No. 2.

Thus far no voters have presented themselves for registration who were rejected, neither have any registrations been reported by justices of the peace and notaries public outside of Salem. The work of registering takes up considerable time in the clerk's office, and that official is very anxious to have all voters call as early as possible in order to avoid a rush at the close of the time allowed for registration. Following are the registrations made yesterday:

Aumsville—Albert N. Lewis; 1. Englewood—William L. Wade, Philip Burk, James F. Goode, John A. Jefferson, James B. Putnam, A. F. Chase; 6. Prospect—C. F. Royal, Obed Green; 2.

Salem No. 1—H. A. Johnson, A. A. Sperry; 2.

Salem No. 2—M. S. Skiff, A. A. Miller, L. M. Kirk, Henry Stapleton, Elijah Bailey, Chas. A. Robertson, J. A. Sellwood, A. N. Moores, T. E. Canfield, T. C. Smith Jr., Frank Kellogg, A. B. Buren, Alfred S. Slippy, E. F. Parkhurst, Alex. Clark, D. W. Yoder, Wm. J. Crawford, George Collins, J. A. Mills; 19.

Salem No. 3—Frank Meredith, C. B. Updegraff, George E. Sly, Gideon Stolz; 4.

Salem No. 4—George G. Bingham, W. A. Moores, Augustus Prescott, Alonzo T. Waln; 4.

North Salem—J. H. McCormick, J. F. White, T. H. Bruce, George C. Will; 4.

South Salem—W. P. Babcock, Alex. Dyer; 2.

Silver Falls—James Russell, Wm. Bauer; 2.

Silverton—Albert Whitlock; 1.

Sublimity—Albert Arthur, John Rabens, Albert L. Downing; 3.

Turner—N. W. Silver, J. H. Witzel, J. A. Smith, W. H. Witzel; 4.

Woodburn—Jacob Voorhees; 1.

Yew Park—Charles E. Bruce, Henry G. Guild; 2.

SALEM GIRL TO WED

The Hodges-Gesner Nuptials to Be Celebrated Next Wednesday Evening—Engagement Announced.

The wedding of Miss Stella Pearl Gesner, eldest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Alonzo Gesner, of this city, to Arthur Hodges, of Primeville, Crook county, will take place at the home of the bride's parents, corner of Cottage and Perry streets, in this city at 6 o'clock next Wednesday evening. Mr. Hodges is county clerk for Crook county.

The engagement of Miss Florence Wells to Samuel B. Davis, both of Warm Springs, Eastern Oregon, is announced. Both of these young people are well-known in the Capital City, to whom the news here chronicled will be pleasing information, affording on occasion for the offering of congratulatory messages. Mr. Davis was formerly assistant superintendent and clerk of the Salem Indian Training school at Chemawa and is now superintendent of the Warm Springs Indian Agency in Eastern Oregon. Miss Wells, who is a protégé of Mrs. Elliot Shepard, of New York, is a former teacher at the Chemawa Institution but it is at present employed in the same capacity at the Warm Springs agency. The wedding will probably take place about February 1st.

THREE DEBATORS CHOSEN

Local Try-out for Places on Willamette University Debating Team.

Last evening in the society halls at the Willamette University, occurred the local try-out for places in the Willamette debating team which will represent the school in the coming intercollegiate debates.

Those trying for places were: Miss D. Gans, H. W. Swafford, G. W. Aschenbrenner, S. A. Siewert, and R. B. Wilkins.

The question discussed was the same as submitted by Pacific University for the debate between that institution and Willamette: "Is England justifiable in making war on the Boers?"

Each debater was allowed to speak on either side desired, the time of speaking being limited to twenty minutes.

Mrs. A. H. Dodd, W. H. Odell, and J. W. Reynolds acted as judges, rendering their decision in favor of Miss Gans, Mr. Siewert, and Mr. Wilkins. All those chosen spoke on the negative—or Boer—side of the question.

