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BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

A Passenger Express Stopped on the Southern Pacific R. R.

THE PASSENGERS TERRORIZED.

The Express Car Blown Open With Dynamite Cartridges.

THE MESSENGER BADLY WOUNDED.

The Robbers Escape With \$30,000. Evidently Professional Thieves. Other News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—A sheriff posse is on track of the men who robbed the S. P. passenger and express train near Collis night before last. The train which was held up was the south-bound night express, leaving San Francisco at 5:30 p. m. The exact sum contained in the messengers safe has not been ascertained, but it is thought to have been between \$20,000 and \$50,000. The Dalton boys are supposed to be in Idaho, and it is a conundrum to railroad officials who the parties concerned in the robbery were. Whoever they may be, they were pretty bold in their operations. Several deputy sheriffs from southern counties of the state are stated to have been on board the train, but no resistance was offered to the robbers. General Freight Agent Smurr, of the Southern Pacific, was in a special car with a party of gentlemen bound east. Messenger George Roberts, who was wounded by the explosion of a dynamite bomb, was pronounced by physicians to be seriously injured. He resides in Los Angeles. The two robbers boarded the tender as the train was pulling out at Collis, fifteen miles west of Fresno.

They covered the engineer and fireman with double-barreled shotguns, and announced they had to obey their orders under the penalty of death. When the train passed Rolindo station, the engineer was ordered to stop, and the fireman was ordered with a lighted cigar to touch off the fuse of a dynamite cartridge which the robbers placed on the piston of the driving wheel of the left-hand side of the locomotive. The explosion was terrific, breaking the piston-rod and partially disabling the engine. The robbers then ordered the engineer to get off the train and walk a short distance along the track, while they proceeded to bombard the two doors of the express-car by exploding dynamite cartridges, about eight in all, which tore the doors into splinters and smashed the floor of the car. The robbers, masked and completely disguised, boarded the express car, and covering Louis Roberts the messenger, with double-barreled shotguns, ordered him to open Wells, Fargo & Co's. safe. Roberts set about doing this, but was so nervous and excited that he forgot the combination, and so informed his captors, who thereupon struck him a heavy blow on the head with the gun and threatened to kill him if he did not immediately open the safe. With trembling hands he did so, and they took out the sacks of coin. When the desperadoes exploded the first cartridge on the engine, the passengers popped their heads out of the windows to see what was doing, but they drew their backs again when they felt the pistol bullets and buckshot whistling past their ears.

Studying the Planet Mars.

VIENNA, Aug. 4.—In an interview had by a representative of the Associated Press at the observatory on Turken-schanze, with the assistant astronomer Hildebrand, the latter said a careful observation of the planet Mars was made from the night of July 4 to that of August 2, inclusive, by Herr Palisa, chief assistant astronomer, and himself. Owing to the proximity of the planet to the southern horizon, the result of the observations was unsatisfactory. The progress of the planet was watched for an hour. At a point 52 deg. above the horizon, snow fields could be seen distinctly extending 30 deg. from the south pole. Immediately after this white patch, three large dark groups were observed. "Perhaps," remarked Herr Hildebrand, "they are continents like those of our earth. The haze which enveloped the lower part of Mars, however, rendered accurate observations impossible. The north pole and equator were completely obscured." The observations were taken at 1:30 in the morning with the largest telescope in central Europe.

AMERICAN TIN MINING.

A Spokane Man Gets at The Facts in a Direct Way.

From the Spokane Review.]

To get at the facts about the tin mines at Temescal, Cal., a reader of the Review recently wrote to the postmaster there relative to the sensational reports sent out by the San Francisco Examiner. The answer was as follows:

TEMESCAL, Cal., July 27.—In reply to your letter of the 21st regarding the tin mines I can say it must be a mistake, for the company have about 150 men working, and mine from 20 to 25 tons of ore per day. That paper said it would fall two or three years ago, but it is still working. There is plenty of tin. The piece you saw in the Examiner was about the manager. They have a new manager and are working just the same as ever. I have had about 20 persons writing to me about the mines. Yours truly, D. J. Dawson, Postmaster.

A week ago the local democratic paper was laboring under the delusion that the product of the tin mine was protected, and to show that protection was death to industry it declared with much vehemence that the mines were a failure, and J. Hamilton Lewis made the assertion that there was not a tin mine in existence in the United States. Since then both have been enlightened. Of course they will now come forward with the plea that the prosperous condition of these mines proves the fostering influence of free trade.

Allison was a Spy.

