

EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

The state normal school at Drain has been opened for its year's work with an attendance of 57 per cent greater than upon the opening day last year.

The losses by the recent severe fire at Monmouth are being rapidly adjusted, and as soon as all are settled nearly all the firms will take immediate steps to rebuild their respective places of business.

The annual exodus of hop-pickers has begun from Salem and other towns in Marion county, and, although the pickers will receive but 25 cents a box, the usual number are leaving for the fields with undiminished enthusiasm.

The twenty-foot boat in which Captain Frank Charlsen and his brother John, of Nyack, left New York on June 21 last for Queenstown, was sighted two weeks ago bottom up some 350 miles off the Irish coast, and the fate of her crew is merely a matter of conjecture.

Right Rev. Edward O'Dea has been consecrated bishop of Washington. The consecrator was Archbishop Gross, metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province, assisted by Bishops Glorieux, Brondel and Leming. The ceremony took place in Vancouver. About 100 priests from Oregon and Washington were present.

There has been an election but made in Milwaukee, which for originality lays over anything which has been made thus far. Fred W. Burke and Albert Donaldson are the parties to the wager. The former agrees to leave the country forever on or before January 1, 1897, if William McKinley is elected president, and the latter will do the country a like service if W. J. Bryan is elected. They have drawn up a contract to this effect which has been formally attested before a notary public.

The appellate court of the fourth district, of Illinois, has decided that plowing corn on Sunday in sight of church-goers does not in itself constitute a disturbance of the peace. In construing section 261, which relates to disturbing the peace by labor on Sunday, under which Mr. Foll, a Seventh Day Adventist, was arrested, the court holds that this section does not prohibit work or amusement on Sunday, but prohibits only such conduct as disturbs the peace and good order of society. The defendant being a Seventh Day Adventist, observes Saturday as the Sabbath, and plowed corn on Sunday, and his arrest and conviction resulted.

A waterworks system in the Wells precinct of Spokane was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of about \$2,000.

The banks of Seattle will retaliate upon those of Canada for discounting American money by demanding a discount upon all coins presented, which come across the northern border.

Officer Frank Toal, of Vallejo, Cal., while attempting to arrest Dan Wynne, was shot by the latter and killed. Wynne was hit by a bullet from the officer's revolver and is expected to die.

Joseph Orosz was hanged in Pittsburg, Pa., for the murder of Teresa Bobak, whom he shot January 8, because she refused to marry him. He also shot himself, but the wound did not prove serious.

Indians living in the vicinity of Enterprise, Or., are threatening to avenge the death of the half-breed who was recently lynched at Asotin for outraging a young lady, by a general massacre of the settlers in that locality. The settlers have taken precautions against surprise by the dusky braves.

The French mining syndicate which has made extensive purchases of mining properties in Oregon and Washington recently, has made another deal whereby it acquires possession of the placer grounds on Snake river near Sturgill's bar. The purchase price is not named, but the first payment is \$25,000.

A London dispatch says that in official circles it is believed the Marquis of Salisbury has determined to pursue his own course at Constantinople in future, and has given the British ambassador, Sir Philip Currie, precise and significant instructions with greater powers to command naval aid in enforcing the demands of Great Britain.

The stoppage of the pumps in the Leadville mines where a strike is in progress will cause considerable damage, and a prominent mine official says it will take months to repair the damage done in the flooded mines. The strikers profess to view the situation as being more favorable to them, and to have information that the compact between the managers is broken irrevocably, and that some of the leading mines will resume work within a week, conceding the demands of the union. A meeting of the business men was held recently to petition the union to declare the strike off, but did not decide upon definite action.

The old public school building, at Cheney, Wash., which had been purchased by Rev. R. Manter, has been burned. The fire was doubtless of incendiary origin. There is an intensely bitter feeling between two factions in Cheney, one side asserting that it would retain control of affairs, even if it had to resort to fire or other strong methods. It is stated that the enemies of Rev. Manter are responsible for the loss of the building, but there is no clue to the perpetrators. The building was worth about \$1,500.

