

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Sheep-shears in Umatilla County are making \$8 to \$12 per day.

Wallawa County will market 2000 fat hogs between now and September.

The Bartlett pear crop will be a failure generally in the Willamette valley. Seventy-five carloads of sheep were shipped to eastern markets from Shaniko last week.

Three Tacoma men were in Benton County last week buying horses for shipment to Cape Nome.

The sugar beet crop in Union County is looking fine, and the yield of any former season will be greatly increased.

There is now 2,000,000 pounds of wool in the Heppner warehouses, just twice what they contained at this time last year.

Barker & Elliot, of Gilliam County, have sold 3800 yearling ewes to Charles Cowell, of Missoula, Mont., the price paid being \$2.95.

A train of 14 cars of cattle, mostly yearlings, passed through Dallas last week for Montana parties. They were chiefly from Tillamook County.

At Hood River, about 1500 Indians, 200 Japs and as many white as both combined are employed in harvesting the strawberry crop. All are making good wages.

Around Jefferson the outlook for the wheat crop is gloomy, especially for fall grain. Frosts will be a short crop, and even hops will not be up to their usual standard.

Bessie Reeves, the 15-year-old invalid daughter of John Reeves, of Camas prairie, in Umatilla County, fell in the fire last Tuesday and narrowly escaped being fatally burned.

The spot of snow upon Mt. Emily, in Union County, that generally does not disappear before the Fourth of July, is about gone, which is, without doubt, the earliest it ever disappeared.

The Woodmen of the World signified an intention of assisting Newberg in securing the best sugar factory. One speaker and three solicitors for acreage are to be sent out at the expense of the order.

The convict labor furnished to the Northwest State Foundry by the state of Oregon during the month of May earned for the state \$1076.90. This is the largest amount ever earned in one month by the prisoners employed in the foundry.

Hugh Jackson, the stagman, now of Arlington, arrived here today from Portland, where he sold a bunch of 18 head of broken workhorses at an average price of \$17.50 per head, says The Dalles Chronicle. The animals weighed from 1000 to 1400 pounds each.

E. E. Sherwood started yesterday over the Middle Fork road with about 1000 head of cattle purchased in Coos and Curry Counties, states the Myrtle Point Enterprise. If he does not make a sale of them at Roseburg, he will drive them to Klamath County and put them on the range there.

S. S. Dougherty, of St. Joe, Mo., is in Oregon looking for a few carloads of range horses to take back with him. Very little breeding has been done in Missouri for the past seven years, says Mr. Dougherty, and the farmers themselves are in the market for horses to do their farm work.

El Sanderson Smith left yesterday for New York, where he goes to place before mining investors a well developed mine, that he says is now producing \$20,000 per month. Mr. Smith is a practical mining man with a large eastern acquaintance, which will probably make his mission successful.—Sumpter Miner.

No danger of Belgian hares becoming a pest here—not so long as the thorough bred are worth all the way from \$5 to \$1000 each; no more danger than that the high-bred Jersey cows will become a pest. And then the Belgians would not be a pest, even if they were plentiful. One farmer near Salem has had the Belgians in his orchard and all over his place all winter, and they do no harm at all.

Governor Geer was married yesterday to Miss Isabelle Trullinger, of Astoria. Miss Trullinger is a native daughter of Oregon, the youngest daughter of J. C. Trullinger, who is one of the pioneers of Clatsop County, and by a peculiar connection of events a life-long friend of Governor Geer's father. Miss Trullinger is a remarkably handsome woman, of a height about the average, but with a carriage that makes her appearance stately and imposing. Her tastes are artistic and her paintings on china have been exhibited and won praise in many of the leading cities of the coast. Socially she is as charming as she is talented and beautiful, and the daughters of Oregon will be well represented in her as the "first lady in Oregon."

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by Chas. Straug, druggist.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The Filipinos deny that Aguinaldo has been wounded or killed.

Naval Constructor O. P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, has been ordered home from the Asiatic station owing to poor health.

MANILA, June 2.—General Pio del Pilar, the most aggressive and most persistent of the Filipino leaders, who was captured last night, was made a prisoner at Gaudaloups, six miles east of Manila, by some of the Manila native police. Upon information received that Pio del Pilar was to be at a certain house, Captain Lara and 13 soldiers proceeded with a launch to Gaudaloups, where, aided by a detachment of the Twenty-first infantry, they surrounded the house, captured the general and brought him to Manila this morning, where he was positively identified before the provost marshal.

