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Laurels Again!
The Paris Exposition has made the Gold Medal Award to
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Gold medals were also awarded at New Orleans 1884 and World Fair Chicago 1893.

THE MISSING THUMB

ITS ABSENCE CAUSED A BURG-LARS' DETECTION.

Harriman's Plan for Shortening Time Between Chicago and San Francisco—Horrible Oath Taken by Corrupt Voters—Swore to Lie and Steal.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Blanche Minter observed a man minus the thumb on his right hand walking ahead of her today, and called a policeman and had the man arrested for burglary.

"I was awakened about two o'clock in the morning by a man standing at my bedside," she said in court. "Not a word, lady!" he said; "I won't shoot you." He then went over to the bureau and took a \$215 watch and a pocket book containing \$18, and then came back and asked where my husband kept his money. I told him that my husband was a racetrack man and never had any money.

"Is that so, lady? Give me your hand; I'm up against the racing game myself," and he shook hands with me.

"I then noticed that his thumb was missing. My husband was asleep all the time the man was in the room."

Four other victims identified the man by his missing thumb, and he was held for trial.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—The Southern Pacific surveyors that have been engaged since last spring to find a tunnel route for the Central Pacific road through the Sierra Nevada Mountains are putting the results of their work into shape for submission to President E. H. Harriman. It is known, says the Examiner, that the route laid out by the surveyors provides for a tunnel 34,800 feet long, or nearly 7 miles. The estimated cost is \$14,000,000. It will cut down the summit grade 1500 feet and enable the company to get rid of all but three miles of the 42 miles of snow sheds. The proposed tunnel will pierce the mountains at an elevation of about 5500 feet.

The tunnel is part of Harriman's plan to reduce time between San Francisco and Chicago 12 hours, or from three days, as at present, to two days and a half.

St. Louis, Sept. 9.—The search for the nine indicted members of the alleged house of delegates boodled the police and deputy sheriffs became the principal business of both classes of officers today. Their homes and accustomed haunts were watched by policemen all night, and those watchers were relieved this morning by others. The other two are known to be out of the state. Chief Kiely has offered to place the entire police force, if needed, at the disposal of the circuit attorney in aid of the deputy sheriffs. All places of egress from the city have been guarded.

Although two deputy sheriffs have been searching for him continually, Delegate Charles T. Kelly, of the Twentieth Ward, former speaker of the House, seems to have disappeared. That he is still in St. Louis, however, and within a short distance of friends is believed. He telephoned to the four courts late Monday afternoon and stated to the sheriff that it would not be necessary to hunt for him, that he intended to appear and give bond today. It developed today that an oath was administered to each of the 19 members of the combine whose identity was disclosed by the confession of J. K. Murrell yesterday. A copy of the oath has been given to Circuit Attorney Folk and the grand jury. It is as follows:

"I do solemnly swear before the Almighty God that in associating myself and in becoming a member of this combine I will vote and act with the combine whenever, and wherever, I may be so ordered to do.

"And I further solemnly swear that I will not, at any place or time, reveal the fact that there is a combine, and that I will not communicate to any person or persons anything that may take place at any meeting of the combine.

"And I do solemnly agree that, in case I should reveal the fact

that any person in this combine has received money, I hereby permit and authorize other members of this combine to take the forfeit of my life in such a manner as they may deem proper, and that my throat may be cut, my tongue torn out, and my body cast into the Mississippi river.

"And all of this I do solemnly swear, so help me God."

Shortly after noon Edwin Bersch was taken into custody. He was lodged in jail in default of \$15,000 bail, as were also John H. Schnettler, J. J. Hannigan and Charles Gutke, who spent last night and this morning in the custody of the deputy sheriff.

Former delegate W. M. Tamblin is under arrest in Cleveland. Chief Police Kiely was called to the long-distance telephone by Tamblin today. The latter informed the police that he had been arrested and desired to return to St. Louis at once. He requested that an officer be sent after him with as little delay as possible.