Work of a Friend. At Chadron, Neb., an unknown friend saturated the bedroom floor and bed upon which were sleeping Assistant Postmaster W. A. Danley, his wife and two children, with kerosene, then set fire to the room. When the firemen succeeded in removing the occupants both babies were dead, and the parents unconscious. The motive for the crime is unknown.

New Secretary Francis. Ex-Governor Francis, of Missouri, took the constitutional oath of office as secretary of the interior, succeeding Hoke Smith. The oath was administered by Associate Justice Harlan, of the supreme court, in the office of the secretary of the treasury. Secretary Francis will take formal charge of his department immediately.

Earthquake in Iceland. A report comes from Iceland that the severest earthquake since 1784 occurred there. The report states that two churches were destroyed, cattle killed and farms destroyed. No people were killed. The center of the disturbances appeared to be the volcano Hecla.

Grand Army Election. The Grand Army of the Republic, at their annual meeting in St. Paul elected Major Clarkson for commander-in-chief unanimously. All other candidates withdrew in his favor. General Mullen was tendered the position of vice-commander according to established custom.

To Expel Americans. Information is received that the local government at Mosul, Turkey, has got up a petition to the central government at Constantinople, asking for expulsion of the American missionaries from that district, on the ground that they are disturbers of the peace, stirrers up of sedition and rebellion.

The Philippine Revolt. A dispatch to the London Times from Hong Kong says the revolution in the Philippines is less serious than it was at first reported, and that no danger is feared for the lives and property of foreign subjects.

Unfounded Rumors. The Pall Mall Gazette heads its editorial column with the following: "The rumors industriously circulated that the editorship of the Pall Mall Gazette had been offered to Mr. Edward Bok are entirely unfounded."

Another Bank Failure. The First National bank, of Helena, Mont., has failed. The reasons stated in its published notice is that it was unable to meet withdrawals. The creditors will be paid in full.

General Schouvaloff's Condition. General Count von Schouvaloff, governor-general of Russian Poland, and formerly Russian ambassador at Berlin, is suffering from a paralytic stroke. His condition is critical.

Hundreds Are Homeless. Fire destroyed the immense five-story brick plow foundry and implement factory of S. R. White & Bros., in Norfolk, Va. A brisk wind scattered sparks in every direction, and destroyed a number of dwellings. Hundreds of families, white and colored, are made homeless. Twenty-five houses were destroyed. The total loss is \$200,000.

Accident on a Cable Line. Four people were injured, one perhaps fatally, by an accident on the depot incline of the Ninth-street cable line in Kansas City. The grip-hook on the train broke and permitted it to go backwards at a high rate of speed.

Steel Works Close. The Edgar Thompson Steel Works, of Carnegie, Pa., has closed down indefinitely. The suspension was a general surprise. At least 1,500 men were thrown out of work.

A Bad Railway Accident. A street car was run into by a Minneapolis freight train near the state fairgrounds in Minneapolis and eight persons injured. The engine struck the fore part of the car.

Fire in a Mine. The Superior mine, in Hurler, Wis., caught fire and has been burning for some time. There is no possible way to save it, and it will prove a total loss.

Drowned While Rafting. Lieutenant James W. Benton, quartermaster of the United States army at Fort Robinson, N. D., was drowned while bathing in a plunge.

A Defensive Alliance. Fire in the factory of S. White & Bros., at Norfolk, Va., totally destroyed it. A number of buildings in the lane leading to Main street caught fire and the flames spread rapidly, consuming the entire block. The union stockyards were destroyed. The flames communicated with the row of houses adjoining the stockyards on the south, and they were burned. One hundred families are made homeless. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

Chili to Manufacture Cotton Goods. Chili is contemplating a revision of her tariff laws, which, when effected will have an important bearing on a number of American products, principally cotton which Chili will place on the free list, with the hope that the introduction of the raw product from the United States will encourage the manufacture of the finished product in Chili.

Believing right has everything to do with feeling right.

The London City mission reclaimed 1,748 drunkards last year.

THE VICEROY SHOCKED

Li Hung Chang's Experience With Electricity.

