

TO DISCUSS MINING

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ASKS FOR OREGON DELEGATES.

Governor Geer is Requested to Appoint Representatives—Irregular Congress Postponed.

(From Daily, Jan. 17th.)

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday received a letter from the secretary of the International Mining Congress...

Some time ago we addressed a communication to you to the effect that the International Mining Congress is to be held in this city...

For your information I wish to say that it would be a personal favor to us if you would name them at once...

The governor also received a letter from Gov. DeForrest Richards, of Wyoming, who some time ago called a convention of the governors of the states west of the Missouri river...

I regret to report that because so few governors promised attendance on the Salt Lake conference, called for the 17th inst., I have thought it best to indefinitely postpone the meeting...

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday received the report of Dr. E. Mingus, the state health officer at Marshfield, for the quarter ending December, 31, 1899...

HUGH PATTERSON IN ALBANY.—Says the Albany Herald of yesterday: "George Patterson, father of Hugh Patterson, who is accused of complicity in the alleged assault upon the Thorne girl on the Southern Pacific freight train near Latham, desires the Herald to say that his son is at his home in Albany, and will remain here, and is not trying to secrete himself from the officers."

UP TO HIM NOW.—The following special dispatch from its Washington correspondent appeared in the Oregonian of yesterday: "Representative Tongue today called on the attorney-general to hasten action looking toward the construction of Salem's postoffice building authorized by the last congress."

OF COURSE IT WILL.—Oregon Agriculturist. Gradual progress is being made in the direction of the establishment of the flax-fiber industry in Oregon. A recent exhibition in Portland of goods manufactured from Oregon-grown flax attracted much attention.

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A SALEM LINEMAN

DROWNED IN A SLOUGH NEAR JUNCTION ON MONDAY.

Was on His Way to Repair a Break in the Telephone Line—Leaves a Family in This City.

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William Burbee, an electrician who has lived and worked in Salem several years, was drowned, some time last Monday between Junction City and Monroe, and his body will be brought home to his sorrowing family this morning.

Mr. Burbee has been employed for some time as line repairer by the Oregon Telephone & Telegraph company and his last trip was made in the line of his duty. The high water throughout that portion of the valley had caused some disturbance to the wires and Mr. Burbee was sent out on horseback to make the necessary repairs.

The manner of his death can only be conjectured from existing circumstances. In crossing Lancaster slough across the river south of Harrisburg, on the road from Junction to Monroe, there is a bridge, from which extends a long grade. The old grade was swept out some years ago and a new one has been constructed upon a different line, but cannot be seen in the case of water which at present envelops that region, though the further end of the old grade could be seen from the bridge in the distance.

The telephone people yesterday morning sent out a number of men to search for the body and notified Manager W. H. Dancy of this city, of the occurrence. Mr. Dancy made some inquiry as to Burbee's lodge connections and ascertained that he was a member of Protection lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W., which fact he communicated to Junction City and in a very short time there were some thirty or forty brothers of that order out with boats, hooks and other appliances to recover the body.

The master workman of Protection lodge was notified by telegraph of the drowning and he immediately proceeded to the bereaved household in North Salem, where the sad news was imparted as tenderly as possible and where it created the most intense grief. Accompanying the bearer of the sorrowful tidings was Mr. Dancy, who carried from the postoffice a registered letter from deceased with a money order representing his month's earnings. Besides the wife, there are three small children, the oldest only 8 years old, and the youngest a baby between one and two years.

Decceased was 38 years old, a native of Canada, but had lived nearly all his life in the United States. He came to Salem eleven years ago and worked some years with the Electric Light & Power Company, later going to work for the Telephone Company. He was an industrious, hard worker, reliable and popular. He was married here about ten years ago to Miss Forkner, whose father lives at Fruitland.

In accordance with the wishes of the Workman lodge here, the Workmen of Junction City had the body properly taken care of and it will arrive on the overland train this morning, when it will be taken to the undertaking parlors of Kigdon & Olinger and thence to the home later. The A. O. U. W. lodges here will conduct the funeral.

MOBILITY OF BOER TROOPS.

Their Military System Has Brought It to Perfection.

The celerity with which the Boers mobilized their army in the beginning of the present war excited the admiration of the whole civilized world.

The Boers showed that they had been arming and hoarding ammunition and supplies for some time back. The dispatch with which their troops were mobilized and brought to the front will be more readily understood when the conditions under which they live are taken into consideration. When in 1848 the Boers trekked into the present country to escape the oppression of their foes they found themselves face to face with hostile hordes of savages, ever on the alert to cut off stragglers and to attack isolated farms.

