

CRUSHED TO DEATH. A Desperate Deed. A Prominent Memphis Citizen is Chloroformed and Robbed in a Hotel.

Crushing to Death Twelve Excursionists and Wounding Several More—Terrific Wind Storm.

MINNOLA, La., Aug. 12.—The employees of Theodore Kaiser, Graham employe, Brooklyn, went on an excursion to Laurelton grove, Cold Spring harbor today, on the steamer Crystal Stream and barge Republic. There were 300 people crowded together on the upper deck of the barge. They were just clearing the deck to return to Brooklyn when the vessel was struck by a heavy squall and dashed against the deck in the midst of a terrible thunder storm.

The officers, deckhands and other men on the steamer which had the barge in tow lost no time in reaching the barge and doing all in their power to rescue all they could from the wreck. It had been hoped that none were killed, but the lifeless bodies of fourteen were seen lying near the gunwale. All had their lives crushed out by being caught between the edge of the fallen deck and guard rails, women children, and even strong men went pitiously as they looked upon the dead or dying.

Among the injured are: Charles Heald, Mrs. Henry Iselmann, Mrs. Zerzema. The wounded were carefully carried aboard the steamer, which conveyed them to Oyster Bay village, a distance of six miles, where they were attended by physicians. The bodies of the dead were taken to the barge to await the arrival of the coroner.

J. RUSSELL LOWELL'S DEATH. It Causes Much Grief Among His Friends and Acquaintances.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The excitement over yesterday's large disaster at Cold Spring grove still continues, but today Brooklyn. The corrected list places the number of killed at twelve.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—John Greenleaf Whittier was much shocked to hear of Lowell's death. "Too bad, too bad!" he said. "It is indeed a great loss to the American letters and to the world."

London, Aug. 13.—Many telegrams from Englishmen prominent in literature, dramatic and other walks of life, have been received at this city, expressing sorrow and deep regret at the death of Lowell. Among the telegrams received this morning is one from Baron Tennyson, the aged poet. The message says: "England and America will mourn Lowell's death. They loved him and he loved them. Pray express for myself and mine our deepest sympathy with the Lowells family."

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—An interesting bit of political gossip in connection with the meeting of the democratic committee was the Albany county democrats had wiped out their anti-Hill county organization. The nomination of D. Cadby Herick for the supreme court bench and his certain election will prevent him from continuing in the party leadership, and this fact is to be utilized to unite both sides of the party under the leadership of Hugh Riley, whom Governor Hill recently appointed to succeed the late William L. Miller, as judge of the court of claims. It is understood the ticket arranged is as follows: For governor, Roswell P. Flower, for lieutenant governor, William F. Sheehan, of Buffalo.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—Job Hans, aged 60, a coal dealer, was found dead in his office this morning with his skull crushed. Colored men seen lurking in the vicinity are suspected. The motive for the crime is supposed to have been robbery.

The Situation Greatly Changed. MADRAS, Aug. 13.—Good rains have fallen in the Chingleput and North Arcot districts of this presidency and the situation is greatly changed for the better.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The hot wave has entirely disappeared but the effects of two days of excessive heat continue. The deaths were reported today.

THE GRAIN MARKET IN BERLIN. BERLIN, Aug. 14.—The grain market here still shows an upward tendency.

BIG PRICES FOR WHEAT

A Wild Scene on the Chicago Exchange—All Sorts of Prices are Offered and Accepted.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The exciting scenes in wheat and corn which characterized trading the latter part of last week was renewed at the opening of the board of trade this morning. Trading was just as wildly nervous as it was yesterday. The bull fever is still on the morning and trades inflated with the prospect of higher prices, as a result of excited higher cables, when the bell tapped for the opening of business, at once became a pandemonium from which came these figures for December wheat inside of ten minutes at 1.13. This was the top figure on the early bulge. Then prices began to weaken and at 10 o'clock had declined to 1.07 1/2. A bulge to 1.13 was accompanied by the wildest excitement and some sales are reported as high as 1.14. The succeeding period of weakness was the result of free selling by both longs and shorts. Consecutive sales at high prices are satisfied the prices are too high for safety and far above the export basis, and they must be brought together before a benefit in foreign shortage on which the boom was founded can be realized. The consequence of this was that prices reacted until 1.05 was reached, and then began to rise again, and at 11 o'clock it was comparatively quiet at 1.06. Wheat continued weak and at 12:15 December was quoted at 1.05 1/2.