CURIOSITY CAUSED HIM TROUBLE

The Ambassador Takes Particular Interest in Railroads—First Night in a Sleeping-Car.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 8.—The special train bearing Li Hung Chang and his party arrived here at noon today. Rain was falling at the time, and the visitors dampened their silk blouses and gold lace somewhat in the journey to the Cataract house, where rooms had been engaged. Immediately upon arriving here, Li sat for a dentist, and had his teeth examined. The rain was a great disappointment, as the viceroy was very desirous of visiting the American Falls in the afternoon. There was no cessation in the downpour until after 3 o'clock, when the sun struggled through the clouds. Carriages were summoned, and the visitors spent two hours in inspecting the wonders of Niagara.

At the electric power-house of the Niagara Falls Power Company, the distinguished visitor had an experience with American electricity, the result being as startling as it was unexpected. With his usual curiosity and desire to make a personal investigation of the machinery before him, he poked at a switchboard with his walking stick. The metal ferrule closed the circuit instantly, and Li's stick was violently torn from his grasp. He was naturally much astonished at the effect of the stick's contact with the switchboard, but fortunately he suffered no damage beyond a good scare. However, he decided that he had seen enough, and went to his rooms, where he remained until bedtime.

Last night Li and party passed their first night in an American sleeping-car. Their meal, which was especially prepared by the Pennsylvania dining-car people, was quite elaborate. The menu card was decorated with the American and Chinese flags intertwined and a fac-simile of the autograph of Earl Li, done in yellow.

After eating a rather hearty supper, Li sent for George W. Boyd, assistant-general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Company, who piloted the trains over the lines of his company and spent about two hours questioning him about railroads. He had a map of the United States before him, and once he branched off to the war of the Rebellion, asking the names of the states that succeeded from the Union. Li asked particularly about the battles in which Grant participated, and all of them were indicated on the map for his benefit. He dwelt long on this subject, and marveled that, although the Southern forces succeeded in approaching quite close to Washington, they were never able to capture that important point. The story of the assassination of Lincoln also interested him greatly. He inquired what became of Booth, and where Lincoln is buried, and then queried:

"Do not the American people regard Lincoln as a very good man?"

The deep interest he shows in railroad matters convinced those who paid attention to the subject that his principal object in visiting this country is to study American railroad construction and management, with a view to the adoption of some of the features in a proposed general extension of the Chinese railway system. In fact, the viceroy intimated today that he is negotiating for the service of an American civil engineer, who, if he accepts the offer made him, would go to China in the near future and take charge of the railway extension scheme now being outlined. Li says there are only about 200 miles of single-track railroad in China at present. Only three trains are run each day, and there is no traffic at night, the system being crude and the liability to accident a constant menace.

Transplanted Lobsters. Ottawa, Sept. 8.—The department of fisheries has received intelligence that the lobsters transported to British Columbia have been seen. This indicates that the experiment has proven successful, and it proves that the water is suitable and necessary food is found there. Seven hundred lobsters were taken over and planted in five places on July 9 last. One of the lobsters was caught a few days ago and shown in Victoria as a curiosity.

A Dock Laborers Strike. London, Sept. 8.—It is reported among the delegates to the trades union congress, which opens at Edinburgh next week, that all plans for a gigantic strike of dock laborers of the world at large has been perfected in everything but the minutest details, and the most important labor movement ever conceived may be commenced this autumn.

Burglary at Spangle. Spangle, Wash., Sept. 8.—Burglars entered Knuth & Wise's saloon last night, opened the safe by breaking the combination, and secured a small amount of money, a watch and some jewelry.

Small Boy Drowned. Aberdeen, Sept. 8.—Henry Sagenard, aged 13 or 14 years, the son of A. Sagenard, of this city, was drowned yesterday afternoon in the Chehalis river just below town. The boy, in company with a number of others, was in swimming off the lower end of Weatherwax's boom, when he was taken with a cramp, and after a long struggle in the water, he sank and was drowned. The body has not been recovered.

Tried to Escape From Jail.