BOISE CITY, Aug. 5.—Allison, the detective who went to Gem ostensibly as a miner, and conducted a small business in the fruit and nicknacks line, arrived here today. He became a member of the miner's union, and was elected as its secretary and afterwards gave for the use of the mine officials the details of the proceedings of the union, their oaths, mode of initiation, names of members and officers and plan of procedure. After the Gem fight he left Gem and will appear as a witness. It is understood that Allison's testimony will create a tremendous sensation. It is expected that it will tend to show that the miner's union of the Cœur d'Alenes has long been a lawless and incendiary association. It is said that Allison, while a member of the union, got possession of the records that will astonish the country, and that will go a long way toward justifying the determination of the mine owners to submit no longer to the exaction of the union.

Parliament Opened.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The new parliament assembled this afternoon. The proceedings today were purely formal, and no business will be transacted until next week. The queen's council, at which the speech from the throne is signed, will be tomorrow. When Gladstone appeared in the house this afternoon he was given a widely enthusiastic reception, the Irish members rising in a body, joined by the liberals, waving their hats and cheering. Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, speaker of the last house, was elected speaker.

A Fine Thing to Have.

OREGONIAN. It is a fine thing for a people to have a waterway and its commercial possibilities stand between them and railroad corporations. The people of Eastern Oregon and Washington appreciate this and long with feverish anxiety and almost belligerent impatience for the completion of the great canal and locks at the Cascades. Available waterways everywhere reduce the cost of transportation. If they carry only a fraction of the goods they make the rate at which the rest is carried.

Mob at Duquesne.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 5.—All is quiet today at Duquesne. Yesterday a mob of 300 men from Homestead attacked 60 non-union men entering the steel works. The mob were armed with clubs and stones. In the fight Foreman Stagle and another workman were seriously injured, and a dozen others more or less hurt. The sixteenth regiment is now here, and no further trouble is apprehended. It is stated that all but 50 of the old men will return to work.

A Sure Cure.

NEW YORK ADVERTISER. Queen Sophie of Sweden and Norway has been fully restored to health. Her trouble has been of a nervous character, and her physician prescribed that she should sweep her rooms, light her own fires, cook her breakfast and perform a number of other manual offices in connection with housekeeping for a few months, and the prescription has worked like a charm.

Seeking Information.

POST INTELLIGENCER. The business men of Spokane have at last tumbled to Jim Hill's definition of "relative rates." Nevertheless, Jim worked Spokane to the queen's taste, and the citizens have yet to learn wherein they have been benefited, at least as far as freight rates are concerned.

A HUMAN SEA ROLLS.

The Mighty Throng Reaching Denver Unprecedented.

THE RAILROAD MEN ARE ANXIOUS.

A Blockade Threatened Which may Last for More Than a Week.

THE FLOODGATES OPENED WIDE.

On Account of a Sweeping Reduction in Rates Everybody is Taking a Trip Westward.

DENVER, Aug. 5.—The leading question now is: "Will the railroad officials be able to handle the mighty throng which will reach this city Sunday and Monday to attend the Knights Templar convocation?" There is an expression of anxiety on the faces of the railroad men concerning the situation. When the plans were made for receiving the knights nobody imagined the floodgates would be opened by a sweeping reduction of rates. It is now prophesied that unless a radical change is made in the programme there will be a blockade which will not be disentangled for weeks.

Would not Dress up.

DAYTON, O., Aug. 4.—Frederick Kayser, an aged, eccentric and wealthy miser, has hanged himself as the result of a quarrel with his daughter. In addition to stocks and bonds he owned business and farm property here valued at \$250,000, and had a large estate in Sweden, left him by his parents. For the past twenty-five years his daily avocation had been the collection of garbage and slops, which he fed to stock on his farm. Despite his wealth he dressed in rags, and looked and acted like a distressed mendicant. His only daughter, a cultured girl, returned recently from a five years' absence in Sweden, where she was studying music. Her efforts to induce her father to clean up and discontinue his slop-gathering incensed the old man so much that he committed suicide. His wealth is estimated at \$500,000, and will go to his daughter and her imbecile brother.

THE FORFEITED LANDS.

THE DALLES, July 26.—Following is a copy of the act, recently become a law, in reference to purchase of forfeited railroad lands under section three, act of September 29th, 1890.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

That section three, of an act entitled an act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes, be, and the same is amended so as to extend the time within which persons actually residing upon lands forfeited by said act shall be permitted to purchase the same in the quantities and upon the terms provided in said section at any time within three years from the passage of said act.

Capt. John W. Lewis, register of The Dalles United States land office more fully explains the question as follows: "By act of congress, approved September 29, 1890, claimants, under the third section, were allowed two years from that date in which to pay for the land to which they were legally entitled. By a subsequent act (Feb. 1891) this time was extended to the 3d day of February, 1893, and by another and recent act the time was further extended, to actual residents only, to three years from September 29, 1890. So that, as the law now stands, parties entitled to purchase under the third section, but not actual residents on the land, must make payment on or before February 3, 1893. Actual residents on the land will have until September 29, 1893."

