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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Current Week.

The president has sent to the senate the name of William W. Morrow, of California, to be United States circuit judge for the ninth judicial district.

William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to speak at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, on the 13th of July, the day before the annual Chautauquan assembly will open. His subject will be "Bimetallism."

From Clark's lens works, Cambridge, has been shipped in a special parlor car two discs which form the lens for the great Yerkes telescope, the largest lens ever made. Every precaution was taken to insure the safe transportation of the costly lens. They were insured for their full value, \$60,000. The lens represent nearly six years of careful labor.

Captain Miller has information that the war department has appropriated \$24,000 for a transportation fund for the army post at Spokane, which makes a total of \$108,000 this year. The sundry civil bill carries \$50,000 more, all to be spent this year. The intention is to transfer two companies to Spokane, probably from Fort Sherman. As fast as the barracks buildings are built, other companies will come from Fort Walla Walla and Sherman.

A special to the New York Journal from Havana says: The opening of private letters by Weyer's postoffice employes has been made the subject of energetic protests by more than one local consul. The representative of a leading South American republic went personally to the palace to complain that his mail, both official and private, had been tampered with, while Dr. Brunner, of the United States marine hospital service, detailed here as assistant sanitary inspector, attached to the American consulate, received several letters from his wife, the envelopes of which had been clipped off at the postoffice before delivery. They were delivered open, no attempt whatever having been made to conceal the fact of violation. Upon the doctor's complaint General Lee sent a sharp note of protest to the captain-general's office.

More than 100,000 cases of salmon have been left over from last year's pack at Astoria.

The famous Tombs prison in New York is to be torn down to give way to a new and handsome structure.

Clouse Clodion, aged 17, was struck by lightning and seriously injured at his home on Mill creek, Walla Walla county, Wash.

Portland, Or., will celebrate the Fourth of July this year. Committees have been appointed and plans discussed to have the finest celebration ever seen in that city.

Adolph L. Luetgert, a well-known sausage manufacturer of Chicago, has been arrested on charges of murdering his wife and burning her body in acid to hide the traces of his crime.

The New York Herald's special from Madrid says no doubt remains that the work of pacification in the Philippine islands is at a standstill. The gravity of the situation there has been fully revealed by a correspondent in Manila, who gives many incidents with dates to show that the insurgent bands are still active.

Special reports from the principal fruit and grain centers of California announce a general rainfall, which in a few cases has injured the hay crop and in other sections has come too late in the season to be beneficial. The California wheat crop will be generally light, but growing cereals look much better along the foothills than on the plains.

Firms and individuals in this country interested in trade with Cuba, and who desire peace in the island as soon as possible, have sent to the secretary of state a memorial, setting forth how their business interests are suffering, and giving facts about the struggle in Cuba, in the hope that measures may be devised to terminate the war.

The general traffic manager of the O. R. & N. says that all the railroads interested have agreed to put into effect the new grain rate on June 9 next. This action will be in accord with the law passed by the last Washington legislature, making a reduction of 10 per cent on previous rates. It is estimated that the new rate will effect a saving for the farmers of Eastern Washington and of Northern Idaho of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year.

George Francis Train has reopened his claim to the city of Omaha, and he intends to press it to the last. If he wins he will be worth \$20,000,000; if he loses, he will be no poorer than he is now. Certain of his friends have investigated the matter, and they are convinced that his cause is just and that the claim growing out of the old Union Pacific litigation and subsequent proceedings in which he was legally declared a lunatic is valid.

An expedition has just left Philadelphia that has for its object the exploration of the country around Mount St. Elias, Alaska, and possibly the ascent of that mountain, which for a long time was considered the highest in America.

A number of people have been poisoned in Oakland, Cal., by eating strawberries. The physicians declare that the strawberries have been in contact with some poisonous matter used by growers to destroy plant insects. There have been traces of Paris green in some of the fruit offered for sale.

VICTIMS OF A FIRE.

Two Persons Perished and Three Injured in New York.