A detachment of the Forty-fifth infantry, scouting near Daet, province of Camarinas del Norte, were ambushed May 29 and Captain Albert Steinhilber was wounded three times, two privates were killed, eight wounded and one private missing. The insurgent loss is reported to be heavy.

Captured reports show that the insurgents are making preparations to carry out a guerrilla warfare.

MANILA, June 7.—Captain Frank E. Crenshaw, with 40 men of the Twenty-eighth infantry, while scouting near Taal, was led into an ambush by a guide. Captain Crenshaw was badly wounded in the head and one private was wounded. The ambushers were scattered, leaving ten dead and three wounded on the field. Captain Flint, while scouting ten miles east of Bataan, Bulacan province, had a slight brush with the enemy. Flint and two privates were wounded.

The Trouble in China.

The situation in China has now reached a critical point, as shown by the dispatches received recently by officials at Washington from Minister Conger at Peking and Rear Admiral Kempff at Taku. Kempff cabled the secretary of the navy that "engagement had begun. Have landed 50 more men. More battalion of marines." He also called for a gunboat and a battalion of marines. Secretary Hay received a dispatch from Conger saying the situation had grown more serious, and that the Boxers were trying to attack the city. Rear Admiral Kempff's dispatch was in cipher and was not quite clear. He gave no details to indicate what forces were engaged.

TIENTSIN, June 10.—There are 31 foreign war vessels at Taku. A message from Peking to the Admirals says that the situation is hourly growing more dangerous to foreigners. All those at Peking have all taken refuge in Legation street. The civil males are under arms to fight with the regulars if necessary. The approaches to Legation street are surrounded by howling mobs of undisciplined soldiery, with cannon and bayonets. The international guards were holding off the mob, which screamed insults and threats.

This was the situation yesterday (Saturday) when the couriers got through with the latest dispatches. The empress dowager was amusing herself at the palace with theatricals. It is reported that government arms are being dealt out to the Boxers. The troops of Tung Fuh Saang are to be assisting to kill native Christians after malignant terrors.

The special train that went to examine the line and reconnoiter returned last night. The railway was found clear two miles beyond Yang Tzu. The engineers, with the guards, walked a mile and a half further. They found the ties and two bridges burned and the railway torn up.

The first repair train with Admiral Seymour and his staff, 350 British, Captain McCall's 100 Americans, 40 Italians and Austrians, left this morning at 9:30 o'clock. A Boerish and other guns were mounted in the center of the train. A second train left with 600 British, Japanese, Russian and French troops. Repairing matter and new rails were taken along.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—The Chinese situation, which appeared to be sobering down somewhat yesterday, has flared up again today and the government's advisers are distinctly alarming. At the cabinet meeting Secretary Hay presented a cable from Minister Conger stating that things were rapidly growing worse. Conger's cable was the most exorable one which has yet been received here, and the conclusion is that he himself is in a state of panic or that there has been a most decided change for the worse regarding the complications there. Conger's cable is understood to have related not so much to work being done by the Boxers as to complications between the powers now represented by armed forces in China. Then Secretary Long had a cable from Admiral Kempff stating that a battle with the Boxers was expected today at Tien Tsin. This is not so important as Conger's dispatch, because it relates entirely to the trouble with the Boxers. The cabinet decided to send no new instructions to the American representatives in China, but simply to repeat to them that they must, at all events, care for American interests and avoid clashes with other forces there.

LONDON, June 7.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the Dowager Empress has ordered General Nih Chong with 8000 men to protect the railroad at Peking. A severe fight, it is added, has occurred with the Boxers, whose ranks include many soldiers from other generals' commands. When the battle ended 200 dead were left on the field.

All the political news in THE MAIL.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Bad Cellulitis in Rhode Island—Clash Between Strikers and Deputies in St. Louis—General Wheeler to Be Retired Instructed for Bryan.

Congress adjourned last week.

At a recent conference of railroad officials in the east they agree to maintain published rates on western business.

Alexander McCarty, his wife and one child were murdered at Welwyn, Massachusetts. A hired man is suspected.

Immigration officials at New York report that the steamer Granville reached there recently with over a thousand Italian immigrants on board.

By the explosion of a boiler at the Duke brick works at Anniston, Ala., John Cryan and Will Savage were instantly killed. George W. Weissell and Asa Wilkerson were seriously injured and six others slightly hurt.

Gloomy reports from the big grain producing states has caused grain to take a big lump.

