

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

In a collision between an express and an excursion train on the Great Eastern railroad, near London, seventeen persons were seriously injured.

Dr. Lewis Swift, of the Mount Look observatory, Pasadena, Cal., has discovered two new comets close together, both being about one degree from the sun.

A terrific gale has swept the coast of the United Kingdom. The storm played havoc with the trees in London parks, and caused great damage among coast and fishing craft. The loss of life is reported slight.

The Clyde line passenger steamer Frederick DeBarry, New York to Jacksonville, was wrecked at Kittyhawk, N. C. The crew of seventeen men were taken off by a life saving boat. There were no passengers or cargo aboard.

In a pitched battle between a squad of policemen and a gang of hoodlums, at Philadelphia, Pa., Michael Pizzo was shot and killed and five others, three of whom were officers, were seriously injured. The scene of the affray was a dingy three-story brick house in the heart of the Italian district.

Charles Pfeifer, living at Brightwood, Ind., out his wife's throat and hanged himself. Both are dead. Pfeifer was an operator on the Big Four. The couple were married a year ago and lived happily. It is believed that Pfeifer was temporarily insane.

The boiler of a ninety-ton ten-wheel locomotive on the Big Four road burst at Pekin, Ill., hurling the engine more than 100 feet, partly demolishing a factory, killing the fireman and breaking nearly all the glass within a quarter of a mile of the scene. Pieces of the engine were picked up 1,000 feet away and one of the big drive wheels was hurled 400 feet from the track.

The turnpike rioters are out again in Lawrenceburg, Ky., and have destroyed twenty of the twenty-four toll gates in Anderson county. The county last fall voted to make the pikes free. Proceedings for appropriation condemnation and purchasing have been made, but the people did not wait for relief in that way. Under the laws of Kentucky the county will have to make good the loss and damage by the mob.

Richard Williams, the ex-convict of extortion, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

A bakery at Woodburn, Or., was destroyed by fire, and a baker named Ruhl was burned while trying to save some of his effects from the building. The loss is \$3,000.

Hops aggregating in quantity over 75,000 pounds have been contracted by Marion county growers to Charles Green & Son, the purchase price being 5 cents a pound.

Edison Keith, for forty years a prominent citizen of Chicago, threw himself into the lake at the foot of Thirtieth street in that city, while temporarily insane, as a result of chronic dyspepsia and insomnia.

The American ship Lurion, Captain Park, which left New York May 21 for Shanghai, passing Anjer on August 18, grounded on a bar at Won Sung. It is probable the ship will be floated after she has been lightened, but she must be drydocked before putting to sea again.

"Kill me, kill me; shoot me out of this misery." This was the agonizing cry of Anton Dusbak, who has been employed in the Guggenheim smelting works near Woodbridge, N. J. Dusbak was working near a tank of sulphuric acid, when he lost his balance and plunged headforemost to a fate more horrible than death. His eyes were badly burned and his hair eaten off. He cannot recover.

From Pittsburgh, Pa., comes word that Russian spies sent out by the government of the czar have stolen American armor-plate secrets and propose to turn their acquisition to profit by furnishing information by means of which Russia may make her own sheaths for battle-ships. This in brief is the discovery which has been kept quiet for some months by the officials of the Carnegie Company, and which has worried the naval authorities and officials of this country and of the steel company.

The engineer and ordnance departments of the army are preparing for the execution of the legislation of the last congress, looking to the improvement and strengthening the fortifications and coast defenses of this country. Plans for these important works have been formulated, and in most instances the approved projects are under headway. The appropriation of \$19,000,000 made by the last congress has been allotted so as to accomplish the greatest good with the means and facilities at hand.

The dwelling of James Madison, a farmer living near New Era, Or., burned to the ground while Mr. Madison was away from home. The building was worth about \$800 and Madison had \$1,000 in paper money, notes and accounts and \$40 in gold in the house, all of which was lost. There was no insurance.

A man named Baker, in charge of the pumps at the White Swan mine, near Baker City, fell down a 400-foot shaft and was instantly killed. He had relatives in Portland.