To be a Cardinal.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 4.—It is stated in Catholic circles as a certainty that at the next meeting of the pope's consistory the holy father will announce the appointment of Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, as a member of the college of cardinals. A prominent Catholic, who is in constant communication with Rome, says: "The appointment of Archbishop Ireland to be cardinal is just as sure as any event that has not yet transpired."

BORN.

In The Dalles, August 5th, 1892, to the wife of A. A. Bouney, a son.
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SOUTH CAROLINA POLITICS.

Some Exciting Scenes at a Meeting at Union.

UNION, S. C., Aug. 6.—A question of veracity came up at a political discussion here yesterday, between Gov. Tillman who asked Orr for his authority for saying that a preacher had said that he (Tillman) had flouted his profanity in public. Col. Orr replied that he did not divulge private conversations, and added that Tillman knew the statement was true, as he could ascertain by appealing to the preachers in general. The governor said that sometimes an oath slipped out, but that it had done so only on one occasion during the campaign. He appealed to the ladies to signify if, in their opinion, they considered him a black-guard, but there was no response. The governor then said that if Col. Orr or any other man said he flouted his profanity in public, they lied. Col. Orr advanced to the governor and, catching him by the arm, wheeled him around, and asked him if he was trying to raise a personal difficulty. Tillman replied that he was not. Orr shook his finger in his face and told him he could not intimate that he (Orr) lied without having it thrown in his (Tillman's) teeth. He told him further that Tillman had boasted of being a "God Almighty" gentleman.

The governor replied so he had, and Orr replied, "He did not do himself credit when he made you." He again caught hold of the governor and asked him if he meant to intimate that he was a liar. The governor said that if Orr had not originated the statement his remark did not apply to him. By this time the crowd had become a mob. People climbed upon the stand, men pulled their coats off, swore like troopers, and gathered around the two men, it looked as if there was going to be bloodshed. Orr stood to the rack and told Tillman he had repeatedly used profane words on the stand. The governor said he had done it but once, and he would leave it to ex-Gov. Shepard, who had nothing to say. Col. Orr again caught hold of Tillman, who had turned his head toward the crowd in front, and told him if he wanted a fight he could get it. The governor said he did not, and Col. Orr went back to his seat, remarking that Tillman must let him alone. The governor turned to the crowd and said that no living man could bulldoze him.

The Farmers' Friends.

GRANT COUNTY NEWS. In conversation with one of our enterprising farmers the other day, the News man was informed that Grant county, instead of offering a bounty on squirrel scalps, which Morrow county tried and found ruinous, should protect badgers, skunks, wildcats and even coyotes, by making it a misdemeanor to kill them. These animals are all great destroyers of squirrels, and before their wanton destruction became so common the farmer's grain fields and gardens grew unmolested. Now, if they are destroyed it is the farmer's own fault, for he has been instrumental in the death of the animals that destroyed thousands of squirrels every season. This farmer also said that he had often met his neighbors, who would boast of having just been instrumental in the ignominious death of some offending badger or skunk, and who in the next breath would whine about the squirrels eating their crops, and want the county court to fix a bounty and pay them for killing the squirrels. Farmers and sheepmen, protect the badgers and skunks, as well as other useful animals. They will not be apt to eat your chickens while squirrels are plenty.

George is no Greenhorn.

BAKER CITY DEMOCRAT. The visit of Mr. Geo. W. Weidler to Greenhorn promises to be of great advantage to the district. Mr. Weidler is a wealthy gentleman and being interested in the mines of that section he will probably exert his influence in the proper direction.

Time's Changes.

GALVESTON NEWS. The belle of a summer or so ago whose beautiful train drew after her a score or so of fashionable beaux, now ties the end of it to the baby buggy and pulls two chubby passengers up life's steep hill in the evening.

No Difference Discernable.

PRESS-TIMES. To the naked eye, the warm weather has had no appreciable effect upon the coolness between the Telegraph and the enemies of Any Good Eastern Washington Man.

DIED.

In The Dalles, August 6th, Wm. Glenn, son of Wm. C. Glens, aged 2 years, 2 months and 21 days. Funeral will take place to-morrow.

TREASURE SHIPMENT.

Sixty Million in Gold Leaves San Francisco for the East.

A STRONG GUARD OF PICKED MEN.

History of the Accumulations of Gold in the Sub-Treasury.

TOO MUCH MONEY FOR ONE PLACE.