Willamette has the English side in the Willamette-Pacific contest, and hopes to present overwhelming argument for the British side at that time. This debate will occur on the second Friday in February, at Forest Grove.

AT REST.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. M. E. Smith were held at the family residence, near Hayesville, yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock. The house was filled with friends and neighbors. The exercises consisted of two songs by a trio, and an invocation, scripture reading, and brief address by W. P. Williams. The remains were then taken to the cemetery, accompanied by friends, the family being unable to go on account of la grippe from which all are suffering more or less. At the grave there was a simple service—a song, a few remarks, and a

benediction. Mrs. Smith (nee Snyder) was born in Indiana, January 28, 1855; was married in Nebraska in 1875, and removed to Oregon in 1895. One child—a son—preceeded her to the better life, while a husband, two sons and a daughter survive. The latter, Miss Leola Smith, is a teacher, and has recently been employed in the Pringle district. Mrs. Smith was a good woman, a devoted wife and mother, and is held in loving memory by many friends. She was raised in the Methodist faith, but during the last few years found more satisfaction in a creedless spirituality based on knowledge. "Death had no sting, and the future life no terror for her," said one who knew her.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

In the Property Values of the State—The Summary of Multnomah County Is Now Ready.

The assessment roll of Multnomah county has been completed and compiled, as equalized by the board of equalization of that county, and the summary of the same is expected in the state department one day this week. As this is the last summary to be received by the state department, before the tax levy will be made, it is likely that, by next week, the state officers will be ready to make the levy. The table of values of the Multnomah county summary shows a decrease in total taxable property of \$11,210,793. Following are the statistics of the summary:

Merchandise.....	\$ 2,495,745
Machinery and equipment (including railways).....	1,086,405
Miles of railway.....	475,405
Money.....	527,225
Notes and accounts.....	1,971,602
Farm machinery.....	52,000
Household furniture.....	405,310
3354 horses.....	70,215
5620 cattle.....	50,345
1953 sheep.....	2,037
1899 swine.....	4,803
1920.80 acres agricultural lands.....	3,738,644
Improvements on same.....	58,710
Town lots.....	14,122,008
Improvements on same.....	6,557,192
Gross value.....	\$32,063,266
Exemptions.....	403,495
Total net value.....	\$31,659,771

Following are the totals of taxable property in the various counties for 1898 and 1899:

	1898.	1899.
Baker.....	\$ 2,571,064	\$ 2,775,790
Benton.....	2,581,534	2,625,272
Clackamas.....	4,100,620	4,307,900
Clatsop.....	2,418,378	2,506,165
Columbia.....	1,360,089	1,450,545
Cook.....	2,560,964	2,659,171
Crook.....	1,744,140	1,715,789
Curry.....	540,401	502,413
Douglas.....	4,805,386	4,957,090
Gilliam.....	1,254,691	1,095,304
Grant.....	991,353	991,353
Harney.....	2,181,505	2,371,766
Jackson.....	4,476,621	4,371,766
Josephine.....	1,141,889	1,149,305
Klamath.....	1,526,124	1,477,973
Lake.....	1,460,503	1,405,617
Lane.....	6,300,440	5,358,040
Lincoln.....	745,512	761,841
Linn.....	6,830,450	6,726,103
Malheur.....	1,154,638	1,188,272
Marion.....	8,057,583	7,927,287
Morrow.....	1,445,404	1,409,140
Multnomah.....	42,870,504	31,063,266
Polk.....	4,350,344	4,418,273
Sherman.....	1,231,055	1,338,805
Tillamook.....	1,092,388	1,157,491
Umatilla.....	6,508,134	6,880,938
Union.....	3,433,749	3,681,305
Walla Walla.....	983,439	1,000,663
Wasco.....	3,074,529	3,143,454
Washington.....	4,485,770	3,288,210
Wheeler.....	5,003,651	845,677
Yamhill.....	5,003,651	4,920,268
Total.....	\$134,534,362	\$119,714,048

WILL BE A BIG TIME.—Claud Gatch is in receipt of a letter from J. P. Kennedy, secretary of the State League of Republican Clubs, saying the meeting of the clubs in Portland on February 6th is going to be very largely attended from all over the state. Many clubs are forwarding information of the election of delegates. The Salem Republican Club will have a meeting on January 18th, to elect officers for the next two years, and to choose delegates to attend the state meeting mentioned, at Portland, on February 6th.