Portland, Or., street improvements are being sought after.

A Negro Boy's Awful Crime.

One of the most heinous murders in the history of Louisiana was committed by a negro boy named John Johnson in a farmhouse four miles south of Independence. Joe Cotton, his wife, her brother and two sisters were killed, the first by a pistol shot and the other four with an ax. The fiend who committed this quintuple murder is a negro boy who has been in the employ of Cotton since April 2. He was allowed to sleep in the same house. The motive is a mystery, as no attempt at robbery had been made. The only member of the family who escaped was little Maud Miller, 14 years old. She darted from the house and gave the alarm. She says she saw Johnson begin the butchery by striking her mother with the ax. The murderer is still at large and is being tracked with bloodhounds by a mob. He will probably be lynched if caught.

One Killed, Three Injured. By an explosion of gas at the Philadelphia & Reading Company's Middle Creek colliery, near Tremont, Pa., five men were burned. Two of the men died two hours later from their injuries. Two of the others cannot recover.

Fatal Accident at Sea. The ship Pythomene, from Sydney, which has just arrived at San Francisco, reports the death at sea August 18 of Henry B. Moringham, an 18-year-old apprentice, who fell from the foremast to the deck. He lived forty-eight hours, and was buried at sea.

Fishermen Indicted. True bills have been returned by the grand jury at Astoria against four fishermen for inciting to riot and assault with dangerous weapons, the crimes being alleged to have been committed at Booth's cannery during the recent strike of the fishermen.

A Young Bear Hunter. Louis Hartwig, a 13-year-old boy living at Astoria, killed an old bear and a cub in the outskirts of that city, after an exciting battle with the mother bear, in which the daring young nimrod narrowly escaped being killed.

A Thousand Armenians Killed. It appears that a thousand Armenians have been killed in a recent massacre at Egin, in the Kharpoon region. It is reported that a hundred Armenians have been killed at Divrig, in the same vilayet.

Oil Tanks Burned. Ten large tanks of oil belonging to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, of East St. Louis, were destroyed by fire. Many thousand barrels of oil were burned, causing a loss of \$40,000.

A Horrible Crime. Joseph Bash, of Cleveland, O., for some unknown reason, conceived the ghastly idea of killing his whole family, and securing a crowbar, repaired to the room where his wife and two daughters were sleeping. With one blow he crushed the skull of his wife and then turned to the cradle of his youngest child. The 19-year-old daughter in another bed awoke and sprang to arrest the fiend's arm, but the blow fell across the infant's face. A desperate fight between father and daughter took place. The girl's screams brought assistance and the man fled. The woman is at the point of death, but the infant may live.

A Destructive Blast. The Missouri military academy, situated about a mile south of Mexico, Mo., burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$75,000 on the building and a heavy loss in personal effects. The insurance is \$37,000. Hundreds of students were in the building when the fire broke out, but no lives were lost. Many had narrow escapes and received injuries. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

Swift Vengeance. James Hawkins, a negro, outraged a 5-year-old white child in Groeta, La. When the officers attempted to capture him they fired into a crowd of negroes, killing Alexander and Arthur Green. Hawkins was later lodged in jail. A mob broke through and took him out, hanged him and threw the body into the river.

Rate Again Advanced. The governors of the Bank of England have again advanced the minimum rate of discount one-half per cent to 8 per cent. This is an advance of 1 per cent in less than a month. Good authorities say that this will temporarily check the large gold withdrawals for shipment to the United States.

Explosives in Church. Three bottles of nitric acid, two bottles of sulphuric acid, fourteen pounds of glycerine, two vessels for the manufacture of explosives, some printing type and some threatening letters were found in an Armenian church in Constantinople.

A Schooner Lost. The South Sea missionary schooner of the Josephites, Evanelia, foundered at sea, and the missionaries and crew took to boats and were saved.

Preparing to Celebrate. Newfoundland is organizing to celebrate the fourth centenary of Cabot's discovery of the island, which occurs next year.