The Bulk on Hand at the Time of the Chilean Affair was one Hundred Million.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Quite a sensation was created last evening when it was ascertained that \$60,000,000 in gold coin had left the city for Washington, guarded by a troop of picked men of the railway mail service. The report is that the accumulated store of gold coin at San Francisco has been steadily increasing during the past twenty years. When J. P. Jackson assumed the office of sub-treasurer, he found more than \$70,000,000 in coin in the vaults of that institution. Since then the amount has increased to \$76,000,000, and the accumulation was seriously crowding the vaults. In the mint, too, there had been a steady accumulation. At the time of the Chilean trouble, the government had stored here more than \$100,000,000. It was then that attention was directed to the danger of carrying such an accumulation of treasure, not only in San Francisco, but in any seaport city. The proposition to remove the bulk of the coin in the sub-treasury vaults to Washington was mooted then, and it has come up regularly from time to time since, finally resulting in its shipment to Washington, under a strong guard.

The Etna Eruption.

THE "opposition" of Mars is taking up no more scientific observation perhaps, than the present eruption of Mt. Etna, by far the most destructive which has occurred for years. Beginning in the early part of last month the volcano has, without ceasing, sent forth rivers of lava which are destroying the vineyards and orchards on its slopes and at its base. This eruption is peculiar in one respect, and this is the fact that the principal flow of lava is from numerous small craters far below the summit of the mountain. Indeed, from the principal crater hot ashes, dust and steam are mainly ejected, the lava, because of its great weight, bursting out of the mountain's side at various points far beneath the main opening. At the present time five of these newly-formed craters are active. The fertile lands which are being covered with the fiery flood slowly creeping down the mountain's side are completely ruined, and many peasants will be reduced to actual want unless something is done for their relief at an early date. It is said the Italian government will take steps in the matter, and sufferers from this calamity will be relieved from this source. It would be interesting to know if there is any connection between this eruption and the volcanic disturbance which overwhelmed the island of Sangir, one of the Philippine group, so recently.

THE DALLES SENSATION.

Opinion of a Portland Physician—Pathology vs. Chemistry.

From the Daily Oregonian.]

The alleged poisoning case at The Dalles, an account of which appeared in yesterday's Oregonian, has attracted considerable attention of thinking physicians, especially of Dr. Otto S. Binawanger, who expresses his opinion as follows:

In the Oregonian I read a sensational report, coming from The Dalles, which not only excited my curiosity but also aroused my sympathy and scientific interest. According to the report Mrs. Matilda C. Rogers died suddenly July 7. Other information which I received gives the date of her death June 28. One week later, July 14, the body was exhumed and the stomach, heart, kidneys, lungs and liver were sent for chemical analysis to Portland. The chemist reported the presence of sulphate of zinc or chloride of zinc and also the stomach and intestines in a highly inflamed condition. On the strength of that analysis, the justice decided to bind over William Bergfield, the son-in-law and suspected murderer of Mrs. Rogers, without bonds, to appear before the grand jury in November, and he is now in the hands of the sheriff. Permit me to quote some of the statements of that report, also some of the results of the analysis, and let us examine them in a scientific light.

1. The analysis "proves the presence of sulphate of zinc or chloride of zinc." The statement, "either sulphate or chloride of zinc," after the analysis is made is worthless. The examination must show with absolute certainty which one of the two was contained in the stomach.

2. "The body of Mrs. Matilda C. Rogers, who died suddenly a week before, etc."

While it is true that sulphate of zinc or chloride of zinc can, under certain circumstances, cause death, they never will kill suddenly. In small doses they produce gastric inflammation; in larger doses sulphate of zinc produces vomiting, and chloride of zinc cauterization of the stomach, which does not prove fatal suddenly. Besides, the chloride of zinc in large doses would leave erosion in the mucous membrane of the stomach. The report only speaks of inflammation of the stomach and not of the erosions.

3. The chemist reported the lungs, heart, kidneys and liver in normal condition, but the stomach and intestines highly inflamed. It is very doubtful that after a body has been buried for one or two weeks, even if it was embalmed in the ordinary way, it would show yet distinct inflammation of the stomach and intestines. In order to carry some weight, such a statement must come from a physician and not from a chemist, whose knowledge of pathology is at the very best rudimentary.

Granting, therefore, that sulphate of zinc or chloride of zinc was found in the stomach of Mrs. Rogers, it is more than doubtful that their presence caused her sudden death. Bergfield is under arrest and kept for trial, and on the strength of this chemical analysis may even lose his life. Although personally acquainted with Assayer Fisk and on friendly terms with him, I deem it my duty to call the attention of the proper authorities to the insufficient evidence resulting from his report.

Her Influence Increased.

TACOMA NEWS. The influence of woman in politics is increasing. In Ohio a nominee for congress is a manufacturer of chewing gum.

Marion Harland's Endorsement OF Royal Baking Powder.

[Extract from Marion Harland's Letter to the Royal Baking Powder Co.]

I regard the Royal Baking Powder as the best manufactured and in the market.

It is an act of simple justice and also a pleasure to recommend it unqualifiedly to American housewives.

Marion Harland