

Commissioner's Court Meet

Road Petitions Considered and Orders Made Yesterday.

A NEW HIGHWAY TO BE ESTABLISHED FROM MOUNT ANGEL TO HOWELL PRAIRIE—FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR ACTED UPON.

The Marion county commissioners' court continued in regular session yesterday, the greater portion of the day being taken up in the consideration of petitions for the establishment of new roads, but only one order was made in this relation and a number of accounts were audited and ordered paid and the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. The business as transacted during yesterday's session follows:

As per the petition of Isaac Stevens, et al., for the establishment of a county road leading from North Howell Prairie to Mt. Angel, and based upon the favorable report of the county surveyor and viewers the court ordered that said road be established and opened.

In accordance with the petition of G. W. Johnson the court ordered that a portion of Grove street in Compton's addition No. 1 to Salem, and the alleys in block No. 1 of the same addition be widened.

Justice Court Account.

State vs. Dick Ely—	Cmd.	Allwd.
J. H. Lewis.....	\$ 5 45	\$ 5 45
Herbert Harrel.....	1 70	1 70
Chas. McCormick.....	1 70	1 70
Rolla Southwick.....	1 70	1 70
Herbert Farrar.....	1 70	1 70
Austin Plushburn.....	1 70	1 70
A. T. Gham.....	1 70	1 70
State vs. Schuyler Hammond—		
J. O'Donnell.....	\$ 8 40	\$ 8 40
J. H. Lewis.....	4 30	4 30
State vs. Clyde Stanley—		
J. O'Donnell.....	\$ 5 55	\$ 5 55
J. H. Lewis.....	9 90	9 90
State vs. Ralphussen—		
J. H. Lewis.....	1 70	1 70
J. O'Donnell.....	9 15	9 15
J. H. Lewis.....	23 30	23 30
A. W. Anderson.....	1 70	1 70
J. Christianson.....	2 50	2 50
State vs. E. C. Little—		
J. O'Donnell.....	\$ 3 70	\$ 3 70
State vs. H. E. Beard—		
J. O'Donnell.....	\$ 6 65	\$ 6 65
J. H. Lewis.....	1 80	1 80
State vs. Plaster—		
Mrs. A. H. Dambon.....	\$ 1 70	\$ 1 70
State vs. Stanley—		
J. O'Donnell.....	\$ 6 55	\$ 6 55
State vs. Wm. Porter—		
N. J. Judah.....	\$ 4 95	\$ 4 95
D. W. Gibson.....	4 90	4 90
R. W. Murphy.....	1 70	1 70
J. W. Lewis.....	1 70	1 70
Sam White.....	1 70	1 70
State vs. R. Bland, et al.—		
J. O'Donnell.....	\$ 8 55	\$ 8 55
J. H. Lewis.....	96 70	96 70
G. E. Blue.....	30 30	30 30
John Landry.....	3 10	3 10
R. O. Thomas.....	3 10	3 10
H. L. Kester.....	3 00	3 00
J. J. Pugh.....	2 00	2 00
W. J. Clarke.....	2 00	2 00
Coroner's Account.		
D. E. Lane.....	\$50 65	\$50 65
M. E. Kirk.....	1 60	1 60
M. H. Jones.....	1 60	1 60
W. M. Murphy.....	1 60	1 60
Thomas Combest.....	1 70	1 70
Lloyd Combest.....	1 70	1 70
E. W. Durbin.....	1 60	1 60
A. Hughes.....	1 60	1 60
Alphonse Bouldin.....	1 60	1 60
John Kirk.....	1 60	1 60
Louise Combest.....	1 70	1 70
Wylie Combest.....	1 70	1 70
Dr. White.....	2 70	2 70

PROGRESS OF WORK

AT THE NEW FEDERAL BUILDING IS BEING PUSHED VERY RAPIDLY.

The new Federal building in this city is progressing nicely, and at the present rate the structure will soon be ready for the roof. The stone cutters are now at work cutting the ornamental cornices, which is to cap the walls of the building, and the effect of this will be splendid, as it will give the walls an excellent appearance, and will give the structure a dignified and artistic appearance.

As soon as the roof of the structure is put in place, work on the interior will begin, and after that no further delays are expected, but it is thought the building will be rushed to completion.

The grounds of the new postoffice present a busy scene these days. The number of men at work in the stony yard is fully up to the maximum, while men are constantly at work on the walls and inside the building, when the weather permits, and every portion of the work is kept up. Contractor Campbell is losing no time, and hopes to complete his contract in a very short time after the ending of the rainy season.

