

## NORTHWEST BREVITIES

### Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The tax levy for Clatsop county this year will be between 12 and 13 mills.

The latest clean-up of the Virtue mine in Baker county, is estimated at \$20,000.

It is expected that the distillery in Grants will be started up about November 1.

For the fourth time in four years, Crook county is the first county to send in its assessment roll to the secretary of state.

There are now 701 pupils in The Dalles public schools. This is the largest number ever enrolled at one time in that school district.

The sheepmen of Grant county met in Canyon City last week and effected an organization similar to that of the Idaho Wool Growers' Association.

In running a tunnel into the Black Republican mine on Frozen creek, a tributary of Myrtle creek, the workmen have struck very rich ore, bearing copper and gold.

A phenomenal pumpkin vine was raised this year by a Dalles man. It covers a space as large as that between the four corners of intersecting streets in The Dalles, says the Chronicle. It bears twenty-two large pumpkins of an average weight of twenty-four pounds, to say nothing of the small ones, and hence has over 440 pounds of pumpkin.

Henry Kemino, of Farmington, in Washington county, was attacked one day last week by a mad boar. He was driving the hogs out of a stubblefield, when the infuriated animal rushed upon him and thrust his tusks into Kemino's thigh, above the knee, striking the bone and lacerating the muscles. If blood poisoning will not set in Mr. Kemino will recover.

Ben Hagen, a farmer living near Pendleton, came into that city one day last week with a load of wheat. While descending Rourke canyon he found the straw that had been placed on the road on fire. He was into the fire before he discovered it. The banks were too steep above and below, so that he could not turn out, so he whipped up his team and ran his horses all the way through the fire. It was rather hot, and four sacks of wheat were set on fire while the team was dashing through the flames.

Tons of fish are going to waste on the beaches in Uptown and Alderbrook, says the Astorian. Within the past few days millions of sardines have been thrown up by the high tides on the shore along the city front, and it has appeared to spectators that something should be done towards packing this magnificent article of food. The fish are as fine in quality as any ever put up in oil, and it would seem that a new industry of remunerative and large proportions only awaits the energy of some practical man.

**Washington.**

Wild fowl are plentiful on Willapa harbor, and the run of silverside salmon over there has begun. All the traps and nets are having fine catches.

The United States circuit of appeals for the ninth district has decided in favor of the city of South Bend, in that city's case against the water company there.

Bears are plentiful in the neighborhood of the Coquihalla river, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. A number have been shot by Indians within the past few weeks.

Waitsburg is now lighted by electricity. The plant was installed by home capital and enterprise. It has a capacity of 500 16-candle power lights, and will be run by water power.

### BROKE A SHAFT.

Steamship Paris Crossed the Ocean With One Screw.

Southampton, Oct. 20.—The American line steamship Paris, Captain Wilkins, from New York, October 7, reached the dock in this city at 9 o'clock this morning. She reports that at 9 A.M., October 8, in latitude 40°45' north, longitude 157° west, while going at a moderate rate of speed in calm weather, her starboard tail-shaft broke. The engines were immediately stopped and a boat lowered and an examination made, from which it was ascertained that the propeller had been jammed and broken. The shaft was secured and the ship proceeded with one engine. There was not the slightest uneasiness amongst the passengers over the turn of affairs, and the officers were all perfectly cool.

The North German Lloyd steamship Fuerst Bismarck (which arrived in New York October 9, bringing the news that the Paris was disabled), was sighted two hours after the ship had got under way again. The Paris kept in the track of westbound steamers during the voyage in order to be reported and to be able to request aid if needed.

The weather was moderate and fine throughout the voyage, except on two occasions, when there were gales. No cause is assigned for the accident, but it is thought to have been due to a flaw in the shaft. The passengers stated they had a pleasant trip and some expressed themselves as being sorry that the voyage ended.

### CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

A Thief's New Method of Robbing the Mails.

Kansas City, Oct. 20.—A daring robber of the mails was arrested here tonight by the postal authorities, aided by the local police. The culprit is C. H. Hamilton, alias Wallace, and claims to have been employed lately at Los Angeles, Cal., as a stenographer. The police authorities say the man has been in trouble at Salt Lake and Denver. In the latter place he was at one time an employee of the city. This evening Hamilton appeared at the union depot wearing the brass buttons and uniform of a railway mail agent. He stepped boldly up to a truck that was standing under the depot sheds, loaded with mail sacks, and pulled down a letter pouch, throwing it across his arm and stepping into a waiting room.

There he placed the pouch under an overcoat that hung upon his arm and walked out into the street. He would have escaped but for Frank White, a turf follower, whom he had known in Denver, and whom he had taken into his confidence. White quickly notified the officers, and a short time afterwards Hamilton was arrested at his hotel. He had cut open the sack and was going through the letters which it contained when the officers broke into his room. He had already extracted several small sums of money.

### DUMPED INTO THE SEA.

How the Turks in Constantinople Got Rid of Armenians.