Cincinnati, Sept. 9.—Jackson and Walling, Pearl Bryan's murderers, are not hereafter to have the privileges heretofore accorded them in Irvington jail. Through visitors and gifts of food a plan of escape was made which was to have been carried into effect at 6 o'clock this morning. Jackson was discovered in a whispered conversation with a colored burglar named Walker. Walker was dragged from his cell and a new revolver was found in his pocket and a saw in his cell. Several saws were found in Walling's cell. Jackson's cell was searched, but nothing was found. Visitors hereafter will be closely watched.

Indian Outbreak Threatened.

Hermosillo, Mexico, Sept. 9.—There is much uneasiness felt throughout the western part of this state over the threatened outbreak of the Yaqui Indians. Large numbers of the peaceable Indians have quit their work on ranches and railroads, and are flocking into the mountains where the leaders are supplying them with arms and ammunition. An attack by the Indians on the town of Torres is threatened and a strong guard has been placed around the place by the municipal authorities. The Minas Prietas mining camp is also being well guarded against the Indians.

First to Pass the Locks.

Cascade Locks, Or., Sept. 9.—The big gates of the Cascade locks were thrown open today and the little steamer Sadie B. and two scows were permitted to float down through the canal to the lower river. The gates worked admirably, not a ditch occurring to check the progress and everything proved to be in perfect order. There was no particular demonstration or celebration of the event, though about all the residents of Cascade Locks were out to see the passage. The hydraulic machinery that operates the gates proved to be adequate for the work they are intended to perform, and caused the ponderous gates to swing around like toys.

In the World's Championship.

Putney, England, Sept. 9.—Jake Gaudaur, of Toronto, today won the rowing championship of the world and \$2,500 in addition to the Sportsman cup, defeating James H. Stansbury, of Australia, who recently defeated "Wag" Harding for the championship. The course was the usual championship course, four straight miles straightaway, from Putney to Mortlake.

Troops to the Philippines.

Madrid, Sept. 9.—The cabinet has decided to send a battalion of marines to the Philippine islands.

TO OPEN THE BIG FAIR.

Great Preparations for the Eventful September 19.

Portland, Or., Sept. 8.—Great preparations are being made for the opening night of the Oregon Industrial Exposition, Saturday, September 19. Of all the opening nights of expositions in Portland, that of last year was the most pleasant and successful. Its musical features were especially delightful. To this occasion the committee is devoting special attention, with the determination to make it even more of a success than the initial night of a year ago. Mayor Penney has been invited to formally open the exposition, as did the late Mayor Frank a year ago, by pressing the electric button that will set the machinery in motion. The president of the general committee, Mr. Ellis G. Hughes, will deliver a brief address upon the purposes of the exposition, and the work of the committee in preparing it for the entertainment and instruction of the people, and for the benefit of the community and the state. The choral feature of the evening will be one of special excellence, and the programme will soon be announced. The Apollo Choral Society will be an important factor in the various great musical events of the fair.

An Explosion at Sea.

Madrid, Sept. 8.—An explosion, heard off the coast near the town of Muros, in the province of Corruana, during the night, is the cause of much excitement and speculation among the inhabitants. It seems evident that a disaster has occurred, as much wreckage is strewn along the coast. It is supposed two vessels collided during the night and foundered. Nothing has been discovered to show the identity of the vessels, nor is it known how great was the loss of life accompanying the catastrophe.

Seven Million Women's Names.

London, Sept. 8.—The Chronicle announces that the queen has consented to receive a petition containing the signatures of 7,000,000 women against the liquor traffic and opium traffic. The signatures were gathered by the world's W. C. T. U., and those of Miss Frances Willard and Lady Somerset head the list.

Armenians Mysteriously Disappear.

London, Sept. 8.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily News notes the mysterious disappearance of Armenians from the city and says of it: "It is believed that they have been done to death after being promised protection by the police."

An Old Farmer Murdered.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Sept. 8.—Matthew Clark, an old bachelor farmer, was today found murdered, lying on the roadside near his home. His head was horribly battered and he had evidently been killed for his money. There is no clew, and particulars are meager. Clark had lived alone for years, and was well-to-do.