When the new building is completed it will doubtless be the best constructed and handsomest one in the city. The grounds will be neatly and tastefully arranged, driveways and footpaths made, the entire block made into one of the most beautiful places in Salem.

THE CLAIM UNPAID

H. B. THIELSON'S PETITION FOR REIMBURSEMENT AS RECEIVER IS DISMISSED.

In the second department of the State Circuit Court yesterday, which was in session all day, the demurrer to the petition of H. B. Thielson, in the case of Thielson vs. Ford, plaintiff, vs. A. T. Gilbert, et al., defendants, was sustained and the petition for the allowance of Thielson's claim for the sum of \$554.72, for services performed as receiver of the Gilbert Bros. property under the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for Oregon, and for expenses incurred in that capacity, was dismissed. This is the third petition of Mr. Thielson which the Court has overruled in the last one of which was incorporated the order of Judge Bellinger of the United States District Court, for Oregon, allowing the claim of H. B. Thielson and directing that the same be paid out of the Gilbert Bros. property, but Judge Bellinger in sustaining the demurrer to the claim, held that no court has the right, when it dismisses a complaint for want of jurisdiction, to enter judgment against the defendant, and a judgment entered in that direction is void. This action is final so far as the Circuit Court is concerned, but the petitioner's attorney, W. H. Holmes, gave verbal notice of appeal to the Supreme Court from Judge Bellinger's decision.

In the case of Jacob Ogle, plaintiff, vs. M. G. McCorkle, defendant, an action for the confirmation of the sale of property the court ordered that the sale be confirmed.

In the suit to foreclose on certain real estate to collect money alleged to be due the plaintiff on a promissory note, entitled J. G. Wright, plaintiff, vs. R. C. Haley, et al., defendants, the demurrer of Mrs. Haley, the defendant, to the plaintiff's complaint, was argued before the court, submitted and taken under advisement, when the court adjourned until Friday, April 11, at 2 o'clock p. m.

GONE TO HIS REST

FATHER OF HON. J. N. BROWN DIED IN BOISE, IDAHO, AT A RIPE OLD AGE.

Martin Brown, aged 92 years, 4 months and 18 days, died at his home in Boise, Idaho, Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., from infirmities attending old age. The deceased was born in York, Pennsylvania, on November 15, 1809, removed to Burlington, Iowa, when he was 22 years old and was married in that city in 1838 to Miss Margaret Godard, who died in October, 1858, in her forty-ninth year. In 1859 Mr. Brown moved with his family to Missouri, where he resided until 1884, when he removed to Boise, Idaho, where he resided continuously until his death. Mr. Brown was the father of eleven children, eight of whom are now living. Their names and homes are as follows: Hon. J. N. Brown, Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Mary Sherwood, Oklahoma; Mrs. Alice Afton, Boise, Idaho; Joseph P. Brown, Whistler, Dakota; Alfred E. Brown, Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Lily Munyon, Connecticut. Of grandchildren there are twenty-five, and six great grandchildren.

LAST SAD RITES

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MISS VERA DAVEY WILL BE HELD THIS FORENOON.

Requiem mass and sermon over the remains of the late Frances Vera Davey will be held in St. Joseph's church, at 10 o'clock this (Saturday) morning, Revs. W. A. Daly and P. A. Olivetti officiating, and the interment will take place in the Catholic cemetery.

Salem Lodge, No. 19, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., of which order deceased was a member, will attend the funeral in a body, the members having been called to meet this morning for that purpose.

"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS."

The Oregon Fire Relief Association has been a success ever since it began business in January, 1901, and is now growing faster than ever before. Its annual report of December 31, 1901, shows a net gain in amount of insurance in force of \$2,628,787, which is 50 per cent more than the net gain of any previous year. It paid 135 losses during the year, amounting to \$23,900. It is strictly a mutual institution which furnishes the best of

Fire Insurance at Cost.
For further particulars, address A. C. Chandler, secretary, McMinnville, Oregon, or if you reside in Marion county, call on or address H. A. Johnson, (agent), Salem, Oregon.

DOCTORS' "LITERATURE"

I am really amused, when one stops to think of it, how seldom one finds current matter in doctors' offices. To find a periodical less than a year old is the exception rather than the rule. The only two explanations I have ever heard of the why and wherefore of this condition of affairs is that the doctor's family demands the current literature, or that the patients have a way of "borrowing" the magazines from a doctor's office if they are of current date. The first explanation, I fancy, is closer to the actual reason, and yet it does seem as if the average physician or dentist could afford to buy an extra copy of a magazine now and then for the benefit of those from whom he derives his income. The mind is generally absorbed with unpleasant thoughts in a doctor's office even when the body is free from pain. And anything that can divert the mind while waiting for a doctor is a positive godsend.—Ladies' Home Journal.