Ex-Governor Oates shot and killed a negro at his residence in Montgomery, Ala. He heard a pistol shot in his kitchen and, on going to investigate, found his cook lying on the floor, killed by the negro, who was still in the room. The negro then started toward Governor Oates with his pistol in hand, whereupon Oates shot and killed him.

An explosion at mine No. 3 of the Rand collieries, at Georgetown, O., has, so far as known, resulted in the death of eight miners, and their bodies are lying somewhere at the bottom of the shaft. None have been recovered, nor can their names be learned. Two more explosions occurred, one at 5 o'clock and one at 7 o'clock. Fifty men who were overcome by after-damp are improving.

Antonio Olsen and a man named Stewart were killed at New River station, Ariz. The murder is believed to be the work of four desperate Mexicans, who have been cutting a wide criminal swath in various parts of Arizona recently.

Reports received at Yokohama show that the earthquake of May 18 did great damage in Sindh, Pakhalima and Miyai prefectures. In these three districts there was a succession of heavy horizontal shocks. At Landal 40 houses were destroyed and five people injured. In Todogori 30 persons were thrown down and many persons and animals were killed, and from Iwamura similar reports are received. The railway was also damaged.

News from Osaka, Japan, shows that bubonic plague, after several months, has once more broken out virulently. Five new cases occurred on May 10, and these were found in all parts of the city. Many rats are dying in all parts and in every instance the plague bacillus is found in their bodies. In the neighboring town of Shikoku three plague patients died the same day they were stricken. Inspection of all passengers going to and coming from Osaka on the railroad has been ordered.

The Democratic convention of New York instructed its delegate to vote for Bryan for the presidential nomination.

It is said at the war department that General Wheeler will be given no military assignment under his commission as brigadier-general of regulars, but that he will be placed on the retired list for age within the next few days. This plan of action, it is said, is accordance with an understanding reached between the president and General Wheeler.

A Sunday dispatch from London says: Mrs. Gladstone's condition is more hopeful. She rallied after sinking Saturday, and her doctors now think she may live several days.

Stephen Crane, the American author and war correspondent died at Badenweiler, Baden, a few days ago after a long illness.



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BOILS AND CARBUNCLES

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Carbuncles, which are more painful and dangerous, come most frequently on the back of the neck, eating great holes in the flesh, exhaust the strength and often prove fatal. Boils are regarded by some people as blessings, and they patiently and uncomplainingly endure the pain and inconvenience under the mistaken idea that their health is being benefited, that their blood is too thick anyway, and this is Nature's plan of thinning it. The blood is not too rich or too thick, but is diseased—is full of poison—and unless relieved the entire system will suffer. The boil or carbuncle gives warning of serious internal troubles, which are only waiting for a favorable opportunity to develop. Many an old sore, running ulcer, even cancer, is the result of a neglected boil.



Baneful Boils

Mr. R. M. Pratt, Cave, N. C., writes: "For twenty years I was sorely afflicted with boils and carbuncles caused by impure blood. It is impossible to describe my suffering. Part of the time being unable to work, several doctors treated me, and I tried all the so-called blood-purifiers, but nothing seemed to do me any good. During the summer of 1887 I was persuaded to try S. S. S., and after taking several bottles was entirely cured, and have had no return of these painful pests up to the present time."

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Dangerous Carbuncles

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KEEPS LODGERS GUESSING.

New "Quarter-in-the-Slot" Gas Machine Helps in Collection of Hard Mills, But Has Its Drawbacks.

About the latest thing in slot machines is the "quarter-in-the-slot" gas meter. The head of the house who contracts for one of these new-fangled contrivances is never bothered with gas bills, for he must, of necessity, pay cash for all the gas he gets. He drops his quarter into a hole in a box connected by a rather delicate bit of mechanism with the meter, and then he lights his gas stove and his gas bracket, and the jets burn away merrily until 25 cents' worth of gas has been consumed, and then there is a sudden and Egyptian darkness, says the Chicago Tribune.

The scheme has its drawbacks. Sometimes the gas goes out at midnight, when there is a party on, and though the host has a pocketful of \$100 bills but no quarter in change, he and his guests may whistle for their light.