If the word "boom" were not in existence now it would be hard to find a word to fitly take its place.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

One hundred and twenty-five tons of Riverport coal went to San Francisco on the last trip of the steamer Moro, from Coquille.

About 120 men are now employed on the government works at Cascade. Twenty-five are stonemasons, and the remainder laborers.

The third annual district fair for Jackson and Josephine counties will be held at the Central Point fair grounds for five days, beginning September 22.

Sawmill men of Elgin are shipping considerable lumber to Utah points at present. R. M. Steel has over 4,000,000 feet at his Gordon creek mill, which he will plane and ship in the near future.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the district fair which will be held at the grounds near Central Point, in Jackson county some time this month. Over \$3,500 are offered in purses and premiums.

Some counterfeit 50-cent silver pieces are in circulation in Salem. They are of light weight, but otherwise the imitation is excellent, there not being that greasy and glassy appearance noticeable on other spurious coin.

Many of the hopgrowers in the vicinity of Independence have their pickers already engaged. The picking season will begin this week, but there will not be more than half the acreage picked this year that there was last.

A wager of \$200 was made the other day in The Dalles upon the result of the election in California. A prominent Democrat staked his money that Bryan will carry the state, while a prominent Republican put up his money on McKinley.

Hop contracts for 110,000 pounds have thus far been filed with the Linn county clerk. In years heretofore, but few hops have been contracted in that county, but this year the inability of growers to obtain picking money has compelled them to contract.

The Minam is said to be fairly alive with hunting and fishing parties. In addition to a number of Indians from the Umatilla reservation, there are many sportsmen from the Grand Ronde valley in there, besides quite a number from Baker and Wallowa counties.

Preliminary work at the woolen mills at Pendleton, is progressing rapidly. In a few days sufficient wool will have been dyed in eleven colors to supply material to warrant the management in accepting orders. Additional men have been employed and have been put to work making yarn.

That Astorians are not yet perfectly familiar with railroads may be seen by this item from the Astorian: "A prominent physician the other day, in returning from Seaside on the 'flyer,' mistook the airbrake safety valve for the car door handle, and in attempting to open the door, suddenly stopped the train, much to the surprise of the conductor and passengers. Explanations followed, and the train proceeded on its way."

Washington.

The Hughes sawmill has been moved from Montesano to Satsop.

The property of the Spokane Falls Water Power Company has passed into the hands of a receiver.

Walla Walla is overrun with hobos and the officers of that town are having hard work making them move on.

The new mill being constructed by the Northwestern Lumber Company, at Hoquiam, is rapidly nearing completion.

The Chinook trappers are reported to have subscribed \$40,000 for the purpose of building a cannery, which they expect to operate themselves next season.

North Yakima is to have a new depot. The structure is to be of frame, with two waiting rooms, ticket office, baggage and express rooms, etc., with a special exhibit window at the corner, for the purpose of exhibiting fruits and flowers.

Goldendale is now blessed with an excellent supply of water, pure and cool, since the pipe line has been completed. The water supply of Goldendale now comes through twelve miles of pipe from the headwaters of the Little Klickitat.

The stockmen above Grand Ronde river are making a general round-up of their cattle, separating those that are fit for beef, which they will dispose of, and the others will be driven to the high summer range, in order to keep the bunchgrass good on the winter range along Snake river.

The semi-annual civil-service examination for customs positions in the Puget sound district will be held at Port Townsend, Tuesday, October 6. Parties desiring to take that examination should write for the proper blanks, addressing the secretary of the board of civil-service examiners at that place.

The yearly run of smelt is on at Beltingham bay. Any one who can use an ordinary garden rake and can spare the time to walk to the beach when the tide begins to ebb may enjoy an abundance of this delicious food fish. Baskets of them have been taken with rakes and scoop nets. They generally run until autumn, and may be caught this way almost any day when the tide is right.

Fourteen carloads of sheep were shipped from the Yakima range last week to Chicago.

TO DESTROY KEY WEST.

An Improbable Story Brought From Havana.

