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LET VAGRANTS AND THUGS BEWARE.

There can scarcely be a reasonable doubt that some of the four disastrous fires we have had in the short period of four and a half days had their origin in incendiarism. It is in fact unreasonable to suppose that four fires should be kindled in so short a time and that two of them within a few hours of each other without extraneous aid; particularly, as not one of them can be accounted for in any ordinary way. It is the history of all great city fires that the scene of the calamity soon becomes the rendezvous of all the thugs and toughs for miles around. It was so in the great Chicago fire, and so here. There is not a doubt in the world that a gang of thieves made away with everything they could possibly carry off, and did this nearly as fast as the generous-hearted express-men, who gave their services for nothing, could carry it to a place of supposed safety. It is even rumored that boats were employed on the river to carry stuff rescued from the flames over to the Washington side, and that wagons left the city loaded down with plunder, and the supposition is perfectly reasonable. In no other way can it be accounted for that many things that the owners knew were carried to the edge of the river should have disappeared as if by magic. Be that as it may, the mass meeting of yesterday was significant of very serious consequences likely to follow the presence in our midst, any longer, of men who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves. There is no mistaking the spirit of the people at this hour. The life of a man caught in the attempt of setting fire to a building in The Dalles at this moment would not be worth the snuff of a candle, and ten times the regular force of officers could not save him. And this is just as it should be. There is no place on the Almighty's footstool where the miscreant ought to be allowed to live who would deliberately and maliciously start a fire that would leave hundreds of women and children homeless and penniless, and be the occasion if not the cause of the loss of valuable and precious human lives. One thing is certain, the climate of The Dalles will for some time be very unhealthy for thugs and thugs, and as they themselves value their worthless lives they had better steer clear of here.

THE DALLEES MUST BE IN THE SWIM.

That the city will be largely rebuilt as soon as men and money can do it is beyond question. Stores and dwellings are needed immediately, and as soon as they are erected they will be occupied. Every indication of the outside world points to a time of unexampled prosperity in the near future for the whole nation. The burned city must rise from its ashes and get into the swim and keep in it. There will come into the hands of the producing classes of the United States, from this year's crop, a thousand million dollars more than the usual amount earned by that class. This means general prosperity to all classes, and in this prosperity we of The Dalles are bound to have more or less participation. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are now being paid out by insurance companies to the losers of property by the great fire, and much of this will be spent for labor and material to repair the ruin. This means employment for hundreds of laborers and craftsmen at good wages for many days to come, and plenty of business for the trading community. The fire in Chicago, twenty years ago was greater in proportionate magnitude than that which has visited this city; yet it was but an incident in her history. Croakers then, as now, said the city was ruined, yet she rose from her ashes greater and more beautiful than before. A city was needed there. The geographical position demanded it, and the same is true, though of course in a less degree, of The Dalles, and the men who now stand shoulder to shoulder with her in her temporary adversity will reap their reward in her coming prosperity.

BUSINESS MEN WILL STAY WITH THE TOWN.

The business men of the city who were burned out during the late fire are displaying remarkable energy in getting ready for business again. As fast as houses or offices could be procured they have rented them, and just as soon as their losses are adjusted, and sometimes before, they go to work with a will to repair their broken fortunes. This is only as it should be. Business men who have lived here for years and have made a name and character for themselves cannot afford to leave and begin life anew amid other surroundings. Besides, where will they go to do better? Every other place is filled up. There are few towns on the Pacific coast that possess so many natural advantages as The Dalles. It is the gateway of an empire; it has an enormous trade for a town of its size and population. This trade the fire has not materially affected, has not in truth, effected at all, except it may be temporarily. Who knows that the fire may not have simply blown the muck off the backs of some of our citizens, and that they may come out of the baptism with more energy and vim and enterprise than they have ever shown before?

HELP IS NEEDED.