There is a boarding house on Washington boulevard where the boarders who are not in arrears for room and food are threatening to leave unless the quarter-in-the-slot machine be turned out and one of the old time "work-day-and-night-and-never-rest" meters be put in its place. The landlord is a careless sort of spirit, and forgetful to a degree. He has a habit of going downtown and staying till late at night. As a rule, the gas goes out about three hours before his return. Then one of the servants goes to every room with a tallow dip. She is under orders, however, from the proprietor, to go first to the rooms of those who have forgotten to pay their board, to see if she can raise the price of a new gas supply. Failing in this, the tallow dips are brought into use.

The worst feature of the whole thing is that, when the gas gives out in the middle of the night, and the proprietor is prevailed upon by some of the "night owls" to chip in a quarter for a new stock, it is necessary to wake up every soul in the house to see if anyone has gone to bed leaving the gas lighted. Asphyxiation would speedily follow if this were the case when the new quarter went into the slot. The new machine is warranted to keep lodgers guessing—and moving.

FLOATING STONES.

The Bit of Slate That Prof. Nordenfjeld Saw Floating in the Ocean.

Prof. Erland Nordenfjeld, the son of the famous Arctic explorer, saw a curious sight last year while rowing in the long and narrow channel of Ultima Esperanza, on the southwest coast of Patagonia. He observed fragments of slate floating on the surface in larger or smaller clusters. There were a great many of them, and at one cast of the net he gathered in about 700 pieces. The stones had evidently drifted out from the beach, which was covered with similar fragments that had fallen from the slate cliffs behind. The surface of the stones was dry and they sank at once if they became wet through the movement of the swell, says the New York Sun.

The fragments contained no air cavities that were perceptible to the naked eye, but a discovery was made that may explain the fact that stone fragments of a specific gravity of 2.71 were floating on a fluid of a specific gravity of 1.

It was found that small gaseous bubbles were attached to the under surface of the floating stones, and these bubbles were also found on stones at the fringe of the beach where they were being continually washed into the sea and went floating away. The greasy surface of the slate fragments also helped to keep them afloat by preventing water from adhering to them.

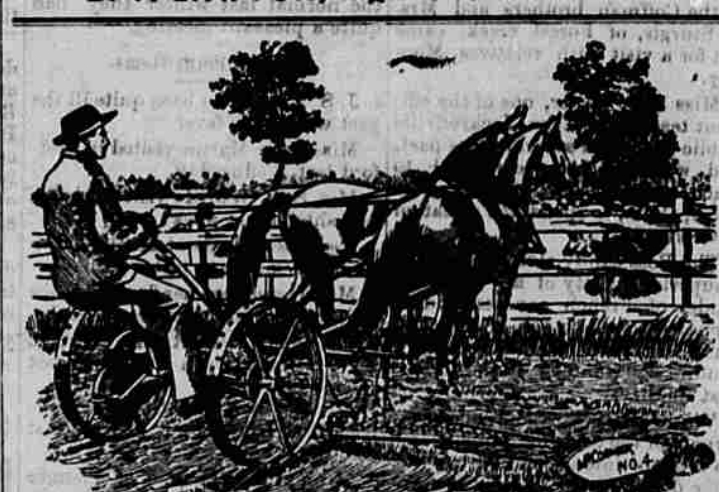
This unusual phenomenon is of geological interest and may serve as an illustration of the hard problems that often present themselves to geologists. Prof. Nordenfjeld believes that considerable solid matter is thus transported for greater or less distances. Thin new strata that are now forming at the bottom of the sea may have a considerable admixture of these fragments representing a far-distant geological age. Perhaps some geologists, centuries from now, may gaze his head over the question how this foreign material was introduced into the later rockbeds.

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Gorgeous Swords.

Of gorgeous swords which are not so much weapons as settings for precious stones, the most valuable in England is said to be the one presented by the Egyptians to Lord Wolsey and valued at £2,000; but this sum is comparatively little for a jeweled sword if the value of the sword brought over to Europe by the shah of Persia on his first visit—namely £10,000—can be taken as a standard of what a diamond-hilted weapon ought to cost. Those who can recall that wonderful saber, says Chambers' Journal, will be somewhat skeptical about the existence of the Qalifar, the baroda's gorgeous blade, which is supposed to be worth more than 20 swords of equal beauty and value of the shah's; but it is popularly supposed that the diamonds, rubies and emeralds with which it is thickly encrusted bring up its value to about £220,000, which at four per cent. represents an income of almost £9,000 a year and renders the possession of such a sword something more than a mere luxury.

Rich Organ Grinders. In Italy is to be found a whole village of well-to-do organ grinders, who are now spending comfortable fortunes acquired in America.

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