New York, May 25.—Two persons were killed and three seriously injured in a fire which was started shortly after 4 o'clock this morning in the four-story and basement brownstone building, at 149 West Twenty-third street. Several persons narrowly escaped death. The dead are:

Mrs. Catherine Mosway, 33 years old; died at hospital from suffocation and burns.

Beatrice Mosway, 4 years old, daughter of the former, suffocated in her room.

The injured are: Mrs. Mary C. or Carrie Bowles, boarding-house keeper at 28 Hollis street, Boston, dangerously hurt; Miss MacDonald, slightly burned on the face; F. S. Phaps, slightly burned on the face.

While a tenant named Lamont was crawling the narrow sill to reach the adjoining house, the body of a woman struck a large sign which hung on the outside and to which he clung for support. The sign was torn from its fastenings and fell with a crash to the street. The woman was Mrs. Bowles, who had precipitated herself from the third floor to the street below when she found that egress from the house by way of the stairs was choked by the flames. She was picked up and taken to the hospital.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed that a belated tenant lit a match in the hallway to see his way and carelessly tossed the still burning match away. The fire started at the foot of the stairs, and the light wall acted as a flue to carry the flames to the roof instantly.

AT MARK HANNA'S FURNACE.

A Number of Workmen Seriously Hurt in Newcastle.

Newcastle, Pa., May 25.—This morning the big Roena furnace, in this city, owned by Senator Mark Hanna and ex-Senator Cameron, let go, and the next instant a heavy volume of coke, iron ore and coal came crashing through the roof of the casting house, burying in the neighborhood of 30 men under the debris. Manager Reis was taken out with skin hanging in shreds from his hands and arms, and his legs were terribly burned and bruised. A number of others were badly burned and bruised.

A second accident of the day happened about 30 minutes later. It was a cave-in at the big 70-foot cut of the Newcastle Traction Company, which is making a track to the new Casade Park. Michael Kury was buried under at least 75 feet of sand, gravel, clay and rocks, and was dead when taken out. Peter Herinsky was terribly crushed about the shoulders and hips, but will probably live.

Drowned Near Riverville.

Riverville, Wash., May 25.—Coming as it did upon the heels of the tragic suicide of Mrs. Vebra Yav, the sensational drowning this afternoon of Dan Sinclair, one of Riverville's most prominent citizens, in Cow creek, has given the staid old residents of this town a shock that they will long remember. Sinclair, in company with five young men, started at 9 A. M. for a general day's outing, their destination being about 13 miles from town. Upon arriving at the creek the party ate lunch, and all went in bathing. Sinclair, who was unable to swim, had waded out a few yards from shore, and accidentally stepped off into a deep and treacherous pool, and, before his excited companions could rescue him, had sank for the last time. The news was brought to this place, and everything possible was done to recover the body, but without avail. Giant powder will be used tomorrow in an effort to raise the body. Sinclair was 34 years of age, and leaves an aged father and mother to mourn his loss.

Fight at a Roadhouse.

Denver, May 25.—One man was killed and another fatally wounded at Joe Lewie's roadhouse, about five miles south of the city, at 6:45 this evening. Lewie has had trouble with Jacob Kisthard, a neighbor, over the water in an irrigating ditch in which both are interested. Today Kisthard and his two sons were working on the ditch, when some of Lewie's employes went to the ditch to protect his interests. With them went some of his guests, including Samuel H. McCall, a well-known gambler, and John McKenna. A quarrel ensued, during which Samuel Kisthard drew a pistol and shot McCall and McKenna. Kisthard came to Denver and surrendered to the police. McKenna is not dead, but cannot recover.

Murder Over Cards.

Pittsburg, May 25.—A fight over cards today at Snowden, a mining town, resulted in the murder of Albert Grier by George Douglas, colored. A game of poker was in progress, when Douglas was bluffed by James Smith into laying down three queens against a botball flush. This enraged him and a fight ensued. Douglas then went to his house and returned with a gun. The crowd fired through the door, hitting Albert Grier and killing him instantly. Douglas fled, pursued by a crowd, but was captured in the woods, and they were about to lynch him when officers rescued.