Warehouse Collapsed. In Genesee, Idaho, the warehouse owned by Frank Bros. and operated by H. A. Thatcher, collapsed while the men were at work unloading teams, completely demolishing the building. One of the teams was caught in the collapse, but all were gotten out unhurt. The loss will be several thousand dollars.

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A GRADUATE OF YALE

Notorious Crook Under Arrest in San Francisco

FOR UTTERING A FORGED CHECK

Caught by the San Francisco Police and Wanted in Texas—Was Living at the Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—W. C. Wallace, a young man of many aliases, and a graduate of Yale, is in the city prison awaiting extradition to Fort Worth, Tex., where he is wanted for uttering a forged draft for \$30,000 on the First National bank of this place. The prisoner was captured two weeks ago by detectives as he was coming from breakfast at the Palace hotel. Chief of Police J. H. Maddox, of Fort Worth, is here awaiting to take Wallace back for trial, but there is some hitch in the extradition papers.

Wallace is also wanted for alleged crooked work at Colorado Springs, Denver and Kansas City, where he and a partner named J. T. McKay are said to have out a wide swath in first-class hotels, without paying for the entertainment.

Early in this month, the police here received a circular from the police at Colorado Springs stating that one J. T. McKay and J. W. Ash had been swindling hotels at Kansas City and the Springs. It was also stated that Wallace, who sometimes went by the name of Brown, had deposited a \$20,000 draft at Fort Worth, representing himself to be a wealthy cattleman. Then he and McKay traveled about the country issuing checks on the worthless draft. The sum of \$580 was realized in this way.

When the pair left Colorado Springs, they came to this city, arriving here on September 15. McKay registered at the Occidental hotel under the name of J. P. Camden. Ash or Brown favored the Palace, where he was known as Wallace. On the way to the coast, the swindlers mailed letters to themselves, which were duly received at the hotels named one day after the arrival of the guests.

AN ORIENTAL ROMANCE.

A Fortune Awaiting the Son of John McFarlane.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—An ordinary four-line advertisement in last week's personals announced that a Glasgow firm of attorneys is looking for John McFarlane, who was last heard of in San Francisco five or six years ago. Back of the advertisement lies a story of Oriental romance, rare even in this day of strange happenings.

The father of John McFarlane, who is wanted, was a country Scotchman, a free lance, out for adventure. The result of his career was that \$750,000 is waiting for his son. He was a jeweler by trade, and after wandering about for some time, finally settled in Hong Kong in 1840. Before long, he amassed a fortune, and then, unaware that there was a law against the marriage of foreigners with natives, married a mandarin's daughter. The affair almost precipitated a riot in Hong Kong, but was ultimately smoothed over through the influence and wealth of his father-in-law, and in time a son was born christened John. In 1860 McFarlane returned to Glasgow, investing his money in an iron foundry, with his brother as manager.

On his death, Walter McFarlane sent for his half-Chinese nephew, and had him educated in England. As he grew, he developed his father's non-discriminatory tastes, and drifted about England, to the neglect of his books. Finally he came to America, and later to California.

John McFarlane was living in San Francisco when his uncle died, five or six years ago. He had made a fortune, and owned a half-interest in the Saracen iron foundry, besides much real estate. The nephew consulted Carmen & Donohue, attorneys, as to his chances of inheritance, but there was a widow, and the estate so tied up that John McFarlane gave up in disgust. The lawyers did all they could for him, but he left the city, and never sent them his address. Last week a letter arrived from a Scotch firm asking for information of McFarlane.

Killed by a Little Boy. Wooder, O., Sept. 29.—Thomas S. Kidd, aged 14, son of W. K. Kidd, of Cleveland, was murdered today at Dalton, near here, by Carl McIlhenny, aged 7. The little boy, who was a cripple, was visiting the McIlhenny home. The boys were left at home together and quarreled. Young Kidd struck Carl with his crutch. The latter went into another room, procured his father's gun, and blew off the top of Kidd's head. The young murderer admitted the killing, and is under arrest.