A MEETING.—The board of domestic animal commissioners met at the capitol for the regular quarterly meeting yesterday. Dr. Wm. McLean, the state veterinarian, reported that no new case of contagious diseases had been found, and that matters everywhere were in a very satisfactory condition.

WHEN THE DAY IS DONE.

John Trott was desired by two witty peers To tell them the reason why asses had ears.

"An't please you," quoth John, "I'm not given to letters My betters

Nor dare I pretend to know more than How'er from this time I shall ne'er see your graces,

As I hope to be saved! without thinking on asses." —Goldsmith.

MIDWAY PLAISANCE.

O'Mulligan—Phwat kind av a job have ye now, O'Hara? O'Hara—Shure it's an aisy job I have now, Dinny. I stand on the corner wid wan sign hung on the front av me, and wan sign hung on the back av me, and be gorra, betwene the two I git me livin'. —Harger's Bazar.

EIGHT SECTIONS FOR RELIGION.

Eight sections at the Paris Universal exhibition of 1900 will be devoted to "the history of the religions of the world, with the belief of all the known races of men, past and present."

COUNTY TAX LEVY MADE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT FIXES THE RATE AT 15 1-4 MILLS.

Judges and Clerks of Election Named for the Various Precincts Yesterday, Before Adjournment.

(From Daily, Jan. 11.)

The commissioners' court for Marion county completed its labors for the January term at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and adjourned.

The most important business transacted by the court during its session at the present term, was the act of making the tax levy, which this year is about the same as last year. The levy as made by the court is:

General county fund.....	10.4 mills
State school fund.....	4.5 mills
Indigent soldiers' fund.....	.1 mills
Scalp bounty fund.....	.25 mills
Total.....	15.25 mills

This levy, on a valuation of \$7,927,287, as shown by this year's tax roll, will produce a revenue of \$120,844.16. Last year's levy for the same items (excepting the scalp bounty fund which was created since that time) was 15.3 mills, which, on a valuation of \$8,057,383, produced \$123,277.95.

The levy for the city of Salem is 10 mills; that for the school district has not been made yet, but will be about 8 mills. The state levy, which will probably be made some day this week, may possibly be 6 mills, which would bring the rate of taxation for residents of Salem up to 39 3/4 mills; the rate of the state levy may be considerably lower than 6 mills, however, though it is doubtful if it be less than 5 mills.

Other business transacted by the court, before final adjournment, was the creation of the Jefferson justice of the peace district, to be formed by uniting Jefferson and Sidney precincts, with Jefferson as the place of holding court.

The Silverton justice of the peace district was not affected by the change in precincts, North and South Silverton and Silverton, forming the district. The claim of J. W. Davis for \$5 on the pauper account, was allowed. The bills of J. N. Davis for \$26.40, and Wm. Miley for \$25, on the commissioners' account, was allowed.

The report of J. E. Ross, commander of Sedgwick Post No. 10, G. A. R., disbursing agent of the indigent soldiers' fund, was examined and approved.

Election judges and clerks, to serve at the state election next June, were appointed as follows:

Aumsville—John Smith, Richard Tucker, P. Donker, judges; Frank Pound, S. Swank, clerks.
Aurora—Louis Weber, Henry Beck, R. Read, judges; A. M. Fry, H. A. Snyder, clerks.
Brooks—J. LaFollette, B. A. Jones, I. Finney, judges; F. J. Koller, W. H. Egan, clerks.
Breitenbush—W. M. Bushey, E. E. Hatt, C. M. Downie, judges; S. P. Kerr, F. Perlette, clerks.
Butteville—Charles Lempecke, Francis Keller, John Murray, judges; E. A. McConne, W. E. Iler, clerks.
Champagne—F. E. Osborne, H. Goodell, W. T. Coleman, judges; G. Hoefer, E. Pellett, clerks.
Elkhorn—G. W. Anderson, P. L. Darling, John M. Barham, judges; R. B. Morehouse, C. H. Raines, clerks.
Englewood—D. W. Matthews, J. D. Goode, T. F. Walker, judges; Charles Calvert, Levi Herren Jr., clerks.
Fairfield—G. B. Miller, Thomas Rubens, L. L. Aral, judges; J. J. Becker, F. R. DuRette, clerks.
Gervais—M. A. Wade, L. H. Poujade, A. Neibler, judges; W. S. Taylor, E. W. Manning, clerks.
Horeb—G. Pierce, W. H. Steward, Wm. Sullivan, judges; R. S. Shaw, W. T. Clark, clerks.
Howell—M. A. McCorkle, G. Simmons, Duncan Ross, judges; D. W. Smith, G. W. Murphy, clerks.
Hubbard—N. L. Coffinberry, Geo. B. Hovenden, George W. Dimick, judges; Charles Platts, Henry Fisk, clerks.
Jefferson—F. B. West, J. B. Looney, Charles Miller Jr., judges; A. J. Schomaker, J. W. Houck, clerks.
Macleay—George W. Clymer, Wm. Short, Thomas Kays, judges; Daniel Humphrey, Wm. Hurst, clerks.
Marion—S. H. Russell, Geo. Keech, D. W. Crabtree, judges; T. W. Ruthford, E. J. Farnham, clerks.
Mehama—F. U. Hull, Ed Siegmund, George Gist, judges; L. Bennett, I. Schneider, clerks.
Monitor—J. D. Simmons, J. O. Phelps, H. T. Hayes, judges; Wm. McKee, J. R. White, clerks.
Mt. Angel—P. K. Johnson, W. Downs, M. Palmer, judges; M. R. Settlemier, F. Schneider, clerks.
Prospect—A. A. Burton, C. F. Royal, D. C. Sherman, judges; W. Williams, B. J. Sharpe, clerks.
Salem No. 1—W. D. Claggett, C. L. McNary, David Pugh, judges; A. M. Southwick, A. Brock, clerks.
Salem No. 2—R. A. Crossan, J. Q. Wilson, J. I. Thompson, judges; F. W. Power, P. H. Sroat, clerks.
Salem No. 3—R. Carey, D. L. Green, John Gray, judges; George Bradshaw, E. T. Barr, clerks.
Salem No. 4—G. G. Gans, H. H. Vandervort, C. S. Woodworth, judges; S. A. Hughes, Jos. H. Albert, clerks.
East Salem—J. B. Ashby, H. J. Workman, F. Smith, judges; F. X. Gesner, John Estes, clerks.
North Salem—O. Beardsley, C. Kurtz, P. Painter, judges; T. J. Cronin, F. R. Davis, clerks.
South Salem—W. H. Armstrong, George Whiteaker, M. Dorman, judges; Amos Vaas, Frank Dearborn, clerks.
Scotts Mills—C. W. Roberts, J. S. Richie, L. K. Hirtzel, judges; E. Hobart, R. D. N. Brodie, clerks.
Silver Falls—A. Frazer, D. A. Van Gorder, S. Brown, judges; J. Blakney, John Russell, clerks.
North Silverton—John F. Davis, S. T. Hobart, T. Markland, judges; C. W. Yonnegren, J. C. Warnock, clerks.
South Silverton—A. Thompson, J. L. Eidson, E. C. Small, judges; L. P. Aldrich, T. Y. McClelland, clerks.