It has been rumored that some people in these parts are anxious to bet the money that Mr. Furnish will not be the next Governor of Oregon. If their anxiety extends that far, let them make their wagers known up in Umatilla, where the dollars grow on the sage brush and they can have their bets covered all the way from \$5 to a much larger sum. The people up there are used to seeing "Billy" Furnish get what he goes after. They therefore think he will be Governor, since he is out after that office. The writer would not encourage betting, however, excepting in extreme cases, where some one is talking through his headgear, and trying to use his anxiety to get up his money for argument in favor of his favorite.

Cloth trespass notices at the Statesman office.

Democrats Meet Today

County Convention Will Put Out a Full Ticket.

MANY DELEGATES ARRIVED FROM THE OUTSIDE PRECINCTS LAST NIGHT, AND DISCUSSED THE OUTLOOK—CANDIDATES FOR SOME OF THE OFFICES.

The matter of the chairmanship has attracted considerable attention, and there seemed to be a feeling among the delegates from the county last night, that the convention should be presided over by a man from outside of Salem. In casting about for such a man, many of the delegates mentioned Captain W. E. Finzer, of Woodburn, a hero of the two wars in the Philippines, and it is likely that he will be chosen for this place, almost by unanimous vote, as some of the delegates predict.

The Marion County Democratic Convention meets at the City hall armory, in this city, at 10 a. m., today, for the purpose of nominating a full county and Legislative ticket, and to elect a set of delegates to the State Convention, and another to the First Congressional District Convention. The undersigned began to gather in this city last evening, and groups of them gathered in various offices and on the streets discussing the matter of the convention work, and making plans (and possibly salaries?) for today.

The Democrats, while in the minority in this county, feel hopeful of at least a partial success, and they announce their intention of putting a ticket in the field, composed of the strongest men in the organization, when they expect to carry the fight into every precinct and school district in the county. But what the personal of that ticket will be it is now extremely hard to say.

The Legislative ticket will probably be headed by Hon. W. H. Holmes, of this city, as a candidate for State Senator, while Mayor S. Tomlinson, of Woodburn, is spoken of as a likely candidate for Mr. Holmes' running mate. Both of these gentlemen are old line Democrats, and are men who are expected to get out the full strength of the party.

A number of gentlemen have been mentioned for representatives, among them W. M. Kaiser, W. T. Slater, Louis Savage, J. A. Jeffrey, Grant Corby, of Woodburn; Marion Plummer, of Mt. Angel, and others. This, however, is still in the air, and the ticket may be made up of different material, or it may possibly be left blank.

In the matter of filling the county officers, there is still less certainty. F. B. Colbath, chief deputy in Sheriff F. W. Durbin's office during the past four years, is an avowed candidate for sheriff, and he hopes to succeed his present chief. Should he secure the nomination, he will make a vigorous campaign, and his friends assert that his wide acquaintance and popularity will stand him in good stead in the canvass. F. W. Stegloff, of this city, is also talked of for the place, and should be decided to contest for the nomination, an interesting fight may be looked for in the convention today. Jenks Harding, of East Salem, is also talked of for this office.

W. E. Finzer, of Woodburn, is talked of for county clerk. Mr. Finzer was a candidate for this office last year, and it is said the Democrats are willing to give him the nomination again, should he desire it.

The Delegates.

Following is a list of delegates to the Democratic county convention, which will be held at the Armory in this city today at 11 o'clock a. m. Some of the precincts are not on this list, but a full delegation is expected.
Aurora—Robert L. Reed, B. J. Grimm, East Salem—Chas. Yankke, Frank Smith.
Englewood—H. E. Herron, George Savage, Martin Olson, Lewis Savage, P. L. Frazer, J. W. Cox, J. A. Melson, L. M. Herren.
Horeb—John Holland, R. Joost, C. H. Work.