The farms of the Boers he scattered over the whole of the country. Transvaal itself is larger than Great Britain and Ireland, and the population does not exceed now 280,000 white burghers, the foreign born population not counted. The country is divided into field cornets; that is, military districts under the command of a field cornet. These stand in the closest communication with every single farm in the country. In times gone by a messenger from a farm would inform the field cornet of an attack by natives, and even then the mobilizing system was so perfect that within the greatest of dispatch the population of the whole district was alarmed and came to the rescue. As to the constitution of the Boer army, every male from 16 to 60 years of age is liable to military service. In the Transvaal the male population liable to military serv-

AT WOOLEN MILLS

STOCKHOLDERS HELD ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

Board of Directors and Officers Were Elected—Prosperous Year's Business Done.

(From Daily, Jan. 17th.)

The stockholders of the Salem Woolen Mills held their annual business meeting in the office of the mill company yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and transacting other business.

The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: Thomas Kay, Squire Farrar, C. P. Bishop, and T. B. Kay, all of Salem, and J. K. Weatherford, of Albany. The directors forthwith held an election of officers for the company, resulting in the re-election of the present officers as follows: President, Thomas Kay; vice-president, Squire Farrar; assistant manager and salesman, T. B. Kay; secretary and treasurer, R. H. Coshaw.

The board is well satisfied with the year's business of this substantial institution, the output of which was never surpassed in the history of the plant, which was operated continuously throughout the year, both night and day. The outlook is good for a prosperous year's business during the ensuing twelve months, the institution having on hand orders, the filling of which will consume the product of the mill for several months.

During the afternoon the directors inspected the system for extinguishing fire that has recently been installed in the milling plant, with which they expressed themselves highly pleased. They pronounced it the most effective apparatus for fighting fire that they had ever witnessed and the beauty of the system is that it works automatically.

A detailed explanation of the plant and its operation appeared in the Statesman about a week ago. The plant is now all attached and is ready for the first fire. There is a pressure of 65 pounds in the numerous pipes which distribute the water about the building. The pipes have two connections, being primarily attached to a city hydrant; the secondary connection is made with a tank of 35,000 gallon capacity that has been stationed on a scaffolding at an elevation of 60 feet.

This tank is supplied with water from the city hydrant and furnishes a pressure of 35 pounds. However, it is held in reserve and will only be used in event the supply from the hydrant fails or in case of an emergency when the combined pressure could be more effectively utilized in the fighting of fire. Each of the 600 sprinklers that are scattered about the building, being stationed eight feet apart, when the valves have been released, throw water in every direction for a distance of fifteen feet, so the failure of some of the valves to emit a stream would not necessarily prove disastrous, for the neighboring sprinkler would distribute the water over the territory that would otherwise be without protection.

It is a remarkable institution and a most formidable factor in fighting the dread element. It should find its way into all manufacturing institutions, the protection that it affords and the reduced rate of insurance that it brings to the concern employing the system, many times offsets the original cost of the plant.

Recent news from California brings the information that Thomas Kay, president of the milling company, who went to San Jose several weeks since for the benefit of his health, was steadily improving. This is welcome intelligence to Mr. Kay's numerous friends in the Capital City.

TO THE STATE LEAGUE.

Republican Clubs Will Elect Delegates to the State Convention to Meet in Portland.

(From Daily, Jan. 17th.)

The Salem republican club has been called to meet on tomorrow evening to elect delegates to the state convention, and a large attendance of the members is expected at this gathering.

The greatest of enthusiasm prevails among the club members, and the state convention promises to be one of the most enthusiastic ever held in Oregon. From all portions of the state the election of delegates, by the clubs, is reported, and everywhere the same cheerful spirit is manifest in the ranks of the party workers.

YOUTHFUL MURDERERS.

Sent to Prison for Life, for Killing a Relative.

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—A special to the Post Dispatch, from Taylorville, Ill., says: Fred Sibley was today convicted of complicity in the murder of Mrs. Jane Brunot, near Paris, last summer, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Henry Brunot, a nephew of the murdered woman, has also been sentenced to prison for life. Neither of the youths is over 19 years of age. The crime was committed by the young men to secure additional money and property owned by Mrs. Brunot.

PRESS PERSONALS.

Contractor Pugh went to Salem yesterday.—Eugene Register. Attorneys J. C. Fullerton, F. W. Benson, O. P. Coshaw, and A. M. Crawford are in Salem today arguing case before the supreme court.—Roseburg Review.

Thos. Gilbert, who was at one time in Eugene as salesman for Krassus & Klein, the shoe men, but for the past few years with Eggert & Young, of Portland, is in the city looking for a location.—Eugene Guard.