Silverton—C. M. Hinkle, P. W. Potter, G. W. Dolan, judges; Fred Wornock, J. Fischer, clerks.
St. Paul—P. Mullen, J. L. Cook, S. J. Kerr, judges; John Picard, L. J. McDonald, clerks.
Stayton—W. H. Cooper, L. Hobson, U. Whitney, judges; S. Watters, W. W. Elder, clerks.
Sublimity—J. T. Hunt, O. Ireton, W. H. Downing, judges; H. Schellberg, Jos. Ditter, clerks.
Sidney—R. A. Donaldson, E. B. Cochran, B. F. Hall, judges; John W. Jory, G. Franze, clerks.
Turner—N. W. Silver, Jos. Witzel, L. M. Small Jr., judges; F. H. Robertson, R. O. Thomas, clerks.
Woodburn—J. H. Settlemier, Peter Lucier, Nick Miller, judges; C. L. Oriele, N. S. Scollard, clerks.
Yew Park—W. H. Simpson, R. C. Halley, T. L. Davidson, judges; R. W. Davis, T. C. Jory, clerks.

COMPLETED THEIR BUSINESS

Board of Directors of Patrons' Life Insurance Association Elects Officers and Adjourns.

The board of directors of the Patrons' Life Insurance Association completed the transaction of business incident to their annual meeting at a late hour yesterday afternoon and adjourned.

With the exception of J. W. Maxwell, of Tillamook, who was unable to be present, there was a full attendance of the members of the board, the following named gentlemen being present:

W. M. Hilleary, of Turner; David McArthur, New Era; J. C. White, Crowley; Thos. Paulsen, Garden Home; A. F. Miller, Sellwood; A. High, Vancouver, Washington; J. D. Petrie, Loraine; B. G. Leedy, Tigardville; C. L. Shaw, Albany; and A. Buchanan, of Ambay, Washington.

The election of officers was attended by the following result: President, W. M. Hilleary, of Turner; treasurer, B. G. Leedy, of Tigardville; secretary, A. F. Miller, of Sellwood, (re-elected).

The meeting of the board was taken up with the consideration of only routine business, the reports of the various officers indicated a prosperous condition of the association, whose growth during the past few years has been quite remarkable.

The next meeting of the board will probably be held in this city next January, simultaneously with the meeting of the board of directors of the Lower Columbia Fire Relief Association which concluded the business of its annual session on Tuesday evening. The members of the two boards departed yesterday afternoon and evening for their homes.

IN SALEM'S POSTOFFICE.

Quarterly Report Completed by Postmaster Hirsch.

Postmaster Edward Hirsch has completed his final quarterly report for the year 1899 and has forwarded the same to Washington.

The report deals with the business of the local office for the months of October, November and December and although the amount of business for that period was not as large by \$144.83 as for the corresponding months in 1898, the receipt for the entire year exceeded those of the preceding twelve months by \$1,146.08.

The following is a summary of the report:

Amount of postage stamps, postage due stamps, special delivery stamps, newspaper and periodical stamps, and stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards on hand at close of last quarter.....	\$5,082 02
Amount of stamps etc. enumerated above received from the department during the quarter.....	4,285 20
Total to be accounted for.....	\$9,367 22
To amount of postage stamps etc. sold during the quarter.....	\$4,583 02
To amount of damaged stamps returned to department during the quarter.....	163 14
To amount of postage stamps etc. on hand.....	4,641 06
To box rents for quarter.....	107 45
To deposits received during the quarter.....	148 10
To corrections of former accounts.....	66
Total.....	\$4,897 27
By salary of postmaster.....	\$ 625 00
By expenses of special delivery service, being payments of special messengers.....	8 58
By amount paid clerks in the postoffice.....	717 93
By amount paid for rent.....	150 00
By repairs.....	60
By amount paid for janitor allowance.....	30 00
To expense of a Shaw Numbering Machine.....	4 05
To telephone and expenses.....	1 73
To binding supplies.....	12 45
To free delivery expense.....	1 00
To deposits at San Francisco.....	2,470 01
Total.....	\$4,897 27

The following comparative table shows the receipts each quarter for the years 1898 and 1899 together with the aggregate of the receipts for each year:

	1898.	1899.
First quarter.....	\$4,252 09	\$5,040 27
Second quarter.....	4,227 89	4,455 34
Third quarter.....	4,563 31	3,959 92
Fourth quarter.....	5,042 10	4,897 27
Total.....	\$18,105 82	\$19,252 80
Difference in favor of 1899.....		\$1,146 98

HOP NOTES.