A Victim of Cigarettes.

Camden, N. J., May 25.—W. M. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, of Stockton, this county, committed suicide today by hanging. The boy was in good spirits when his parents started to church. On their return they found him hanging lifeless. He was addicted to the use of cigarettes, for which he was chided by his father. It is believed that he could not break off the habit, and in despair took his life.

HE WANTS THE HONOR

Edhem Pasha Says Peace Must Be Made By Him.

AMOUNT OF INDEMNITY REDUCED

The Italian Volunteers Causing No End of Trouble to Greece—Colonel Manos in Disgrace.

Athens, May 25.—It is again semi-officially asserted that Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, has repeated his statement that peace must be negotiated with him, and he is now pressing for the appointment of a Greek plenipotentiary to conduct the settlement of terms.

M. Deligorgis, a former foreign minister has been elected president of the Cretan central committee.

General Smolenski has sent telegrams to the Athenian newspapers denying that he ordered a retreat except in pursuance of the commands of Crown Prince Constantine, and adds: "I earnestly beg you not to publish inaccurate statements calculated to create dissensions in the army."

He also denies that any guns fell into the hands of the enemy during the retreats from Reveni and Velesino.

The Berthel column (Italian) insisted on coming here, several of the volunteers refusing to return to Italy, on the ground that they are liable to arrest as deserters. The government has decided that the column must return to Italian territory, and will undertake to board and lodge only those liable to arrest.

The Ambassadors Instructed.

London, May 25.—The correspondent of the Times at Constantinople says: The powers have instructed the ambassadors to act as their representatives in mediating between Turkey and Greece. A collective note will be handed to the porte forthwith.

Palace circles now realize that great maladroitness has been displayed on the Turkish side. The question is how to retreat from the present situation without humiliation, and a change of ministry is being discussed as the best way to save appearances.

Amount of the Indemnity.

London, May 25.—The Standard correspondent at Constantinople says: The peace negotiations continue. It is asserted the amount of indemnity will be reduced to 8,000,000, 2,000,000 to be paid in cash to Russia and 6,000,000 to be accepted by Turkey as part payment of the indemnity owed her by Turkey.

It is said here that after the suspension of hostilities, the Greeks, under the pretense of washing their linen, crossed the bridge over the Anar and were attacked by Turkish commanders who drove them back, after heavy fighting for ten hours.

Anxious to Get Rid of Italians.

London, May 25.—The Athens correspondent of the Times says that owing to the disquietude caused by the presence in the city of large bodies of volunteers, the government has hastily recalled the force of gendarmes sent to Arta, and will take measures to deport these dangerous allies to their various countries at the earliest possible date.

Most of the volunteers making up the Berthel column are anarchists, and the government has dealt wisely in refusing to allow them to come here, although they insisted on the privilege. The government sent them from Arta to Seavarda, and there disarmed them with orders to leave for Italy in Greek vessels. Thereupon they began to indulge in all sorts of excesses, and got into conflict with the inhabitants, with the result that one Italian was killed and six were seriously wounded. Finally, after a great deal of trouble, they were sent to Brinzio, under the escort of two Greek men-of-war.

Excesses of the Italians.

London, May 25.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in Ephra gives a terrible picture of the excesses of the Italians, while traveling from Arta to Zaverda. He says: "They stole brandy and drank it like water. Armed only with revolvers and bayonets, by the time they reached Zaverda they were quarreling and fighting among themselves. The villagers, thoroughly alarmed, gathered in readiness to fight the Italians, and the situation became serious. A Greek tried to pacify a Garibaldian, who was about to dash his brains out with a stone, whereupon an Italian fired and wounded the Greek. Instantly, the cry was raised 'A Greek has been killed' and the villagers began to fire their rifles. The firing became general, but the Italians displayed a flag of truce, and the embarkation was effected—though with great difficulty.