Moscow Wheat Market. Moscow, Idaho, Sept. 29.—Yesterday was the busiest day in the wheat market this season. It is estimated that at least 30,000 bushels were sold. The price went up to forty cents.

Wheat in Oakesdale. Oakesdale, Wash., Sept. 29.—Wheat is coming to town in large quantities. Owing to the advanced price, many farmers are selling, instead of storing, as in former years. The quality is graded A1, and the price is steadily advancing. At present wheat brings forty-one cents sacked.

A trolley system capable of running cars at sixty miles an hour is under construction for the electric railway between Baltimore and Washington.

Protected by Troops

Leadville Received Miners From Missouri.

SAFE IN THE EMMET STOCKADE

Strikers Were on Hand to Do Mischief but Were Frightened by the Sight of the Guns.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—A Metropolitan "L" train on the North-Avenue division made a thrilling run in the dead hours of the morning with a robber caged in the motor car frantically endeavoring to escape. The plucky motor carman and conductor prevented him from leaping through the window to probable death, and after running the train wild up and down the line they succeeded in attracting the attention of the police by furiously looting the whistle.

Captured a Robber.

Westminster, Md., Sept. 29.—Miss Carrie Horner, daughter of Charles Horner, of this place, committed suicide by taking strychnine today, under peculiar circumstances. She was to be married at 11 o'clock today to William Brook, a grocer. Brook suggested they take a walk in the cemetery, and there he informed her, according to her father's statement, that he was not in a position to marry her. Upon this she became nervous and said she wished to be alone. Shortly after, Brook heard a scream and found her in convulsions. The father of the girl was so incensed that he started in quest of Brook, swearing to kill him, but the latter had left town.

A Sensational Suicide.

Iron Mines Closed Down. Ishpeming, Mich., Sept. 29.—The Lake Angelus iron mine, which in former years paid \$500,000 dividends annually, closed down all its works tonight, throwing 600 men out of work. The company had sunk its surplus in improvements, and was unable to sell ore or secure cash advances thereon.

MANY OF HIS KIND.

An Unscrupulous Adventurer Kobs a Denver Widow. San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Robert Snowden, who claims to be a journalist, was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with felony and embezzlement. The complaining witness is Mrs. Sarah B. Williams, a middle-aged widow, of Denver. She claims that Snowden, who is 28 years old, induced her to come to San Francisco on a promise to marry, and then cajoled her out of her money and jewelry and disappeared.

According to the woman's story, she met Snowden in Denver some months ago, and, after a brief acquaintance, consented to marry him. He was in a hurry to get back to the coast at the time, and she promised to join him at any time he sent for her. In pursuance of this agreement Mrs. Williams started for San Francisco, arriving here one night with Snowden. He had gone to Sacramento to meet her, on August 10.

The young man took the widow to the Palace hotel, where she registered and procured a room. For some reason or another, her intended husband put off the marriage from time to time until he had succeeded in borrowing all of her money and jewelry, on one pretext or another. Then he disappeared. Mrs. Williams waited patiently for him to return, but after several days began to realize that she had been defrauded and that she was in debt at a fashionable hotel, with nothing in her purse to warrant her stay.

Mrs. Williams waited until her bill had reached \$90, when the hotel management insisted on payment. The widow was arrested last night, and was sent away from the hotel, her baggage being held for her bill. The woman was utterly penniless, and was compelled to seek shelter in a charitable institution.

Snowden says he met the woman in Denver through a newspaper personal.

LITTLE TOWN BURNED.

Not Much Left of Cleveland, in Klickitat County. Arlington, Or., Sept. 29.—A disastrous fire occurred at Cleveland, a small town about twenty miles north of this place, in Klickitat county. Nine buildings went up in smoke, including the principal store, two blacksmith shops, a hotel and livery barn. The town has no fire department, and no water could be used except what was thrown on with buckets. The destruction is believed to be the work of incendiaries, although there is no clew to the persons guilty. Those who suffered the greatest losses are: H. Blume, general merchandise; S. Cooley, blacksmith; A. Dodge, blacksmith.