We are thoroughly in accord with our weekly contemporary, the Sun, in the opinion that the responses being sent out from this city by the secretary of the relief committee, in reply to inquiries as to the needs of those who have suffered from the fire, are not in accord with the sentiments of the people. Hitherto we have hesitated, let our motives be understood, but this opinion on record, but it cannot have escaped observation that the mayor was sending one kind of a response and the secretary of the relief committee another. We have made it our business to ask the opinion

A Cold Water Convention at Worcester, Mass.—The G. O. P. of New York Convene at Rochester.

Mormons Not Wanted in Great Britain—A Budget of Home and Foreign News.

WORCESTER, Sept. 9.—The prohibition state convention was called to order this morning. The platform denounces the liquor traffic in the usual manner. The seventh plank is as follows: "We deplore the depth of degradation to which the national department of state has descended in becoming a drummer in foreign lands for the beer lords of this country and add to this other facts of refusal to unite with other nations in a treaty for the suppression of slave trade and run in Africa."

NEW YORK REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

ROCHESTER, Sept. 9.—At noon General Knapp, chairman of the state committee, called the republican state convention to order. He spoke briefly in reference to the "man from Maine" and was received with terrific and prolonged applause. William Goodrich was then chosen temporary chairman.

NO PLACE FOR MORMONS.

Missionaries Looked Upon With Indignation in Great Britain.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Public opinion in Great Britain at present is turning with indignation upon the Mormon crusade, being made in many country districts. Revelations just made show there are 200 Mormon "missionaries" at present working in Great Britain and Scandinavia. Particular attention has been directed by the press to the operations of two young Mormon "missionaries" who have been working in the village of Lancashire, and some strange disclosures as to the proselyting methods adopted were made.

DRIVEN TO DESTRUCTION.

A Russian Jew Murders His Entire Family.

BREIL, Sept. 9.—From Kieff comes the account of a horrible tragedy. A Jew named Kaplan, driven to desperation by an order to leave Russia, he having been deprived of a comfortable business by former decrees, first shot his wife and then one by one his five children. He afterwards killed himself. Kaplan left a note, stating the motive for the crimes, which was a desire to save his family from otherwise inevitable misery. From other parts of Russia come news of tragedies attendant on the failure of the harvest and the consequent suffering and struggle for existence. While no cases of cannibalism have been reported, there have been several cases of mysterious disappearances that are attributed to the cannibalism, and in Bessarabia the police are carefully watching for evidence against persons under suspicion. Many arrests are stated to have occurred among the peasantry, who, owing to a strong religious feeling, have been, as a rule, slow to commit this act. There is nothing reassuring in Russian affairs, and the prospect for the winter is terrible to contemplate.

MURDERED AND THROWN IN THE RIVER.

BERKEA, Cal., Sept. 7.—The body of Ludwig Stein, an old German, was found in the river yesterday. A handkerchief with a lot of stones was tied around his neck. An autopsy showed the man was dead before the body was put in the water, and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from an unknown cause. Stein had trouble with his son-in-law, Adolph Fisher, lately.

EXTENSIVE CAR SHOPS BURNED.

PORT HURON, Mich., Sept. 7.—The large car shops of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway were partially burned yesterday afternoon. Eleven cars were destroyed, besides a large quantity of lumber and the carpenter shops. Estimated loss, \$100,000. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

MAJOR BUNDY DEAD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—A cablegram from Reid, United States minister to France, received here this morning, announces that Major Bundy, editor of the Mail and Express, who has been in Paris for some time, is dead. The cause of his death was apoplexy.