Key West, Sept. 9.—A letter was received from Havana last night by the steamer Mascotte containing the information that the Spanish authorities are plotting the destruction of Key West. A similar report reached here several days ago, but at the time it was not generally believed. The letter was written by a Cuban in Havana to a friend in this city. The writer says that a few days ago he went to the government office in Havana and was informed by a friend employed there that Spanish authorities had determined to burn Key West and annihilate that nest of "insurgent snakes."

The plan of the Spanish is to send emissaries to Key West in the guise of Cuban sympathizers, who are to fire the city in as many places as possible when opportunity arises. It is said that Captain-General Weyler is cognizant of the plan and approves of it. He is reported to have said that if Key West and Tampa were laid in ashes he would soon be able to settle the rebellion. It is said that in the event of the success of the plot Weyler has ordered that the emissaries be paid \$10,000.

The people here are so wrought up that it is feared an attack may be made on San Juan, the Spanish consul and his assistant, Senor Hernandez. It was reported today that these gentlemen, becoming alarmed for their safety, had gone aboard the United States revenue cutter Winona and demanded protection, and that they were told to remain on the vessel until the excitement died out.

The citizens have determined to form a vigilance committee, and every person who cannot give a good account of himself will be forced to leave the city.

THE RELAY RACE ENDED.

The Time Was a Little Over Thirteen Days.

New York, Sept. 9.—The Examiner-Journal bicycle relay race from San Francisco to New York was finished at City Hall park at 29 minutes past 3 o'clock this afternoon, the race taking thirteen days 29 minutes 41.5 seconds. The number of miles covered was 3,385. The last relay from Kings bridge to the finish was run by Frederick J. Titus, the well-known racing man, who wheeled his part in 29 minutes and 13 seconds.

All along the line from Kings bridge was a great crowd gathered to greet Titus. He was heartily welcomed, and vociferously cheered. Following after him were many others, and the upper drives were thronged with enthusiastic wheelmen. Four thousand persons were in City Hall Park when Titus reached the end of the journey, and their cheers were deafening. Annie St. Tell and A. H. Ward will go from the Battery to Governor's island in a water bicycle tomorrow to deliver the message.

ARKANSAS ELECTION.

The Usual Majority for the Democratic Ticket.

Little Rock, Sept. 9.—The weather throughout Arkansas was cool and pleasant, and, from special dispatches received by the Gazette, the indications are that a large vote was polled. It is believed that General Dan W. Jones' (Dem.) majority for governor will be not less than 50,000 and may possibly reach 60,000. In Faulkner, Lafayette and other Populist and Republican strongholds, the Democratic county tickets were elected by safe majorities. There was much scratching in Fulton county, and the probability is that the independent candidate for state senator in that district has carried the county against Hon. Jerry South, the regular Democratic nominee.

There were but two full tickets in the field, the Populists contenting themselves with a candidate for governor.

Encounter With a Footpad.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Sarah Hayden, the wife of a Ninth-street butcher, had a thrilling encounter with an armed highwayman early yesterday morning. Her husband being unwell, she paid off the employees and left the store shortly after midnight, carrying a small satchel in which she had placed \$110 and accompanied by her 12-year-old daughter, started homeward. While standing on the corner waiting for a car, a man poked a pistol into her face and commanded her to give up the satchel. She screamed for help and two men rushed to her assistance, but were threatened by the ruffian and kept aloof. An officer arriving at this juncture, the robber fled across some vacant lots and escaped.

Anchored a Whale.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 9.—The whale which has been towing its captors around the upper part of Puget sound for the past week was driven into Quartermaster harbor this morning and anchored. Five harpoons are in the huge animal, which is still alive. Last night the whale towed the tugboat Laurel, to which it was attached by several lines, through the narrows, despite the efforts of the engineer to go the other way. It will be placed on exhibition in this city.

A Little Girl Fatally Burned.

Tacoma, Sept. 8.—Little Ella Myers, the 2-year-old daughter of B. H. Myers, a street-car employe, succumbed to injuries received by fire Saturday evening. She was playing in the yard, when her dress caught fire from some smoldering embers, and before the flames could be extinguished, she was fatally burned.

The first watch ever made by machinery in the United States was made at Roxbury, Mass., in 1850.