

LIGHTNING BOLT.

STRUCK DOWN WHOLE FAMILY IN NEBRASKA AND BURNED THE HOME.

Discovery of Coal Beds Worth a Billion Dollars—Lipton's New Yacht Dismasted—High Priced Butter Fat in Oregon—Other News.

West Point, Neb., April 18.—During a thunderstorm near here today lightning struck the farmhouse of Fred Sandgriff. All the occupants, father, mother and four children, were badly burned and rendered unconscious. When Sandgriff partially recovered, he found the house in flames. He managed to drag his helpless wife and three children out, but was unable to rescue one child, whose charred body was later found in the ruins of the home.

Wilkesbarre, April 11.—Drill men for the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company determined today the size of one of the richest deposits of coal in the anthracite field. Eight veins which have never before been operated in the upper district were located, and the coal in twelve veins at present worked in this district, and which lie beneath the new ones, was found to be rich and the veins thick.

It is estimated that in the tract which includes the veins there are about three hundred million tons of coal. The tract lies in Hanover township, just south of this city, and is the highest coal-bearing land in the upper region. It comprises about 2,600 acres, in which the coal is estimated at 150,000 tons to the acre. This at the present market, would be worth almost a billion dollars.

The land is owned by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre on the north, and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western on the south, each having about half, and most of it is in fee simple, so that there will be comparatively little royalty.

The borings have been going on quietly for six months. The red ash vein was reached 2,800 feet below the surface, deeper than it has ever been found in this region.

The company's officials do not say when a shaft will be sunk. There are close by the Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Delaware and Hudson railroads, so there is plenty of transportation facilities. The tract promises to make this city the wealthiest coal mining city in the region.

Salem, Or., April 18.—Reports of the success of the condensed milk factory at Forest Grove are received with great satisfaction by farmers, dairymen and creamery operators in this vicinity. This new market for milk will lessen the production of butter and strengthen the market for the latter product in a corresponding degree.

The business of the Forest Grove enterprise does not, of course, cut into the patronage of the Salem creamery. It will, however, relieve the Portland butter market slightly and the creameries will benefit thereby. The high prices that have been paid for butter fat during the last year encourage the dairymen to believe that the coming year will be a very profitable one.

Weymouth, April 17.—Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's cup was dismasted in a squall today, shortly after leaving this harbor preparatory to another trial spin with Shamrock I. Her mast, as it fell over the side, carried several of the crew, and all the gear and canvas overboard. One man was drowned, and several persons, including Sir Thomas, who was knocked down a hatchway, were bruised or otherwise injured. The man who was drowned was a brother-in-law of Captain Wringe. He was handing a binocular glass to Sir Thomas at the time he was swept overboard. One of Sir Thomas' hands was injured, but not seriously.

The hull of the Shamrock III was not damaged. The mast, when it went overboard, was solid. There was at that time only one break, which was about seven feet above deck. As the big spar, with its weight of canvas became heavier, owing to the water in it, the mast again buckled its head, going down until it rested on the bottom. It is believed it will be comparatively easy to repair the mast, but a whole suit of canvas is ruined.

Frankfort, Ky., April 18.—James Howard was called as the first witness for the defense in his trial today for the murder of Governor Goebel. He testified to arriving here shortly before the shooting. He repeated his former testimony that he was in the Board of Trade Hotel when he heard of the shooting, and that he had not previously that day visited the statehouse grounds. His defense is an alibi, and in support of this he gave the alleged movements of himself about the hotel from the time of his arrival until after the shooting. He denied that he knew either Taylor, Culton or Goebel.

The witness also denied emphatically that he ever saw Henry Youtsey until he met him in jail and he denied positively and emphatically that he ever received a letter from Governor Taylor or did any of the things to which Youtsey testified. At the afternoon session, Howard continued his testimony in his own behalf. He declared he had never had an agreement with Youtsey and had never spoken to him until he saw him in jail.

Upon cross examination, Howard stated he went to Frankfort on January 30, 1900, to see Taylor. He further said Sheriff White had received a letter to him from Taylor, telling him to come to Frankfort at once if he desired a pardon for the murder of Baker, as Goebel would soon be governor.