A Ship's Crew Stricken Down With Scurvy and No Medicines on Board—Two Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The bark Royal Tar, from Australia, anchored in quarantine yesterday morning, reporting fever and scurvy on board, and the captain and first mate both dead. Dr. Lawrence, quarantine officer, sent the sailors to the Marine hospital. On his return to shore, he stated they were in a fearful condition, caused by foulness of the ship, shortage of provisions and medicines. The Royal Tar left Australia June 5th, with Captain T. A. Franklin, two mates, eleven seamen and a boy. Very soon after starting most abominable stenches arose from the hold, and in a few days all on board became ill. June 15th Captain Franklin was down with typhoid fever. Then it was found the medicine chest had not been filled, and nothing could be done for him. The last day of August the captain died and was buried. Then the first mate fell ill with the fever and died. Second Mate McCall lost consciousness and succeeded in getting through without further deaths, though all on board were ill with fever. In July all stores gave out except tea and flour, and on this the crew had to live. No antiscorbutic was on board, and the men suffered fearfully. Ten days ago the German bark Hydra gave them a little meat and quinine. The appearance of the crew was frightful, toothless, others pitted and scarred with gangrene. It is believed the lives of all will be saved by care and rest.

DIED IN JAIL.

AN ENGLISH GERMANMAN'S LOVE FOR LIQUOR CAUSES HIS DOWNFALL.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Glasgow is excited over a clerical scandal. Last evening Henry Rudge, the senior curate of Newent, near that city, who was well connected and had been highly connected, died in jail. His downfall has been rapid. A short time ago he began drinking, and it was soon learned by the parish trustees that he was using a large amount of parochial funds. Through the influence of friends, who restored the money, the matter was hushed up, and it was hoped that the minister's fallings would be controlled, but after a brief period of merriment he fell from grace, and it became necessary for the parishioners to dismiss him. A week ago Rudge was forced to leave his house for non-payment of rates. Overcome by despair and shame he attempted to commit suicide, but was prevented from carrying out his purpose and was conveyed to the workhouse, where he was kept for some time, trying to end his life. It is believed he obtained poison through some friend while in jail and was thus enabled to finally complete the work of self-destruction. The authorities are very anxious to find out the source of the poison. Very few of the curate's parishioners had an idea of the disgrace into which he had fallen; the prevailing idea that he was suffering from nervous prostration. The revelations following the suicide have caused a profound sensation.

FATAL PLEASURE TRIP.

A Man and Woman Drowned in a Mysterious Manner.

ATLANTA, Sept. 7.—Jefferson D. Stuart, a married man with four children, and Mrs. Jane Kennedy, a married woman with two children, went out for a boat ride on Ponce de Leon lake after 8 o'clock last night. They had with them, in another boat, two companions, Gignilliat and Miss Ida Harmon. The lake is away out of town and is a lonely spot. "The two couples took separate boats and there in the dark were having a pleasant time. Suddenly Gignilliat heard a scream, and looking around beheld no trace of the other boat. It had disappeared with its occupants as completely as if it had never existed. Miss Harmon fainted, and it was with difficulty that Gignilliat saved himself from the fate of his companions. Reaching shore and laying his unconscious companion upon the grass, he rushed off to get the doctor. About 10 o'clock 200 men had gathered on the shore with drags and grappling irons. For four hours they dragged before success rewarded them. The man was first fished up, then the woman. A watch in the man's pocket had stopped at 8:05. Stuart had visited Mrs. Kennedy's house early in the evening and suggested that he and his wife should go to the lake, while the woman's husband is in Douglas county.

REFUSED TO HOLD HIM.

MINNESOTA AUTHORITIES REFUSE A PICKET POCKET WANTED AT PORTLAND.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 7.—John Foley, a somewhat noted character, commonly known as "The Goat," was released from imprisonment at Minneapolis today upon the understanding that he would leave the city. Foley is a pick-pocket. His favorite plan of operation is among women at funerals and other solemn occasions, where the people's minds are on the ceremony. He was arrested at the exposition by Detective Hoy. The authorities at Portland, Ore., wanted Foley held until an officer could arrive from that city. The county attorney thought it would require too long a time for an officer to come from the city, and that the prisoner would have been able to get out a writ of habeas corpus in the meantime. Foley was arrested on general principles at Portland and also on a charge of carrying a pistol east. About four years ago he stole a pocket-book from Mrs. John Fleethaine's pocket, while that lady was attending to her car in Park Avenue. He was arrested at the time but managed to escape conviction.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Young Doctor Shoots Miss Leon of Baker City, at Bloomington, Ill.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 7.—Dr. Chas. E. Ballard, of Haybrook, Ill., and Miss Bertha Leon of Baker City, Oregon, and daughter of the late Judge Leon of that place, was found dead this morning. Dr. Ballard, a young physician came to this city and ever since then has been known as the man who had come here with his mother to attend college and marry him. She thought much of him but begged him to postpone the event until after her education was completed. This morning he appeared at the house and had an interview with Miss Leon in the parlor. While talking with her he pulled out a revolver and shot her twice, once through the chest and once through the heart, producing instant death. The doctor then shot himself five times, dying in a few minutes.