Jefferson—W. A. Lamb, Jacob Schumaker, J. L. Blackwell, G. M. Dungan, McManis—H. F. Pennbaker, B. C. Morris, F. M. Hall.
Marion—E. J. Farnham, E. Rhatin, John Christopher.
Mount Angel—D. Back, Joe Kirsch, Marion Palmer, Dan Shanks, John Eber, Thomas Howe, Joe Buchner, Fred Schwab, Rev. Father Placidus.
Salem No. 3—W. S. Ramsey, M. P. Baldwin, A. A. Miller, James Linn.
Salem No. 4—George Griswold, Mel Hamilton, Lave Cavanagh, Wm. Buck, R. Howard A. Sharp, Harry Albert, R. H. Westcott, Joe Bernard, T. B. Walte, James E. Godfrey.

Yew Park—G. S. Brownell, John Bohannon, W. B. Simpson, August Huckschen, J. R. Coleman.
Macledy—J. F. King, Frank Croner, E. Martin.
Sublimity—W. H. Downing, Frank Bell, Albert Frank, N. Lambert, F. Glover, L. English, Martin Doerfler.

Prospect—A. M. Dalrymple, J. Harding, George S. Downing, S. S. Gimble, Salem No. 1—F. W. Stegloff, Webster Holmes, J. A. Jeffrey, W. S. Mott, William Kaiser.
Salem No. 2—F. W. Durbin, W. T. Slater, Henry Pape, A. D. Palmer, Geo. L. Rose, J. A. Sellwood, J. P. Robertson, Louis Lachmund, W. H. Holmes.

Scotts Mills—D. Brodie, L. K. Hietzel, J. R. Skirvin.
Woodburn—James Casey, S. Tomlinson, Grant Corby, W. E. Finzer, Robt. Scott, L. W. Scissell, T. F. Hayes, Wm. Parker, N. S. Goettard.

Several delegates from other precincts were in the city last night, but a complete list could not be obtained.

More Legislators.

At the State Republican Convention, on Wednesday night, Joint Senators and Representatives nominated in the several districts as below, the men named being the very best of timber for legislators:

JOINT SENATORS.

Multnomah and Clackamas—Herbert Holman.
Marion and Linn—W. H. Hobson.

Umatilla, Union and Morrow—J. W. Scriber.
Baker, Harney and Malheur—J. L. Rand.

JOINT REPRESENTATIVES.

Multnomah and Clackamas—C. W. Nottingham.
Yamhill and Tillamook—B. L. Eddy.
Polk and Lincoln—B. F. Jones.
Douglas and Jackson—J. M. Hanebrough.
Cove and Curry—R. D. Hume.

Wasco, Crook, Klamath and Lake—N. Whealdon, J. N. Burgess, R. A. Emmett.
Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler—R. J. Ginn, C. A. Denneman, O. R. Johnson.
Union and Wallawa—F. D. McCully.
Umatilla and Morrow—G. W. Phelps.
Harney and Malheur—Fred Palmer.
The delegates from the Eighth Judicial District renominated Robert S. Eakin of Union for Circuit Judge.

Indian War Veterans.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Oregon State Republican Convention on Wednesday:

"We, the Republicans of the State of Oregon, in convention assembled, realize that the time has come when every citizen of Oregon should demand that the Congress of the United States should at once recognize our old pioneer war veterans as volunteer veterans of their Republic.

"Why they should be treated with silent indifference until the great majority of them have been carried to their graves, is humiliating to us and to the entire state of Oregon. They bled for the territorial rights of the Nation; they suffered as many hardships, sacrificed as many lives in proportion to population; they were paid \$16 per month, as were the other volunteers, for their services; and now, how any reasonable or just man can question their rights to be recognized as United States volunteers, and placed on the Nation's roll of honor, is a profound mystery we cannot understand.

"We do not wish to be unreasonable; forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and when we affirm that the citizens of Oregon and Washington are indignant at the treatment these veterans have received, we only voice the united sentiment of the people of the entire Coast.

"Resolved, That longer delay in this matter is unjust, humiliating and inexorable.

"Resolved, That we request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to present this matter to the Honorable Speaker and the pension committee of the House of Representatives, and urge immediate action on the bill now pending in the House of Representatives to pension the Indian War veterans of Oregon and Washington.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Hon. speaker and the chairman of the pension committee of the House of Representatives, and to each of our delegates in Congress."

IN THE EXCHANGES

WORK ON THE MYRTLE CREEK OIL WELL—A VIOLATOR OF THE GAME LAWS.

Eugene Guard, Deputy Game Warden E. G. Hodson, of Roseburg, has succeeded in having one game law violator punished. C. A. Snell, who lives on a farm near Drain, Saturday pleaded guilty to shipping venison out of the state, and was fined \$25. The venison had been billed as "poultry" and was sent around by Portland to San Francisco. Game Warden Quimby, a few weeks ago, made a trip to San Francisco, where a package of "poultry" had been intercepted by the authorities, and this was brought back to be used as evidence against the shipper, Snell.