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—All but six of the 19 members of the alleged combine of the House of Delegates, who are under indictment on various counts charging bribery and perjury in connection with the passage of measures granting valuable franchises to public corporations, are or have been under arrest. It was learned today that former Delegate Jaon A. Sheridan was last seen Monday. He left hurriedly on that day, when the Murrell confession was made public.

The friends of Messrs. Hannigan, Schnettler, Gutke, Helms and Schumacher, who were remanded to jail yesterday because of their inability to furnish bail to the amount of \$45,000 each, are making strenuous efforts to secure their release, and habeas corpus proceedings may be resorted to.

Delegate Faulkner's proffer to turn state's evidence and make a clean breast of all the operations of the House combine came too late and has been declined by Circuit Attorney Folke.

Edward E. Murrell, speaker of the House in the days of the lighting and suburban bills, was released from custody today, after his bond for \$15,000 had been signed by Emila G. Wortiehek, a contractor. Only one charge, that of bribery, it is now stated, rests against Mr. Murrell. He has made a confession to Circuit Attorney Folk, and will be a state's witness.

"I have made a full statement to Mr. Folk," said the former speaker as he left the Four Courts building, "but I am not at liberty to say anything for publication."

Youngstown, O., Sept. 9.—Mrs. James McGinn, aged 21, of Newcastle, Pa., was found with her throat cut from ear to ear in a pasture field at Hubbard, five miles from here this morning. She, with her husband, had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coyne, an uncle and aunt. A coronial occurred. Mr. and Mrs. McGinn disappeared about midnight. McGinn is suspected. He has but one leg and one eye.

Laramie, Wyo., Sept. 9.—Reports from timber fire districts state that sheepmen will be heavy losers. Many of the bands have scattered and thousands of sheep are now right in the burning timber. Supervisor J. S. Athery has started for the burning district with 50 men and every kind of appliance of use in forest fire fighting. Work in the Rambler mine has been suspended, and all hands sent to combat the fire.

Later, 2:30 P. M.—The fire is now within 1 1/2 miles of town and has completely surrounded the reservoirs which harbor the city's water supply and on whose resources the fire-fighters' entire hopes depended. The town is thus totally at the mercy of the flames, the subsidence of the wind or a providential deluge being about the only things that can possibly stop the progress of the flames. Donaldson's big sawmill has already burned causing a heavy loss. The banks of the town have closed and the officers, with many others of the town's business men, are preparing to remove their valuables to a place of safety, if one can be found.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Druggist*

New York, Sept. 11.—Bitten by a fly two weeks ago, George Lyndhurst, of Brooklyn, is dead. The physicians pronounce it an extraordinary case. Lyndhurst was bitten on the thumb of his hand. Three days later swelling began and spread rapidly. The doctors declare the fly bite had caused blood poisoning, which they could not check, and the victim died in great agony. Lyndhurst was 56 years of age and in fairly good health before he was bitten.

Charleston, W. V., Sept. 6.—The coal miners' strike in the Kanawha and New River fields, involving 15,000 miners, which has been in existence since June 7, is practically at an end. Each local union is instructed to go back to work on the best terms possible. Several of the largest operators in the New River field have made terms with their men and will resume on Monday. No concessions have been granted. Evictions will stop and old men will be given employment where possible.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 6.—The mining village of Hudson, where a house occupied by a non-union workman named Lawrence Farnaski was wrecked last night by a mob, was very quiet today. Sheriff Jacobs sent a large number of deputies to the place, and upon their arrival the crowd that had gathered upon the streets dispersed.

Salem, Sept. 6.—Secretary of State Dunbar this afternoon allowed the claim of Maurice Smith et al., of Creston, Wash., for \$1500 reward offered for the "capture and return" of Harry Tracy, who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary on June 9, being the amount offered by J. D. Lee, superintendent. A warrant has been drawn for the amount of the reward.