ACCIDENT OR CRIME.

WEALTHY RANCH OWNER GIVES HIS FRIEND POISON.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Sept. 7.—Andrew Olsen, a well-known farmer of this vicinity, died last night from the effects of a dose of poison taken in a drink of alcohol. Mariah Knudson, neighbor to the deceased, lies at the point of death, and Hans Seager, another friend, is slowly recovering from the effect of poison. Dennis Flaherty, a wealthy ranchowner with previously a good reputation, has been arrested on a charge of poisoning them. Last week he met them and after a brief friendly conversation offered them to drink from a flask of alcohol which he drew from his pocket. He asserts he had two flasks, one containing alcohol and one poison. The men who drank asserted he had put one flask, that the liquid therein was a milky but, and he returned it was not clear as alcohol should be.

OREGON'S TOBACCO INTERESTS.

Union is not going to have a woolen mill after all.

A new paper, the Leader, has been established at North Yamhill, with Ira A. Phelps as editor. Friday quotations at Albany show wheat was only bringing 81 cents there and 82 cents at Salem. It is reported that the O. & W. T. R. R. will soon commence work on a depot building at Pendleton.

Stat Senator Raley of Pendleton is said to be willing to take his chances for congressional honors at the next election.

Many carloads of melons and fruit are being shipped to northern markets from Grant's Pass. The yield is large and quality good. Saturday the Salem flouring mills brought 14,000 bushels of wheat at 83 1/2 cents. About 6000 bushels more were brought at 82 cents. The Grand Ronde Valley Agricultural society has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000. The society proposes to hold a fair on October 9.

Thomas Waterbury, an Oregon pioneer of the year 1847, died at his son's residence, near Long Creek, Grant county, August 31, aged 79 years. The natural gas wells of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana are giving out and it is becoming difficult to find new "pockets" containing gas. Several good horses are being trained for the fair races, and Josephine will be well represented at Central Point. They will soon be removed to the Fair Association's track.

MATTERS IN CHILL.

President Balmaceda Upholds United States Minister Egan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The Examiner's Santiago correspondent, under date of August 8, reports an interview with Balmaceda, then president of Chili, in which the latter claimed foreign speculators to be more to do with the disruption of the government than was generally known, and that a great deal of money had been advanced to the watch and by foreign capitalists. He refused to state whether or not United States Minister Egan had expressed an opinion as to whether the United States government favored the Balmacedan government or the insurgents, but said that the United States government was a very conservative man, and had chosen to remain silent as to his own sympathy in the matter. Balmaceda expressed the opinion that the chastisement which he said Egan had received from the Chilean press was not merited, and that the insurgents were trying to "down" the latter simply from spite. The interview was brief, and the correspondent says the president refused to discuss army or state affairs.

A Desperate Woman's Deed.

EVERETT, yesterday held Mrs. John Bradley without bail for the murder of the infant of her cousin, Miss Curley. The child was the illegitimate offspring of Mrs. Bradley's son, Charles. At the condition of Miss Curley, and the general knowledge that young Bradley was the cause of her trouble, threatened to break his marriage engagement with Julia Garvey, whereupon Mrs. Bradley poisoned her, and she died in the arms of her child, who is simple-minded, away. She, however, returned to visit the grave of her child, and the story came out.