New York, Oct. 20.—Madji Rahsin is a Christian Turk, who was one of the passengers on board the La Gascongne, which arrived today. He comes to this country on a business trip. Through an interpreter, he told about the massacres of Armenians. He was in Constantinople during the three days' massacres in August. During that time 30,000 Armenians, he said, were slaughtered throughout the empire. Wagons filled with bodies were constantly passing through the streets of Constantinople. Cartload after cartload of these bodies were dumped into the sea. The sight was a sickening one, and what added to its horror was the fact that in those wagons were piled the dead and dying, and the terrible cries of the wounded for release could be heard coming from the carts, but the appeals were utterly unheeded. Whether killed or wounded, all were thrown into the sea. Rahsin says the Americans had not been molested up to date. They are leaving Constantinople, fearing they may be attacked.

### LOST HIS TEMPER.

A Spanish Editor Aroused by a Washington Dispatch.

Madrid, Oct. 20.—Commenting upon the statement contained in a dispatch from Washington that President Cleveland intends to intervene in Cuba in a manner tantamount to the recognition of the independence of the insurgents, the Imparcial declares that Spain ought to demand a full explanation of the Washington government.

"She cannot brook a threat over her head," continues the Imparcial, "even for a single day. By what right does the United States define the time for Spain to settle a question of her internal administration? It must be affirmed before the whole world that the American government cannot impose any sort of terms upon us."

After denouncing the United States' fictitious neutrality, the Imparcial concludes as follows:

"The conduct of the United States will arouse international indignation. If Spain should remain alone in a conflict with the United States, Spaniards, by their own efforts, will know how to mark the differences between the noble defenders of their own property and the vile traffickers at Washington."

### A Head-End Collision.

Orange, Tex., Oct. 20.—This morning a head-end collision occurred at the trestle across Little Cypress bayou, 5½ miles north of this place, on the Southern Pacific, by which John Clancy, of Unionville, La., was killed, and A. T. Toller, Houston, who was running the west-bound train, sustained a fracture of both thighs and a dislocation of the right shoulder.

The Yakima fair paid expenses and a few hundred dollars over. All purses and premiums have been paid, as also the employees, and most of the incidental expenses. The commissioners worked hard to make the fair a success.

The report of the superintendent of the Clark county poor farm shows that at the end of the last quarter, September 30 last, there were seven inmates, four men and three women. The cost of supplies footed up \$212.68, and the superintendent's salary was \$150.

### WORLD'S FAIR REPORT.

Will Embrace Nearly Forty Large Volumes.

Washington, Oct. 19.—President Palmer, of the world's fair commission, and his associates on the committee on final report, assembled here for a session of several days' duration, at which the reports to the president and to congress will be perfected. These reports will present a complete review of the accomplishments of the exposition. The report of the board of awards will make about twenty-five volumes of 800 pages each; that of the director general ten volumes; that of the president and secretary two volumes, while the extent of the report of the ladies' board is not yet determined. These, it is intended, shall constitute a permanent history and memorial of what the exposition did. The Philadelphia centennial commission's report embraced nine volumes. That of the Paris exposition was on an elaborate scale, with steel engravings, showing to the world the best features of the French exposition. The present work will be handsomely illustrated and somewhat similar, though less elaborate than the French reports. The work has progressed since the fair closed, and is now complete, so that the board meets to pass upon it finally before laying it before the president and congress. Its publication will depend upon congress. The reports will also wind up the financial affairs of the national commission, and will show a balance in favor of the government of about \$24,000. This includes the ladies' board, which has a credit balance.

### WINERY BURNED.

Water Being Scarce, They Turned Wine on the Flames.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Oct. 19.—Korbel's big winery, at Korbel's station, a few miles from Guerneville, was badly damaged by fire last night. The fire broke out in the second story of the winery and soon worked into the third story, causing the roof to fall in. One of the large presses was destroyed, and about 150,000 gallons of new wine were turned loose. Water being scarce, pumps were applied to the wine casks, the wine being thrown on the flames with good effect. The cellar in which were 100,000 gallons of old wine stored was saved. The loss will be about \$40,000.

### In Dirty Business.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—J. H. Cummings, who is said to have been at one time a newspaperman in San Francisco and the East, was sentenced to ten days in the county jail on a charge of extortion today. Some years ago Miss Julia Adler kept company and corresponded with Henry Tillenburg. After Miss Adler's marriage to R. Barrati, a stock broker, Tillenburg is said to have shown her letters to Cummings. Both Tillenburg and Cummings were nearly penniless, and formed a plan to extort money from Mrs. Barrati by means of the letters. The dates were changed to make them appear to have been written after her marriage. Then Cummings demanded \$50 apiece for the letters, threatening to show them to Mr. Barrati, in case of her refusal. In this way \$40 was secured, \$10 at a time. Cummings gave the lady a part of one of the letters in return. Finally, Mrs. Barrati told her husband. The arrest of Cummings and Tillenburg secured his release on bail, and has not since been seen. He is said to be well connected in Chicago.

**Wheat Growers on Their Feet.**

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 19.—State Grain Inspector Lawrence reports that wheat growers throughout the inland Empire are in hopes of getting fairly started on the way to success this season. They will be put well on their feet, he says, if no untoward occurrence prevents them from receiving all for their grain that circumstances now promise. He says the greater part of the season's crop is still in the hands of the grower, and he, as usual, is inclined to hold for higher prices.