In addition to his store, Mr. Blume also owned the livery barn and one of the blacksmith shops. The loss of property is a severe blow to the owners, as there was little or no insurance. The blaze was started in the livery barn.

A Building Collapsed. New York, Sept. 29.—A bathhouse in the course of construction, on Madison avenue, between Eighty-first and Eighty-second street, fell today, killing three men outright. A number of others are in the ruins.

Coney Island Elephant Burned. New York, Sept. 29.—The big wooden elephant, which was built some years ago for use as a hotel at Coney Island, was burned tonight.

Cubans Were Victorious.

Havana, Sept. 30.—Thirty-five Spanish volunteers, commanded by Lieutenant Romero, were surrounded by a superior force of insurgents as they were leaving the town of Quivican, province of Havana. A desperate fight ensued, the Spaniards attempting to cut their way through the rebels. Their efforts were without avail, but they did not cease firing until twenty-three of their number were killed and four wounded. Among the killed were Lieutenant Romero. The volunteers who escaped report that severe losses were inflicted on rebels.

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The seventy-five miners were surrounded by soldiers and the cavalcade passed down Harrison avenue to East Fifth street, and thence toward the Emmet mine. Along the route there were frequent yells of "scab" from strike sympathizers, and the soldiers were hooted at. After leaving the avenue and getting to a section where many miners live, the call of "scab" and jeering at the troops increased in volume.

At Orange street, the cavalcade halted for a breathing spell, and here the enraged crowd grew more demonstrative, crowding close upon the troops and showering abusive epithets alike upon miners and militia. One of the officers, who was singled out by the men for special abuse and crowding, grew angry and finally drew his sword, striking one of his tormentors across the face with the flat side of the sword and giving the other a hard blow on the back as he turned away.

The command being ready to move, the order was given to charge the crowd with gun butts and push them back to give room for the marching column. It was a most welcome order, and the docility with which it was obeyed sent a panic through the crowd, who fled over fences and through yards.

Several windows of houses were broken in by men blind with fear who simply dashed away from the guns and landed inside the windows with hands and faces bleeding from the broken glass. The march was then resumed without further incident.

The miners were soon inside the Emmet stockade, and the escort of militia returned to camp.

A Long Island Waterpout.

Patchogue, L. I., Sept. 29.—A fierce whirlwind and waterpout swept the great south bay for several miles last night. It seemed to descend from the heavens until it reached the surface of the bay, where it started whirling eastward with the roar of a hundred freight trains.

The spot was noticed first down toward Fire Island and swept east at a fearful rate. When opposite Bayport it struck the yacht Henry G. Miller, turning her bottom up. Then the great roaring body of water veered its course and went whirling away in different directions. When the spot reached a point off Patchogue it started toward the main shore. Sand was hurled in the air and there was only three feet of water there is now six or seven.

The waterpout finally started north and ran ashore opposite and east of Patchogue. When it struck the earth a whirlwind formed instantly. This turned over bathhouses, tore up trees and finally played havoc in corn fields.

Worden Sentenced to Death.

Woodland, Cal., Sept. 28.—When Worden was brought into court for sentence today, Judge Grant inquired of counsel if there was any reason why the day should not be fixed for carrying into execution the sentence imposed. Receiving a negative answer, the court fixed Friday, December 18, at Folsom state prison, as the time for carrying the sentence into execution. An appeal will be made to the governor for commutation to life sentence. The attorneys for Worden say there are matters that ought to be urged in Worden's behalf, but there is no legal method of getting them before any court, and they will be urged before the governor.

Four Murderers Executed.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 28.—Dion Sandoval, who shot and killed Victoriano Tenorio July 29, 1895, was hanged here this afternoon before a crowd of several thousand. He was calm and composed to the last. Perfecto Padela, who assassinated John Vipond, a miner, and Rosario Ring, who shot and killed Carlos Mibarri, were executed at Tierra Amarilla, while Antonio Gonzalez paid the penalty of death for the murder of Charles Vanocle at Roswell.