"Several officers told me they did not expect to reach land alive, as they ruffianly soldiers would surely kill them."

Armistice May Be Prolonged.

Paris, May 25.—Prince Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, had a long conference today with M. Honataux, minister of foreign affairs.

It is understood that the Greco-Turkish armistice will be prolonged if, at its expiration, the peace negotiations should not be finished.

The Hetaira at Work.

Athens, May 25.—The forces of the Ethniko Hetaira have distinguished themselves more since than during the war. Bands of irregular deserters are pillaging and devastating the Phthiots district, where the condition of the villages is most lamentable.

Manos in Disgrace.

London, May 25.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Graphic from Corfu, it is reported that Colonel Manos attempted suicide while in jail.

FOUR GHOULS IN JAIL.

The Ladd Grave Conspiracy Laid Bare and the Body Found.

Portland, Or., May 24.—The body of William S. Ladd, which was taken from its resting place in Riverside cemetery Monday night, was recovered yesterday by Chief Burns, of Oregon City, and Detectives Welsh and Simmons, of Portland. D. Magone, Charles Montgomery, Ed Long and William Rictor, all of Oregon City, are lodged in the city jail, charged with the crime of its removal. Montgomery has made a confession, implicating Magone and the other men.

The body was buried at Magone's Park, a well-known landmark on the Willamette river, a mile and a half below Oregon City. Its hiding place was cleverly concealed by moss and leaves, and it would never have been discovered had not Montgomery weakened and led the officers to it.

The remains of Mr. Ladd were found in the ground about 30 yards from the river. The spot was wild and forbidding, so that there was but little chance of any one ever happening across it. A grave about three feet deep had been excavated, into which the body, wrapped in burlap, had been placed and covered over. No effort had been made to provide a coffin or other like protection, and the covering of dirt was very thin to keep from detection the body beneath. When seen, the body was in a remarkable state of preservation, considering the time it had been interred.

Masked Robber Killed.

Tacoma, Wash., May 24.—A single robber late this afternoon held up and attempted to rob an incoming car on the Steilacoom electric line. About 4 1/2 miles out of the city a tall man, roughly dressed, hailed the car, which stopped, and he boarded it. As he got on the platform he pulled a blue dotted calico mask, having holes cut through for eyes, down over his face, produced a revolver and ordered Superintendent Dame, of the motor line, and Motorman Wellman to the rear end of the car. They complied slowly, and he lowered, ordering the men and the passengers to hold up their hands and the ladies to sit still. Dame and Wellman had entered a rear compartment used for carrying baggage and freight. The robber evidently thought them safely disposed of, for he paid no more attention to them, but commenced relieving George B. Evans, a contractor, of his valuables. This done, he commanded William E. Hacker, a broker, to stand up and be searched. In the meantime, Superintendent Dame had taken out his revolver and came in behind Hacker, where he awaited an opportunity to shoot. A moment later he placed his arm on Hacker's shoulder and fired into the robber, who returned the fire. Dame fired two shots and the robber three. Two minutes later, the robber was lying beside the car, dead, while Dame had been shot in the arm and Jewett Smith, a passenger, in the leg.

Brutality in a Prison.

Philadelphia, May 24.—Today's session of the legislative committee investigating the management of the state penitentiaries was sensational. Senator Gagerdon, of Philadelphia, was the star witness. He said the official reports of the prison were filled with falsehoods, and that he could prove that the treatment of many convicts had been brutal and cruel. He said the institution reported there were 10 insane patients in November last, and that investigation made by him showed there were 50 at the time. Of these, he said nine are now in insane asylums and one is dead as the result of cruel treatment at the prison. Thirty-six of the insane convicts, he said, are still in cells in the prison. He instanced the case of McCue, a prisoner whom he had ordered sent from the prison to the Northtown state insane asylum, and who died the next day, as alleged by the judge, from a beating he received the night before his removal. He told of another insane convict, a colored man named Prentice, who for eight months had been tied to the steam pipes every night.