The Washington posse consisted of Maurice Smith, Charles A. Straub, Joseph Morrison, Frank Lillengreen and C. E. Lanter. They filed their claim for the reward on September 2. Sheriff Gardner, of Lincoln county, Washington, who notified Governor Geer at the time Tracy's body was returned not to pay the reward to the members of the Washington posse delivering the same, pending the filing of other claims, has not filed any claim against the state with Secretary Dunbar. In the affidavit that was attached to the claim of the Washington posse for the reward money, the members of the posse set forth the facts concerning the finding of the body, which have been rehearsed many times in the press.

The claims of the members of the posse for their expenses in bringing the body of Tracy to this city, and aggregating \$240, were disallowed, for the reason "that the repayment of the expenses claimed is covered by the claim of Maurice Smith et al. for the reward offered for the capture and return of the escaped prisoner, Harry Tracy, allowed and paid September 6, 1902." This warrant will be paid from the appropriation for the maintenance and general contingent expenses of the Oregon state penitentiary.

There are no other claims pending in Secretary Dunbar's office against the state that were contracted in the pursuit and capture of Tracy and Merrill.

Tillamook, Sept. 11.—Forest fires are raging on three sides of this city, and only two miles away, and the destruction of the entire town is threatened. The greatest danger is from a fire just east of here, as the wind is blowing from there directly toward the town. Nearly the entire male population has turned out to fight the flames, and those who remain behind are in a state of panic. The Five Mile house, on the road toward North Yamhill, was destroyed last night, and four farm houses also were burned.

Unless the wind changes it seems certain that the fire will reach the town this afternoon.

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 4.—To save the life of their brother Robert, who had been shocked and burned, Clyde and Louis Parrish, of Great Barrington, Mass., had 139 pieces of skin taken from their arms and grafted on the body of the unfortunate young man. The skin is healing, and physicians are hopeful of the victim's ultimate recovery.

IN CORVALLIS

REPORTS COMING IN FROM FORESTS FIRES AT SUMMIT AND ELSEWHERE.

The Bridge Now Safe—It Was Dangerous—Linn County Supervisor Complains of Corvallis Gravel Haulers—Other Local News.

It is expected that today repairs on Bower's bridge, six or seven miles down the Albany road from Corvallis, will be completed. They include renewal of both approaches and the addition of supports to the main span. It is now certain that the bridge is entirely safe for all purposes. The repairs have been in progress for several days, and have been under direction of R. M. Gilbert.

There is a general congratulation among those familiar with the facts, that the bridge has not been the scene of an accident. It was built 14 years ago. The discovery three weeks ago that the blocking under some of the bents had washed out, led to a general examination and the south approach in particular, was found to be badly decayed. All the members of the county court, during the recent session visited the structure. As the work of tearing out the approaches proceeded, it has been discovered that there was scarcely a sound piece of timber in either. Some of the caps were so rotten that they could be torn to pieces by a man's hand. The bridge was posted as dangerous on the order of County Judge Watters two or three weeks ago.

THEIR PROGRAMME

Exercises for the Coming Week's Meeting of M. E. Church South Ladies.

All are invited to attend the meeting next week of the Women's Home Missionary Society of Columbia Conference, to be held in the M. E. church South in this city. The programme of exercises is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 17—First session, 4 p. m.; devotional service conducted by president; enrollment of officers and delegates; address; report of conference treasurer and secretary; "How to Interest and Hold the Attention of our Home Mission During the Summer Months," Mrs. A. J. Zumalt, Irving Ore.; Discussion; appointment of committees; hymn; benediction.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Praise service conducted by Mrs. P. A. Moses; address of welcome, Mrs. W. B. Smith; response, Mrs. H. C. Allen, of Coquille; historical sketch of the "Women's Home Mission in Oregon" by Mrs. H. S. Shangle of Halsey; Our Home Mission Literature, Mrs. Henry Spress, Lebanon; address by Bishop W. W. Duncan of Spartanburg, S. C.; song service; benediction.

Thursday, 3 p. m.—Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Edna Finley, Bruce; roll call; response; report of district secretaries and auxiliary delegates; "The Necessity of Personal Preparation for Devotional and Business Meetings by Mrs. J. W. Craig, Lewisville; Yithing, by Mrs. Ella Reynolds, Dallas; discussion; "What Relation Should we as the Home Mission Workers to the Preachers in Charge," by Mrs. Rhinehart, Ashland; hymn; benediction.