Colorado Iron Company in Operation. Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 28.—Every department of the Pueblo steel plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, about which sensational reports of a general shutdown were recently circulated, is now in full operation, with a force of 3,000 men.

Crushing the Opposition. Singapore, Sept. 25.—The viceroys of Nanking has issued a proclamation forbidding the transfer of land at Wu Sung to foreigners because the improvements of the river will make Wu Sung a greater port than Shanghai.

According to the most careful computation, only one person in 100,000 of both sexes attains the age of 100 years, and only six to seven in 100 the age of sixty.

GUILTEAU OF BAD MEMORY.

Display in Salem of a Collection of Grossnesses Kellee.

Salem, Or., Sept. 28.—The memory of Charles J. Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, has been revived here by a display of relics by a business house. The collection is the property of F. S. Lull, nephew of John C. Crocker, who was warden of the Washington city jail during the time of Guiteau's incarceration. Among the collection is a piece of the hemp rope with which the assassin was hanged, and also a piece of the cotton rope that his hands were tied with. Each is about 1 1/2 inches long. Warden Crocker died two years ago, but Mr. Lull has a certificate in his uncle's handwriting that the hemp memento was cut from the rope that hanged Guiteau. The collection also contains a bottle of the sand used in testing the strength of the hangman's rope, a cribbage board made from the lid of Guiteau's coffin, and a lock of his hair.

A relic among the collection that attracts special attention is a facsimile of the bullet that was aimed at the prisoner by a jail guard. The bullet, after passing through Guiteau's coat and a photograph in his pocket, struck the brick wall and flattened out. The shape of the lead when picked up bore such a marked resemblance to the bust of Guiteau that it was preserved, and facsimiles have since been made.

During a part of the time of the assassin's confinement in jail, his mail matter was two to three wagonloads a day. It consisted mostly of letters denouncing Guiteau, often accompanied with hideous drawings and pictures, and the contribution of a bouquet by one person, Edward Dickey, a Washington forist. The collection secured from Mr. Lull contains a preserved leaf from the bouquet and the card which accompanied it. On the card is inscribed: "We meet in paradise. Farewell." Another neatly written card of the collection reads:

"You call yourself Git tow, You villainous, murdering imps; But we are glad to know You surely will get hump."

A pen-and-ink drawing pictures a jail with an empty cell and a scald in the rear. Below the empty cell is written: "Empty is the cradle, Charles Guiteau is gone."

Another represents Guiteau in agony just after the trapdoor has been sprung. The picture is designated as "the irresistible impulse."

A pin, the head representing the assassinated president, is accompanied with the instructions that it be worn June 30, 1893, the date of the execution. The Lull collection contains a vast amount of Confederate money. One bill for \$50 is made payable two years after secession has triumphed.

AN OLD MAN'S BRIDE.

Pioneer Sanborn's Honeymoon Has an Unpleasant Ending. Jackson, Cal., Sept. 28.—A few days ago B. S. Sanborn, an 82-year-old pioneer, was introduced to Mrs. Julia Hughes, a recent arrival from Oakland. It was a case of love at first sight, and Sanborn proposed marriage immediately. Next day the two were married and started off on a wedding tour, followed by the good-natured congratulations of the townspeople. The following day they returned and settled down in Sanborn's house. The couple seemed very happy, but today Sanborn's little romance came to a sudden end. The old man took his customary nap today, and when he awoke he missed his wife, also \$400. He investigated and found that Mrs. Sanborn had hired a horse and departed with her trunk to some point outside of the county. Sanborn swore out a warrant charging his bride with grand larceny, and the sheriff is now pursuing her.

A Mayor's Novel Idea. San Diego, Sept. 28.—Mayor Carlson sent a novel communication to the council last night. A resolution had been introduced strongly criticizing the mayor "for coveting around the city," and the mayor replied to it by setting forth his plans if elected congressman. He bases his plea for support on a bill he proposes to introduce in congress, providing for the expenditure of \$500,000,000 in the erection of government buildings in every county seat in the nation. To pay for this, the government is to issue "public improvement scrip," which will be met with money saved from rental. The resolution criticizing the mayor has not yet come to a vote.