Mr. Tongue Injured.

Washington, May 24.—Representative Thomas H. Tongue, of Oregon, was struck by a cable-car near the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Sixth street and painfully injured. He received a number of severe cuts and bruises. Mr. Tongue had just returned from a trip with a number of senators and representatives to Charlottesville and Monticello. He was taken to Providence hospital, where it was found he had sustained a cut on the left cheek, and another over the left eye. No serious consequences are apprehended.

Caucus to Consider Tariff Bill.

Washington, May 24.—The Republican senators will hold a caucus Monday to consider the tariff bill. The first effort will be to devise plans to expedite the bill, and to secure its passage. There will also be an attempt to annul the differences of opinion as to the merits of some of the features.

The principal object of the caucus is to agree upon a plan for the limitation of the time for debate, as under the present rules this can only be done by mutual consent. The Democrats will also hold a caucus soon to decide on a line of action.

Appointed Regent.

Salem, Or., May 24.—Governor Lord has appointed D. P. Thompson, of Portland, ex-minister to Turkey, a member of the board of regents of the state university, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of L. L. McArthur.

Gambler Ordered Out of Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., May 24.—Chief of Police Hawthorne today ordered a number of gamblers and confidence men to leave the city before sundown.

WAR EXISTS IN CUBA

Senate Recognizes Belligerency of Insurgents.

MORGAN RESOLUTION IS PASSED

The Vote Was a Decisive One of Forty-one to Fourteen—An Exciting Debate Ended.

Washington, May 23.—The long and exciting debate on the joint resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba and declaring that strict neutrality shall be maintained by the United States, was ended when the resolution passed the senate by the decisive vote of 41 to 14 at a late hour this afternoon. The announcement of the vote was received with tumultuous applause, which drew from Hawley an emphatic protest against "mob demonstration."

The resolution, as it is now: "Resolved, etc., That a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America shall maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each and all the rights of belligerency in the ports and the territory of the United States."

An analysis of the vote shows that the affirmative vote was cast by 18 Republicans, 19 Democrats and four Populists, and the negative vote by 12 Republicans and two Democrats. Prior to the final vote, the motion of Hale to refer the resolution to the committee on foreign relations was tabled. Fairbanks proposed a substitute providing that the president extend the good offices of the United States to Spain toward securing an end of the conflict, and the ultimate independence of the island. This, too, was tabled, yeas 35, nays 15. Then followed the adoption of the original resolution. The voting occurred after an exciting debate, participated in by Thurston, Elkins, White, Fairbanks, Hale, Spooner and Gorman. Thurston, who presided over the Republican convention at St. Louis, recalled the stirring scene when the convention inserted a Cuban plank in the platform, and declared that this resolution was a partial fulfillment of that pledge. Elkins and White urged a conservative course and an inquiry by a committee.

Then came the first vote, that on the motion of Hale to refer. It was a test, and a defeat of the motion assured the passage of the resolution. Fairbanks tried to stem the tide by offering the compromise proposition, somewhat on the lines of the Cuban plank adopted at St. Louis, but it met the same fate as the Hale motion.

This brought Hale forward for a final protest. He spoke with intense earnestness and feeling, and with a trace of bitterness in his words. He declared that the elements opposed to the opposition—Democrats and Populists—had furnished the bulk in favor of the resolution, and that the foreign policy of the administration was thus to be dictated by its opponents. He expressed the fear also that the resolution would lead to war with Spain.

Spooner added his protest against tying the hands of the administration. Gorman closed the debate, resenting the suggestion that party lines were drawn on the resolution, and asserting that the administration should have dispatched a war vessel to Cuba to protect our officials on the island. The final vote was then taken, and the senate adjourned to Monday.

Relief Bill Passed.

Washington, May 23.—The house unanimously passed the Cuban relief resolution, appropriating \$50,000 for food and supplies.