Gervais Star: The ticket nominated by the Marion county Republicans is a good one indeed, and exceeds the expectations of many who were fearful of the domination of the Geer-Simon wing of the party in Marion. No matter what their former factional affiliations were they are now Republicans and under a united family banner will march on to a sure victory. The legislative ticket is unusually strong, while it would seem impossible to name a better set of county officials.

Forest Grove Times: A cry has been going up all along the Willamette valley the last few weeks over the bad roads. They seem to be worse than usual this spring and people are wondering how they can be improved. In some counties they have been having conferences over the matter. Now money can be raised by taxation under the present law to be of much benefit and in some communities the farmers have volunteered to give one or more days each extra to improve certain important strips of road. How to expend the money they have to best advantage is also one of the questions anxiously considered, and the general opinion seems to be that the first essential of all in road making is to get the water off. Ditches along the side, and a nicely rounded grade with the chuck holes or hollow places that hold water all filled before wet weather sets in seems to be the best that can be done for most of the roads. Gravel and plank may be used in the worst places to help out, but they are so expensive as not to be available generally. Some farmers agree to look after the roads along their farms and to keep water drained off and chuck holes filled. This takes little time but helps a great deal in keeping up the roads of the community in a passable condition and makes their land more valuable.

Forest Grove Times: In looking through his papers the other day, Rev. A. Nichols came across an old document he had captured down in Louisiana in war times. It was a Confederate pay roll made out by Capt. C. C. Davenport at Natchitoches, La., Feb. 28, 1865, and among other things shows that there is due private H. H. Walker of Co. K, Crescent Regiment, Louisiana Volunteers, the sum of \$102.13, for balance on services in 1864 and that he had received nothing for 1864. It doesn't say how much is due for that year, but certifies that he is honorably discharged. We fear private Walker never got that balance due, as soon after the payroll was made out, Jeff Davis put in a box all the money the Confederacy had left and skipped out from Richmond.

Legal Blanks—Statesman Job Office.

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The Striking Of Fishermen

Lower Columbia River the Scene of the Tie-Up.

A PECULIAR CONDITION OF AFFAIRS EXISTS THERE WHILE THE RIVER IS CLOSED THERE UNDER THE LAW—STATE WARDEN VAN DUSEN.

A strike of the Columbia river fishermen, during the closed season, is the latest novelty. How fishermen could be on a strike while there is supposed to be no fishing, is a mystery, but this impossible condition of affairs has been made a possibility in Astoria. In view of the fact that the laws of Oregon make it a serious offense to take salmon during the closed season, the strike is a remarkable one, and is attracting considerable attention. Not all of the 3000 fishermen on the lower river are involved in the strike, but just the same, there is some feeling between the contending factions.

This strike during the closed season is without known precedent in the history of Oregon fisheries. News of the strike reached the city a few days ago, when several fishermen arrived down the river from Cathlamet. The men were approached by a local canneryman, who asked them if they would fish for him this year. The men replied that they could not yet make any definite promises, as they had been fishing for a Cathlamet canneryman. However, they explained, they had quit work there for the season that the cannery was paying only 3 cents per pound. They declined to fish for that price and demanded 4 cents.

Among cannerymen the spectacle of a strike during the closed season caused considerable merriment. It had been persistently reported that much illegal fishing was being done along the river, but not until this voluntary admission was there any positive evidence of the violation of the law. One of the strikers said he made more money every year during the closed season than he made during the open season, and he expressed the belief that scores of fishermen would take a chance of being caught and prosecuted rather than observe the provisions of the law.

Illegal fishing operations are being carried on in front of Astoria, say reports from that city. Daily boats are going by with potato and flour sacks thrown over the nets to hide them from sight, and he ventured the assertion, that not less than 100 boats were regularly engaged in fishing at present. The fishermen have taken advantage of the inability of Fish Warden Van Dusen to remain here all the time, and it is reported from a reliable source that the men are making big wages.