Tuks Desecrate a Cemetery. Canoa, Spt. 25.—The Turks have desecrated and profaned the cemetery at Suda bay under the eyes of the officers of the British and Austrian fleets of war. During negotiations for the Cretan settlement Great Britain and Russia agreed to permit Greece to annex Crete at the first opportunity presenting itself.

Massacre of Armenians Continues. Constantinople, Sept. 24.—Disturbances occurred September 18 at Gushashaden, vilayet of Karpoot, owing to an incursion of Kurds. No details have been received. Troops have been dispatched to the scene. The Armenians were murdered at Angora, September 19, on account of an outbreak of fire.

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NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Star States—Oregon.

Wood is being sold in Athens at \$3.50 a cord, and is scarce at that. A number of proprietors of stores in Astoria have begun closing their places of business at 7 o'clock P. M.

Captain Krause, of Company C, Pendleton, says that the members of the company will soon qualify as sharpshooters. This will give the company a good showing at encampment, should there be one next June.

The irrigating canal on the west side of Hood river valley is nearing completion, and will furnish water for irrigating that entire section. The canal will carry 3,000 inches of water, and was constructed at an expense of \$20,000.

The First National bank of Heppner sold 27,000 pounds of wool last Saturday for 6 cents a pound. One hundred and sixty thousand pounds is all of the wool that has been sold in Heppner since the wool blockade began last June.

A party of hunters on the Nehalem are reported to have killed four elk the other day. When they returned to haul the elk out of the woods, they found two large black bears after the carcasses. In order to get the elk meat they had to kill the bears, which they did.

The Weston mills have completed the 100-ton order of flour for China, and a shipment of five carloads was made last week. A car of flour and a car of feed were shipped to Portland. The latter was the largest car ever loaded there, and held 350 barrels. An order has recently been received from San Francisco for two carloads.

A party of government engineers has arrived in Salem and began a survey of the Willamette river there, preparatory to the work of building wind-dams above the city, which are to protect the point at the Folk county side, opposite the city, and to keep the river in the old channel. It will also be determined what bars in the river are to be removed in order to keep the channel clear and protect the river banks.

Fish continue to run moderately, though there was a noticeable improvement the first of the week over the catch during the closing days of last week, says the Astorian. The run of silverides has not yet commenced, but it is looked for within a few days, until which time the canners will not make any particular efforts to increase their daily packing.

The civil engineer who has been in the Blue river mine surveying a route for a wagon road reports having selected a splendid route for a road up Quartz creek to the Lucky Boy mine, and that the grade will be an easy one. He is in the employ of the London Exploration Company, which has recently purchased that property. This road will not be of benefit to Gold-Hill claims.

The Pierce county fair has ended. The association will be nearly \$2,000 ahead after all expenses are paid. Citizens of Oakesdale have succeeded in establishing a free reading-room in that city for the use of workmen.

It is reported that some sort of worm is eating the grasshoppers that have been so numerous in the vicinity of Wilbur.

The lumber shipments of Washington this year are slightly over 30,000,000 feet larger than for a like period in 1895.

Most of the prospectors are being driven out of the mountains of the Okanogan reservation by the approach of cold weather.

J. W. Foster and Martin Becker, the two men reported to have been drowned in the Spokane river while on a fishing trip, have turned up safe in Spokane.

The people of Yakima are complaining of the hobo nuisance, and are calling for its abatement. They advocate putting them to work on the streets.

Helen M. Hemroth, president of the general association of women's clubs, is on the way from Chicago to Tacoma, where she will attend the meeting of the state associations. On her return he will stop in Spokane, and be tendered a reception by the Sorosis.

The Northern Pacific railway will erect at Spokane, on the site of the old carshops, a new water tank, with a capacity of 52,000 gallons. It will stand forty-two feet above the tracks, the top of it reaching a