The "Baroness" Is Pointed for Home.

London, May 24.—Baroness von Turkheim, formerly Jeannie Young, who believes that she was deceived from home to prevent her appearing as a witness in the Fair will case, has departed for Liverpool, whence she sails for America. She was accompanied by her 4-year-old son. Her companion, who came with her from San Francisco, will meet her at Liverpool and sail with her.

The baroness says that Von Turkheim was very much disappointed on reaching London two weeks ago, to find that the renitance he had expected was \$3,000 short of the amount promised him. He did not know whether Mr. Delmas, Mrs. Craven's lawyer, had failed to send the amount or whether Detective Stillwell secured it. It was while Von Turkheim was smarting under this disappointment that he revealed to the baroness, she says, that he married her in pursuance of a plot to get her out of the way. He suggested to her then, she says, that they "stand in" together to make Delmas pay a large sum of money. The baroness declared that if Von Turkheim ventures to return to San Francisco, she will prosecute him.

Montevideo, May 24.—The Uruguayan troops have defeated the insurgents under Lamas and Saravia. It is officially announced the insurgents have been completely routed, and the revolution is considered as ended.

A Woman in the Case.

St. Louis, May 24.—George A. Taylor, teller of the Third National bank, was found dead at the Normandie hotel this afternoon. He committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. When found, Taylor had in his hand a letter from a woman, not his wife, and her photograph.

William Moore, of Snow Hill, Md., on a wage of five cents, attempted to kiss a "possum," and is now mourning the loss of a part of his nose.

WALL OF WATER.

Orchards and Gardens Ruined—Damage Estimated at \$100,000.

Asotin, Wash., May 23.—A cloudburst at some point as yet unknown, up the little valley of Asotin creek, sent a wall of water down the valley late this afternoon that carried devastation in its train. Stock was drowned, houses wrecked, bridges washed out and orchards ruined. The loss is roughly estimated at \$100,000. The pleasant little valley was a continuous orchard-garden for 15 miles above the town.

A correspondent has just returned from a trip four miles up the valley. From persons on the road it was learned the flood extended for at least three miles beyond that. The torrent tore down the valley about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. A wall of muddy water rolled through orchards and gardens, entirely covering the narrow parts of the valley. Where the valley was widest it failed to reach entirely across.

As far as learned no lives were lost, but considerable stock perished. The houses of Robert Campbell and John Dill were wrecked; John Miller's house was carried 800 feet from its foundation, and many other places were more or less damaged. Between Asotin and a point four miles up the creek, all of the bridges, five in number, were washed out. Two of these belonged to the town and three to the county. The loss in this particular is about \$2,500. It is thought that other bridges were washed out further up stream. But the chief loss was in the destruction of orchards and gardens. The torrent tore through these with great fury, washing off the smaller trees. The larger trees were left standing, though they were badly damaged.

In the town of Asotin, comparatively little damage was done, beyond washing out bridges. The park was ruined. Nothing to equal this torrent has ever before been experienced since the settlement of the valley.

SPAIN IS UNEASY.

Hopes the President Will Not Allow the Senate to Drive Him to War.

Madrid, May 24.—Senator Morely Prendergast, a former minister asked the government, on behalf of the liberals, in the chamber of deputies today, if it was true that the United States senate had recognized the belligerency of the insurgents.

The premier replied that the report to this effect was not a surprise to him, as it was a question of creating more difficulties for President McKinley in connection with the tariff bill, but he believed President McKinley, like Mr. Cleveland, would decide for himself in such a matter.

In the course of his reply to the interpellation, Senator Canovas said the exchange of opinion between Spain and other European powers on the subject of Cuba had always been unofficial. The powers had shown great reserve in defining their views, and this attitude had led the government to believe that they were unwilling to offer any effective intervention between Spain and the United States. The exchange of views with the United States had been friendly, but Spain had refused the proffered mediation. The guarded tone of the premier in regard to the belligerent vote of the senate has made a profound impression, but the general opinion in the lobby is that President McKinley and Secretary Sherman will not allow the senate to drive them into conflict with Spain.