To prevent illegal fishing is, perhaps the most difficult of the duties of the Fish Warden. Only a short time ago the warden's launch Wilawis was destroyed by fire while at Rainier, and there is not the slightest question that the burning of the boat was an act of vandalism committed by violators of the fishing laws. The illegal fishers become very bold, and last year the bailiffs had great difficulty in coping with the situation. The fishermen use old nets, of little value, and when chased by the officials cut adrift their gear and seek refuge in the tall grass on the numerous islands in the river. The water is shoal near the islands and the bailiffs' launches are usually unable to follow the men, the bailiffs being compelled to content themselves with seizure of the gear and sale of the fish found in it. Prosecutions are of little avail, as the illegal fishermen are willing to take a chance for the high price paid during the closed season, particularly during Lent, when the demand for fresh fish of all kinds is very strong.

The lower river cannerymen have about completed preparations for the coming season and along the water front everything is bustle and confusion. As has been stated, the number of fishermen this year will be smaller than for many years past, and some cannerymen estimate that not more than one-half of the usual number of boats will be engaged in the work. More conservative estimates are that there will be about one-third less gear this year than last. However, the cannerymen are preparing to handle all the fish offered, and there will be much more fish handled by the cold-storage this year than heretofore.

The cannerymen are reported to have had trouble with the Chinese labor association, and during the past few weeks large numbers of Japanese have arrived in the city. It is reported the Chinese labor associations have made demand for better pay and that the cannerymen have refused to accede to the demand. The Chinese, thinking they could bring the cannerymen to time, have made contracts with Puget Sound and Fraser River packers, and many of them have left Astoria during the past ten days. It is reported that the presence of the Japanese is in the nature of a bluff on the part of the packers to bring the Chinese to time. Last year the capacity of Chinese labor worked a hardship on the cannerymen, and a still more unsatisfactory condition of affairs is promised for this year.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Most of the nominations of the Marion county Democrats went begging.

some of them were contested as hotly as if the remainder of the "unfettered" really thought there was a prospect of victory.

The Furnish boom was started by a Democratic paper. It was started by the Pendleton East Oregonian, which advised the Republicans of the bunchgrass region to demand recognition for their section by asking for this office. The fight of the East Oregonian, however, in its incoherence, was not in favor of Furnish. It was for an Eastern Oregon man who could "cut the cheese." And Furnish and his bunchgrass friends cut it with their snickernee.

NOT AN AMERICAN

FORTY VESSELS ENTER ASTORIA HARBOR FROM FOREIGN SHORES.

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday received the quarterly report of Dr. J. A. Patton, of Astoria, state health officer for that port, for the three months ending March 31st. Dr. Patton reports the arrival at that port, during the term covered, of forty vessels from foreign ports, all flying foreign flags. He states that all were in good sanitary condition, and that most of them were in ballast. Not an American vessel entered the port from foreign parts during the quarter, and only three nationalities were represented. They are: British.....26
German.....5
French.....9
Total.....40

WILL DO BUSINESS

TWO NEW CORPORATIONS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION YESTERDAY.

In the Department of State, at the Capitol, yesterday, two new companies filed articles. They were:

The Columbia Ice & Fuel Company will manufacture and sell ice, deal in fuel and do a general development business, with headquarters in Portland. The company has a capital of \$5000. W. L. Carnade, T. Barnes and George H. Graham are the incorporators of record.

Wells & Company will engage in the general merchandise business, at 14 Grande, with a capital of \$15,000. L. D. Wells, A. V. Ducker and C. D. Robinson are the incorporators.

SOLD OREGON HOPS

MR. FELLER REPORTS ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO LONDON WITH HOPS.

W. H. Durst and Francis Feller arrived in Portland on Monday, March 31st, from London, England, whence they went last fall with a pool of 3000 bales of Willamette valley hops which they were to dispose of to the best advantage of the growers whose interests were at stake and as an experimental method of disposing of their product. Mr. Feller was in the city yesterday, much improved in health and avowedly, and very much pleased with the success of the venture.

Mr. Feller said that when Mr. Durst and he arrived in Liverpool and London with their large consignment of hops there were about 600,000 ewt. of English hops on the market, which, however, were somewhat inferior in quality on account of being damaged to a considerable extent by a heavy frost before the crop had matured and they were in little or no demand. Therefore they, and the hops, were received very cordially by the merchants and negotiations for the sale of the entire lot was entered into at once. The hops, according to Mr. Feller's statement, were a very mixed lot, ranging in quality from good medium to choice, there being of the latter grade not to exceed 150 bales, but the entire pool was disposed of, direct to the brewers, at a very satisfactory price, ranging, according to quality, from 65 to 80 shillings or an average on the lot of 11 1/2 cents per pound.

They were treated with every consideration by the dealers and received much encouragement.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Major Pond today closed a contract with Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, for a series of 100 lectures, to be given in the principal cities of the United States.

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