TOO MUCH RACING.

A River Steamer Strikes an Obstruction and Sinks.

Gallapolis, O., Jan. 16.—The fine passenger steamer Ludington; owned by the Carr line, of Charleston, W. Va., while racing with the opposition packet Argand, struck the lock wall near Scary, breaking in twain and sinking immediately. The Argand went to her assistance and took off the passengers and crew.

MANY VOTERS ARE LISTED.

Fifty-four Were Placed Upon the Registration Books by County Clerk Hall Yesterday.

(From Daily, Jan. 17th.)

The work of registering voters at the court house goes merrily on, fifty-four appearing in the county clerk's office yesterday, and having their names entered on the clerk's records. This makes a total registration up to date, of 566.

There are a few reports coming in from notaries public and justices of the peace, but in many cases these officials have not reported, and it is believed they are registering voters and not reporting promptly as by law required. The registration law provides that the notaries and justices must report to the county clerk promptly upon the completion of the registration of each voter, so as to enable the clerk to at once enter them upon the records. Yesterday's registrations were: Aumsville—Harry Bruner, 1. Salem No. 1—John Moir, George G. Swart, 2. Salem No. 2—T. K. Ford, George S. Reid, H. M. Branson, I. G. Mitchell, 4. Salem No. 3—W. F. Skiff, G. B. Gray, Russell Catlin, A. A. Jessup, 4. Salem No. 4—John C. Schulz, Henry H. Watson, M. Klinger, W. T. Gray, E. P. Kyle, H. A. Thomas, M. A. Budlong, Mark Montgomery, J. W. Meredith, 9. North Salem—C. Clouser, M. I. Kapps, Frank Weber, E. V. Ryden, F. A. Minzemeier, Asberry P. Starr, J. N. Smith, 8. South Salem—J. A. Colgan, 1. Sidney—G. W. Jory, Geo. M. Elgin, 2. Stayton—J. H. Porter, 1. Turner—O. I. Morris, J. B. A. Jentel, B. E. Robertson, G. W. Lunzaker, 4. Woodburn—J. C. Johnson, Fred Dose, A. C. Walker, 3. Yew Park—J. E. Ross, W. J. Irwin, Frank Morrison, 3.

CHORAL UNION.—The Salem Choral Society held a meeting in the University chapel, last evening, when a large number of members were present. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Prof. J. W. Crawford, president; Mrs. Esther Hall McNary, vice president; H. W. Safford, secretary; J. W. Bickford, treasurer; Prof. Callier, reporter; Scott Borthorn, Miss Lillian Roblin and Miss Genevieve Hughes, members of the executive committee. The dues have been fixed at \$1 for the balance of the season.

WAS FINED ALSO.—Casper Morris, of Turner, was yesterday arraigned before Justice H. A. Johnson, charged with disturbing a religious meeting at Battle Creek school house on Sunday evening. He was fined \$10 and costs. Upon reaching the county jail, Morris liquidated the amount of his fine and was released. Morris is a cousin of Newt Morris, who was fined \$10 and costs in Justice Johnson's department on Monday evening for a similar misdemeanor.

TO THE DALLES.—L. B. Geer, the state land agent, left yesterday for The Dalles, where he will look after the state's interest in connection with some farm lands, in that vicinity. From that point he may go to Eastern Oregon, and will probably be absent for a week or ten days.

ONE LICENSE.—County Clerk W. W. Hall was yesterday called upon to make happy the hearts of two young people of Woodburn, by granting them a marriage license. The happy couple are Ammi C. Walker and Miss Nettie M. Armes.

ON THE EXPRESS.—Walter Davis, son of Hon. George W. Davis, of this city, passed through Salem on the Shasta express yesterday afternoon, occupying the station of fireman in the engine cab. Walter has been permanently assigned to this train.

CARNEGIE KEEPS HIS PROMISE

In Carrying Out His Pledge to Leave Little of His Riches to Be Disposed of by Will, He Gave Away More Than Five Million Dollars Last Year.

Andrew Carnegie, whose great wealth is being, to a considerable extent, diverted to the benefit of public institutions of learning and to public and private charity, seems to be intent upon fulfilling his promise, recently made, to leave little of his riches to be disposed of by will. During the year 1899 now drawing to its close Mr. Carnegie made these gifts, some of them conditional, but all practically certain of being fulfilled:

Table with columns: Date, Beneficiary, Amount of Gift. Includes entries for December 30, 22, 21, 16, 15, 8, 6, 3, May 11, April 19, April 5, February 8, January 29, January 27, January 13.

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