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

The Promises of a Big Yield are More Than Fulfilled. ST. PAUL, Aug. 17.—Harvesting is well under way all over the northwest and the promises of a big yield are more than fulfilled. Wheat averages from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre and the increased yield from increased acreages makes 150,000,000 bushels minimum, the product of the two Dakotas and Minnesota. Other grain crops are close to wheat, oats especially turning out well. Great trouble is experienced in procuring labor to handle the immense crop, and the railroads are hard at work preparing to handle the grain. Lack of storage facilities will compel the great majority of farmers to dispose of their grain soon, and transportation facilities will be taxed to their utmost. The weather for harvesting is all that could be desired.

THE SAFE WOULD NOT OPEN.

A Salem Bank Had Trouble in Getting at Their Funds. SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—Two and a half weeks ago the safe in Ladd & Bush's bank here refused to open, and since that time experts have been laboring with it. Both the time lock and combination refused to operate. After sixteen days' steady drilling the safe was opened today, over 100 drills having been used and a dozen worn out in the operation. In the safe was over \$125,000.

THE NEBRASKA EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 13.—District assembly No. 83, Knights of Labor, which took in all the employees of the Union Pacific system, has taken action regarding the Nebraska eight-hour law, which at present is causing trouble in Omaha and other cities. The following telegram has been sent to Omaha, Grand Island, and North Platte: "Section 15 of the agreement is a contract as to working time. It is still in force, having been made prior to the eight-hour law, which, under the constitution, it cannot abrogate. The law is thus inoperative on Union Pacific shop employees, because of the contract. In honor we are bound to recognize the contract, unfortunate as it appears, until it can be modified by the parties to it. The good faith of the organization should be considered in this matter."

THE ARTIST AND THE POODLE.

A certain portrait painter in this city who has acquired quite a reputation as an artist, was commiserated on his feeble work. "Yes," he said, "I suppose it is creditable now, but was not always so. I remember the first job I ever had. A wealthy lady came to see me and wanted her full length painted. I did the best I could, but that was nothing to brag of. When the lady came to look at the picture she gave a cry of disappointment. "Why, that's not at all like me," she said; "I shall not take it!" "I assured her it was a perfect likeness, and as he was getting over a fence, set his gun down on the ground, barrel up. His foot slipped and struck the hammer, discharging the weapon. He received a mortal wound in the wrist, which will have to be amputated.

ACIDENTALLY DROWNED.

FRESNO, Cal., Aug. 16.—News has been received here this evening of the accidental death by drowning of W. J. Simpson, well and favorably known here. Simpson, in company with his brother-in-law, W. J. Perry, left Sanger this afternoon on the way to their homes at Big Dry creek, where Simpson is proprietor of the wayside store. After leaving Sanger they stopped at Church canal to take a bath. The water was running full head, and while bathing Simpson was taken with cramps and disappeared before Perry could render any assistance. A messenger was dispatched to shut off the water at the headgate, as the body has not yet been recovered. Simpson was about 32 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

AN OLD MAN'S CRIME.

GAYLORD, Mich., Aug. 30.—A. W. Wilcox, living two miles east of here, aged 70, this afternoon split open the skull of his granddaughter, Mrs. West, and then committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. Before shooting himself he took a dose of Paris green. He was engaged at his granddaughter, because she, who had been keeping house for him, was going away.

CANADA'S RIGHTS.

HALIFAX, Aug. 16.—The secretary of the board of trade today received from Sir Charles Tupper a cablegram stating that the British colonial office authorities are of the opinion that the treaty existing between England and Spain entitles Canada to any reduction extended to the United States by Cuba and Porto Rico till June 1 next, when the treaty expires.

MALICIOUSLY MISREPRESENTED.

In the Rochester, N. Y., Post-Express and Union Advertiser of late date there appeared a series of interviews which reported of these journals had with one J. R. McMaisters, who lately owned a half interest in the Dufur rolling mills and who is not unknown to several people in The Dalles. The interviews are the product of a seemingly bitter and disappointed man. They abound in reckless statements about the resources of the three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, which, coming from one who professes to know every foot of the northwest are calculated to make a false impression especially when published in journals of established reputation. The attention of Major G. W. Ingalls, who has for some time been engaged on this coast as a special correspondent of several papers in California and the east, having been called to these misrepresentations, he has volunteered to give them a partial contradiction, in a letter addressed to a personal friend, in the city of Rochester, who will doubtless see that it is published where it will do most good. Major Ingalls has kindly placed a copy of the letter at our disposal which reads as follows:

THE DALLES, OR., August 11th, 1891. Geo. Burlingame, Esq., Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir: My attention was this day called to the article published in the Post-Express of your city, regarding Seufert Bros., vineyard and orchard of this place. I showed these articles to Mr. E. A. Seufert who read the same and authorized me to make the following statement: The Seufert Bros. have been at The Dalles for the past eleven years. The first four years they were successfully engaged in buying and shipping fruit, and sold out their good will for \$1,600. Since selling out the fruit buying and shipping business they have continuously engaged in the raising and shipping of fruit, generally to eastern markets. Their fruits have frequently come in competition with California fruits and yet have never suffered from such competition, but often their fruits have commanded higher prices than those of California, Montana, Idaho and Dakota when laid side by side.