Friday, 3 p. m.—Prayer service conducted by Mrs. Belle Spress; roll call; "What is our Duty as a Society to the Sick, Stranger and Sinful in our own Town or Community," Mrs. S. L. Canthorn; address, by Rev. W. R. Lamthrueth, Nashville, Tenn.; election of officers; report of committees; short talk by the bishop, close with consecration service.

FOREST FIRES

They Rage in Various Parts of Western Oregon—Summit out of Danger.

Newspapers are full of reports of forest fires. Brush fires at Seal Rocks on South Beach have destroyed some of the summer cottages. A day or two ago Newport was surrounded on two sides with fires that approached the town, and the population turned out en masse to resist the flames. The cottages at Nye Creek were threatened. Trainmen on yesterday's Corvallis &

Eastern say, however, that the danger is passed there, and that when they left yesterday morning the fires were within half a mile of Yaquina and still coming. Fires of the same character, they say have been burning all around Summit, but, the worst seemed over yesterday morning as the train passed when the fires were gradually passing further away. The smoke at Summit and elsewhere westward is described as so thick that objects cannot be distinguished at much distance.

INTENDS TO STOP IT

The Hauling of Gravel From a Linn County Road Into Benton Must End.

Complaint has been made with respect to persons in Corvallis and elsewhere on this side of the Willamette who have been hauling gravel from a point half a mile beyond the Corvallis ferry along a Linn county road. G. A. Hoffake, supervisor of the district was in town Thursday, and interviewed the Benton county court on the subject. He says that the gravel is taken from along the county road that leads into Corvallis, and that the removal is very injurious to the highway. One effect is that it increases the wash along the road in the winter time.

The supervisor said that several hundred loads had been hauled away for use in the construction of Agricultural Hall. He says further that the residents along the road are making much complaint, and the tendency is to so impair the road that it will materially injure Corvallis trade in that section.

Supervisor Hoffake desired County Judge Watters to do something if possible to stop the business, but was assured by that official that the Benton county court was without authority in the premises. It is understood that the supervisor himself has ample power to compel abandonment of the practice, and that he will do so.

Notice to Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that the county board of equalization will attend the office of the county clerk of Benton county, state of Oregon, on Monday the 22nd of September, 1902, and continue in session one week at which time they will publicly examine the assessment roll of said Benton county, state of Oregon, and correct all errors in valuations, descriptions or correct qualities of lands, lots or other property. All persons interested are required to appear at the place and time appointed.

H. L. Bush, Assessor of Benton county, state of Oregon.

Attend the State Fair.

To be held at Salem September 15-20. Take a few days after harvest and harvesting and go away for a change of scene and air. Too few farmers and farm wives take a vacation during the year. There is nothing like a change of living and few days' rest to brace one up physically and mentally. Most of the large business houses give their employes two weeks vacation during the year, and they find it pays well in the better health and greater interest taken by their men in their duties. A week's rest attending the State Fair is educational and recreative.

Good racing every afternoon between the fleetest footed racers on the Coast. Good music and high class entertainment in the evening.

Reduced rates will be made by the Southern Pacific for the occasion. Ask your agent for full information.

Dog Tax Notice

I am requested by the City Council to notify owners of dogs that a tax of \$1.00 on dogs and \$3.00 on sluts was due Sept. 1st and that it is their duty to report at once to city treasurer and pay this tax-taking his receipt therefor.

I am ordered by the council to impound all dogs whose tax is not paid.

Respy,
A. B. Alexander
Chief of Police

Sept. 3rd 1902.

Wanted.

Young men of fine character, willing to work and anxious to please, wants to do chores for board while he attends college. Inquire at Times office.

Executor's Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed by the last will of John Wiles, deceased, as executors of said will and estate, and also by the County Judge of Benton County in the State of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate, with proper vouchers duly verified, will present them to the undersigned executors at the office of said Walter T. Wiles at Corvallis in said county.