The Texas Train Robbers.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 7.—Reports received at Galveston last night concerning the story of a battle between the authorities and the perpetrators of the train robbery on the Southern Pacific railway Tuesday, lack confirmation. Dispatches tonight from Del Rio report that a part of the train-robber gang is being trailed into the fastnesses of the Santa Rosa mountains, while the rest have taken to the Rio Grande, and are recrossing to obliterate their tracks. Several mail bags, with piles of half-burned letters, have been found on the Santa Rosa trail.

Arab Murderer Captured.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—A Lockport special says: Herbert Saad, the Arab peddler who killed his cousin, Katherine Saad, in the woods at Mapleton ten days ago, was captured at Guelph, Ontario, today, by Deputy Sheriff Korney. The clue was furnished by the letter that was written from Guelph to the New York Lockport special, in which the Arab had died. District Attorney King left for the frontier last night, and will endeavor to run Saad over without extradition papers.

Dreadful Storm in Ohio.

ALLIANCE, Sept. 7.—The most destructive electrical and rain storm ever witnessed here passed over this section of the state Saturday evening. No less than twelve houses and barns were struck, resulting in total destruction, aggregating a loss of from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The electrical display was bewildering in its intensity. It is also reported that a number of lives were lost, but owing to imperfect telegraphic facilities, nothing definite can be gotten.

Influenza Again Raging.

BERLIN, Sept. 9.—Influenza is raging at Kharkoff, Kief, Kherson, Warsaw and other places in Russia. Locations have been made and development work is the order of the day. Andrew Person was killed at Haynes Blough, Coos bay, last week, while cutting down a tree, which split and "kicked" back injuring him so at he died in a few hours. There is talk of a salmon hatchery being established on the Umpqua river. The California board of fish commissioners have ordered 3,000,000 trout to be raised at Sisson this year, all goes well. While hauling oats from the field, Saturday morning last, John, the 17-year-old son of Benjamin Winsor, of Lincoln, Polk county, fell and was crushed under the wheels. He got up and drove home but soon sank away from internal hemorrhage. The common council of Milton, Union county has passed an ordinance for holding another election, to submit the question of bonding the city for \$10,000 for an electric light plant and an improved water system. The Eagle believes that the proposition will pass almost unanimously.

The Road from Tillamook river to the light house will be built by the government next summer. This is about \$15,000 of money remaining of the appropriation to build the lighthouse, and it is thought that it will be an easy matter to divert it to the road fund, under the circumstances.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Corvallis wagon and carriage factory building. It is expected to be completed by the 1st of December. It will give employment to about 300 men. It is proposed that the wagon factory will prove to be more beneficial to Corvallis than the recent gold and silver discovery. John Austin and John Guthridge, the Grant county men who are in jail at Pendleton on the charge of stealing cattle, have been arrested on another complaint. One of the steers in the band which they brought to Pendleton, it is reported, was a blood horse association. Thomas Waterbury, of Long Creek, died last week, aged 70 years. Mr. Waterbury has been ailing for time. Mr. Waterbury was a native of New York, coming to Oregon in 1847, settling in the Willamette valley, in which place and Western Washington, he spent most of forty-four years. He was an exemplary citizen, and has an almost unblemished character. Last Wednesday night the little 7-year-old girl of J. Zahn, or Lebanon, was sick and her mother gave her some home-made cough medicine. The little girl afterward got the bottle and drank all in it. Mrs. Zahn, discovering this fact on her return, promptly summoned physicians, and the little girl's e was saved. The physicians said that there was poison sufficient taken to kill three men. Good Coke Coal on the Sound. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Robert Ramsey, superintendent of Frick and company's great coal mines and coke works, Connelsville, Pa., the iron and steel company of Youngstown, is in the city. He is of a party now exploring the Pacific coast to look up coke and iron resources with a view of manufacturing coke, pig iron and steel. "We have looked over the country," said Superintendent Ramsey, "and have found down here we have found good coking coal on the Wilkeson mines on the Puget Sound. As to iron we are not certain of the Pacific coast, but we are sure, but we think there is. 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