The Otsego (New York) Republican, of the 3d inst., says: "There seems to be the usual holiday season dullness pervading the hop market. It is very quiet and little doing."

Of the condition of the Cooperstown (New York) market, the Otsego Farmer, of the 5th inst., says: "The local market continues very quiet, about 200 bales have been bought at from 7 to 9 cents."

And lords whose parents were the lord knows who.

—Daniel Defoe.

THE P. O. BUILDING

MUCH PLEASURE EXPRESSED OVER APPROVAL OF THE SITE.

No Money Can Be Expended Upon the Land Until After the Next Legislature Meets.

(From Daily, Jan. 11.)

The dispatch from Washington City, published in the Statesman yesterday morning, in reference to the approval of the title to the site selected for the new public building at Salem was most welcome news to the public hereabout, and there was a general expression of pleasure over the act of the United States attorney general which means so much to the capital city of Oregon.

The site mentioned consists of the block of land comprising the western end of Willson avenue, in this city, and its exact measurements, noted in the deed which will be given when the transfer is made to the United States government, are 348 feet 9 inches on State and Court streets respectively, from east to west, and 301 feet on Church and Cottage streets respectively, from north to south, the said lines being in conformity with what is known as the Greer survey, under which all surveys within the city are executed by ordinance.

The necessary papers for making the transfer are already drawn up, and ready for the signatures of City Recorder N. J. Judah and Mayor C. P. Bishop, which will be applied when the United States district attorney, John Hall, of Portland, calls upon these officials and announces to them that he is ready to bring the matter to a close; Mr. Hall is the party through whom all business is done in connection with the purchase of the land by the government, and all the papers to be used in the transaction are in escrow in the Ladd & Bush bank.

The whole sum of the consideration for the land in question will be \$7500, one-half of which the city will pay to the three surviving heirs of Dr. W. H. Willson, the founder of Salem, who donated the ground as a place to be used by the city for a park. It is well known that Dr. Willson made a provision to the effect that should the land be used for any other purpose than that which it was intended by him, the gift should become null and void and the land revert to the heirs. When the city council offered the block to the government for the purpose stated in the foregoing, an arrangement was made with the surviving heirs of Dr. Willson whereby they are to relinquish any claim that they might hold to the said land under such provision. These heirs are Mrs. Frances A. Gill, of Portland; Mrs. Kate L. Dillingham, of Bangor, Maine; and Mrs. Laura Bell Wythe, of Oakland, California. They will receive \$1250 each, less \$41.66-2/3 each or a total sum of \$125, being one-half of the sum paid to Hon. W. P. Lord, the attorney, who was secured to look up the matter of the title and perfect the deed and other documents used in the sale. Thus it will be seen that the expense for legal work is not so great as was at first supposed when Mr. Lord's claim was ordered paid at a recent meeting of the city council. The last named agreement with the heirs was made at the personal solicitation of City Recorder Judah, and to him all credit is due in the matter.

Another very important fact in connection with the transfer of the site is that while the purchase may be made, nothing can be done towards its final closing up until the next legislature of Oregon—which meets in January 1901—shall have passed a bill giving its consent to the sale. Section 355, of the revised statutes of the United States, is as follows, so far as this matter is concerned: "No public money shall be expended upon any site of land purchased by the United States for the purpose of erecting thereon any armory."

Any kind whatever, until the written opinion of the attorney general shall be had in favor of the title, nor until the consent of the legislature of the state in which the land or site may be, to such purchase, has been given."

In the meantime the plans, etc., for work in constructing the building, can be drawn up.

FROM BROOKS.

Brooks (Or.) Jan. 10.—The Misses Daws spent the last week in Portland visiting friends.