Story of Spanish Cruelty.

New York, May 24.—A special to the Journal from Havana via Port Tampa says: A shocking story of Spanish cruelty, verified by a consulate representative of the United States, comes from Santa Clara province. The Cuban leader, Charles Aguirre, who was officially named to have been killed by Spanish troops under General Obergon in an engagement near Sancti Spiritu, a few nights ago, was, as a matter of fact, made a prisoner after having been wounded. Learning that he claimed American citizenship, his captors are said to have tied him to the tail of a horse and dragged him through the streets of Aroyo Blanco until death claimed him. In justice to General Obergon, it is said that, after learning the facts, he severely reprimanded the minor officials directly responsible for the brutal action, and directed that the body be properly interred.

Carelessness Caused a Holocaust.

St. Louis, May 24.—Mrs. Ada Mohr, 23 years of age, and baby Mohr, 18 months old, burned to a crisp and their bodies taken to the morgue. Hugo Howard, 15 months old, died after removal to the hospital. Mrs. Bessie Howard, 28 years old, William Howard, 5 years old, were probably fatally burned, and are expected to die at the hospital. Max Gumpert and Henry Surman, painfully burned. These horrors constitute the sum total, aside from property damage, which resulted from a gasoline explosion in the upper rooms of 2841 Menard street, occupied by Gustav Mohr, last night.

Death of Senator Earle.

Columbus, S. C., May 24.—Senator James H. Earle died at his home here last night. He had been ill for several weeks, but until yesterday hopes were entertained for his recovery. Bright's disease was the cause of his death.

Fight With Bandits in Mexico.

St. Louis, May 24.—Edward Callahan, owner of the Barranca silver mine in Mexico—yielding 1,000 tons of \$20 ore a day—and a millionaire, is here en route to New York to be treated for the injuries he received in a fight with bandits. It was widely reported at the time that he had been killed.

Cambridge, England, May 24.

Cambridge university today, by a vote of 1,713 to 682, rejected a proposal to confer degrees upon women.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

An inspector of the postal department will be sent to Salem to establish a rural mail service in Marion county.

Many cherries are said to have fallen from the trees in Southern Oregon during the last week or ten days.

Growers in Linn county are cultivating their hops well, and the present outlook justifies them in hoping for fine crops.

The Coos bay creamery is receiving 12,000 pounds of milk per day, and it is expected the figures will soon be increased to 15,000.

The machinery for the Yale, Malheur county, flouring mill has been purchased. The mill will have a capacity of 50 barrels a day.

Grasshoppers about the size of a flea are so thick in the Fulton neighborhood, Unatilla county, that they raise in clouds whenever disturbed.

Harold Parker will soon start from Huntington with 30,000 head of sheep overland for Gibson, Foss & Co., to be delivered at some point in Nebraska. It will take about five months to make the drive.

The big ditch which has been in course of construction for several months for the Flick Bar Mining Company, in Baker county, has been completed, and mining will soon be commenced in earnest.

No steps will be taken to build a new courthouse in Coos county before the coming season. The defendant county has filed an answer to the complaint of those who are asking for an injunction to prevent the construction of the courthouse.

William Brenner, of Seio, and D. Wheeler, of Lebanon, are buying feed hogs near Seio for shipment to Nebraska. They have bought about 600 head, for which they paid from 2 to 2 1/2 cents a pound gross. Seio was a squealing center of industry last Monday, as wagon load after wagon load of pigs were brought in.

The railroad company in Jackson county brought suit against the county to restrain the collection of \$18,000 taxes, alleged to be due the county. With the Oregon & California company is joined in the suit the Southern Pacific Company, against which no taxes are assessed. At the Southern Pacific Company is a foreign company, this would give the federal courts jurisdiction, should that company remain a party to the suit.

Washington. The long-distance telephone has reached Astoria.

Salary warrants in