One case in point: Messrs. Seufert Bros. had expressed 200 boxes of Bartlett Pears to Butte, Montana; the charges and boxing costing \$1.75 each. They telegraphed buyers there to bid on the lot. \$3.50 per box was offered. Refused and wired back that they would take \$4.25 per box and their offer was taken. California pears were in that market then. The fish statement of Mr. McMaisters, Mr. Seufert said was entirely false and very profitable. They further said they knew of the defendant Tommo Packing company, and that it had little or no capital when it began business, and the manager was a dissolute habitué a little money put into it by a worthy citizen. That because of his vile habits he lost the confidence of all who did business with him, and which finally compelled him to run away from here. The vacant Tenno rooms have been successful for over twelve months by a man who has been making money.

Messrs. Seufert have 30 acres in peach trees from two to six years old, and will sell this season nearly 20,000 boxes, mostly to go east. They send you a sample box of peaches by express, one of a lot of 50 boxes being shipped today. It is too far to ship peaches and I fear these may not arrive in good condition. I will send you a box of Bartlett pears later. The peaches will net Messrs. Seufert \$1.25 per box. The crop last year realized \$1.00 per box. 700 four year old cherry trees have netted \$1,400 this season, and which three year older should realize double this amount. They have 50 acres in grapes and will put out 80 acres more next spring, besides putting out 60 acres more in apricots, which is evidence of their faith in the future of the fruit business in this section. When they started in fruit culture, all their capital was \$1,200, and that was invested in drifting sand referred to by Mr. McMaisters, and some of which, he says, was in danger of blowing on to North Dalles. Today this orchard and vineyard cannot be bought for \$50,000, and all of it has been made out of the fruit business, and right on the present orchard tract, besides giving them capital to start an immense fishing business. The standing Seufert Brothers with the banks here are equal to that of any successful merchant of Eastern Oregon or Washington. I will, in a few days, answer other portions of Mr. McMaister's articles with official authorities supporting my statements. I don't own a dollar's worth of property in Washington or Oregon today, nor do I know that I ever will. I write this without any pecuniary consideration whatever, and because I feel a great injustice has been done to these states and their thousands of fruit and other business men by the high standing of the paper publishing Mr. McMaister's communications.

Yours truly, G. W. INGALLS.

THE WASCOS INDEPENDENT ACADEMY.

The catalogue of the Wasco Independent Academy and State Normal school for 1891-92 is before us. A careful examination shows that the various courses are admirably adapted to the purpose they are intended to serve. One especially pleasing feature is the fact that the courses are not inflexible, but admit of modification to adapt them to the needs of individuals. It is no longer judged essential that all students pursue exactly the same line of study in order to become liberally educated. Minds vary, and the studies which will train them best, vary also. The normal course deserves more than passing mention. Although the academy was made a State Normal school

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RAILROAD MATTERS.

The last issue of the Wasco News says: "The construction of a railroad through Sherman county or into the interior of it is a matter that our people should not rest until the question is finally settled and we have a road into the county. Just now the Portland chamber of commerce has two propositions on its hands, either of which, if accepted would result beneficially for Sherman county. If The Dalles portage projectors construct their road into Sherman county up Spanish Hollow, or bring their influence to bear to get a road into the county—it matters not who builds it—the Dalles road is the one we want. The silly twaddle that the Spanish Hollow route is an impracticable one, is not of the ranklest sort. Any man who has ever been over a railroad through a rolling or mountainous country and has ever been up Spanish Hollow, knows that no doubt exists as to its practicability. Sherman county is ready to join hands with The Dalles in securing the construction of this line, providing the matter does not end in all talk and on paper. Sherman county wants a railroad and if there is a shadow of a chance we will have it this fall, and if not this fall by this time next year at the farthest. If The Dalles people will put their shoulder to the wheel, Sherman will endeavor to get in a push occasionally and help the enterprise along. We have started in to get a railroad and if The Dalles wants the wheat trade of this county she must help us get it. This railroad question is one that should interest every one in the county; it is a question for which bickering and strife should be laid aside. Sherman county needs more development, and we cannot afford to let petty differences come between us and this one great object. There is a large area of country in the southern part of the county that stands in need of a railroad to help it on to development. The farmers in that section cannot afford to raise large crops for the reason that they are too far from railway transportation. With a railroad in their midst more grain would be produced. Grass Valley is one of the rich sections of Sherman county that stands in need of a railroad, and we hope before the days of another August comes it will have it. It is a cause for which all should labor and encourage."

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