Quotations at all points east of Sprague are 52 cents a bushel in the warehouse today for No. 1 club. For wheat on board cars, the price paid is two cents higher. In the Walla Walla district, the quotations are as high as 57 cents a bushel on bluestem wheat. Idaho growers receive the same for their grain as Washington growers.

**Sealer San Jose Wrecked.**

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 19.—Among the passengers by the City of Topeka arriving from the North tonight were Captain Coles and crew, of the little thirty-one ton sealer San Jose, which left here for Behring sea early in June last. While homeward bound with 610 skins on September 22, she was caught in a fierce gale at Unimak pass, and, dragging her anchor, became a total wreck. The season's catch was saved with difficulty and no lives were lost.

**Financial Situation in Brazil.**

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 19.—The financial situation is extremely serious. The Brazilian foreign minister has held a conference with the Chilean minister in relation to a commercial treaty. Dr. Cerqueira has expressed his intention of beginning negotiations with a view to a commercial union of Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina.

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Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$3.25; Benton county and White Lily, \$3.25; graham, \$2.75; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, \$1.63c; Valley, 65¢/dozen per bushel.

OATS—Choice white, 33¢/bushel; choice gray, 31¢/bushel. Rolled oats are quoted as follows: Bags, \$4.25@5.25; barrels, \$4.50@7; cases, \$3.75.

HAY—Timothy, \$10.50 per ton; chest, 16¢@7.50; clover, \$8.50@7.50; oats, 7.50¢/bushel.

BARLEY—Feed barley, \$13.50 per ton; brewing, \$14@18.

MILK—Bran, \$12.00; shorts, \$12.50; middlings, \$19.50; rye, 90¢ per cent.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery is quoted at 45¢; fancy dairy, 35¢; fair to good, 20¢@22¢/cwt.

POTATOES—California, 55¢; Oregon, 35¢/bushel per sack; sweet, 25¢ per pound.

ONIONS—65¢ per cwt.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, \$2.25@2.50; broilers, \$1.00@1.75; geese, \$6.00; turkeys, live, 12¢; ducks, \$2.50@3.50 per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon, 17½¢/dozen per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon, 10¢; California, 8¢; Young America, 11¢ per pound.

VEGETABLES—Garlic, new, 7¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢ per pound; tomatoes, 20¢ per box; string beans, 2½¢@3¢ per pound; wax beans, 2½¢@3¢ per pound; cucumbers, 15¢@20¢ per box; egg plant, 15¢ per crate; corn, 10¢@12¢/bushel; summer squash, 25¢ per box; green peppers, 4¢ per box.

FRUIT—California lemons, fancy, are quoted at \$3.50@4.50 per box; bananas, \$2.50 per bunch; Valencia late oranges, \$4.50@5.00; pineapples, \$3.00@4.00 per dozen.

FRESH FRUIT—California apples, \$1.00@1.50; Oregon, \$1 per box; crab apples, 65¢; pears, 75¢@85¢; prune, 25¢ per pound; Salaway peaches, 6¢@7¢/bushel; Snake river and Indian Red, 7¢ per box; watermelons, Rogue river, \$1.00 per dozen; California, \$1.25 per dozen; canteloupes, Oregon, 60¢@71¢ per crate; quinces, \$1; grapes, 40¢@80¢ per crate; Hungarian plums, 60¢ per box; egg, 1½¢ per pound; Eastern Concord grapes, 3¢ per basket.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, bleached, 4¢@4½¢; unbleached, 3½¢@4¢; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4½¢@5¢; pears, sun and evaporated, 5¢@6¢; prunes, 3¢@5¢ per pound; figs, 10¢ per pound.

Wool—Valley, 9¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 5¢@7¢.

HOPS—New crop, 7¢; old, 2¢.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6¢@7¢ per pound for raw, 10¢ for roasted; cocoanuts, 90¢ per dozen; walnuts, 12¢@14¢; pine nuts, 15¢; hickory nuts, 8¢@10¢; chestnuts, 17¢; Brazil, 12¢; pecans, large, 14¢; Jumbo, 16¢; filberts, 12½¢; fancy, large, 14¢; hard-shell, 8¢; paper-shell, 10¢@12¢.

PROVISIONS—Portland pack: Smoked hams are quoted at 10@10½¢ per lb; picnic hams, 7¢; boneless hams, 7½¢; breakfast bacon, 10¢; bacon, 6¢; dry salt sides, 6½¢; lard, 5¢; pound pails, 7¢; 10¢, 6½¢; 50¢, 6½¢; tierces, 7¢ per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 9¢@10¢ per pound; dry kip, No. 1, up to 10 pounds, 7¢ per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 11¢@13¢; dry salted, one-third less than dry salt. Salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds, and over, 6¢; do, 50 to 60 pounds, 5¢; do, under 50 pounds and cows, 3½¢@4¢; do, kip, sound steers, 15 to 30 pounds, 4¢; do, veal, 10 to