Asked if he had no said to Wesley Whittaker, a barber at Manchester, after the killing, that things worked like clock work at Frankfort; that Taylor knew him on his arrival at Frankfort, and greeted him and that everything was ready and that he performed the job in about 30 minutes after he got there, and that, if he was ever convicted again for the murder of George Baker, he would flash a pardon in their faces, he replied:

"I did not."

Howard also denied having seen John Powers or having been introduced to Wharton Golden on the afternoon of the shooting. Asked if a military captain had taken him to a crowd of soldiers on the night of the murder and ordered them to take good care of him, Howard replied that he did not recollect the occurrence.

Baker City, Or., April 18.—A miner working at the South Pole mine distinguished himself Thursday by taking a ride of 1600 feet on a snowslide, without injury to himself. The snow has become banked on the ridge of the summit just above the opening of the mine tunnel. Past experience has taught the workmen to be on the lookout for snowslides at this season of the year in that vicinity.

Recently the foreman of the mine came to the conclusion that he could get rid of the danger by the use of dynamite. The scheme worked to a charm. It was easy to start a slide with a moderate charge of the high explosive. By starting the slides it was easy to get rid of the heavy embankment of snow above the mine, thus eliminating the possibility of a slide for the balance of the season.

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BARONS TO COME.

AND COUNTS, TOO, ALL THE WAY FROM GERMANY TO CORVALLIS.

Want to see how we do Things Forty six in the Party—Arrive June First—Happenings at Philomath —Other Local News.

Counts and barons, and a lot of German professors and students are to visit Corvallis about the first of June. They are to visit the United States to study the conditions and methods that have made this country so notable as an exporter of breadstuffs and livestock. Their trip through the country is to cover a period of two months. It will begin at New York, when they arrive there from Germany about May 1st, and will not end until the latter part of June.

In a special train, with all the conveniences of private cars, diners and sleepers that are always provided for distinguished visitors to this country from abroad, they will travel southward and westward through the country to California, thence northward to Oregon, stopping at Medford, Corvallis, Salem and Portland and thence northward through the Palouse country and then go through the northerly tier of states, stopping to see the great packing houses at Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago. In their journey through the country they will be accompanied by attaches from the department of agriculture at Washington.

The fact that they were to visit Corvallis has been known for some time at the college. Noification of the fact was received from the heads of departments at Washington several weeks ago, and some plans have already been laid for the edification of the visitors. A survey of the farm and arrangements at the college, a view of the big prune orchard of the Benton County Prune Company, and other features of interest are among the arrangements under consideration. The party is 46 in number and among them are members of the nobility, feudal land barons and scientists in the employ of the emperor's government. Some of them are, Dr. Victor Ritter Von Bauer of Bremen; E. R. Breitrich of Munich; Dr. Alfred Dietrich of Coblenz; Dr. F. H. Flecken of Cologne; Eric von Fluege of Speck; Victor von Loeffert of Bratslava; Mecklenburg-lieutenant of the reserves; Dr. Eugene Count Ledebur of Lebosic; Dr. Felix Linderman of Dresden; Count von Schnurbein of Raio; Count Schenk von Stauffenburg of Rississen.

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Of Smallpox—Council and Ingle Have Settled—Philomath News.

Mr. Bond, a student at Philomath College, received a telegram Saturday announcing the death of his father of smallpox at Prineville.

The deceased was a brother-in-law of Prof. O. V. White.

The city council at a special meeting last Monday night effected a compromise with J. W. Ingle whereby the \$1.75 case was finally settled. The city had already expended \$215 on the case and the end was not yet in sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambler spent Easter with friends at Newport.

Mr. Austin who formerly owned a blacksmith shop at this place and whose family still resides here, has bought a shop in Corvallis.

Beef cattle are so scarce now that the butcher had to ship beef from Portland last week.

Mr. Clarence Miller will start in a few days to locate a number of persons from Portland, on timber lands of Douglas County.

The Alsea Telephone Co. have incorporated and have perfected arrangements whereby they will be connected with the outside world by telephone. They will join on to the private line of the Benton County Lumber Co. from their mill at Philomath.

Philomath.

For W. L. Douglas and Walk-over shoes see Nolan & Callahan.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Fourteen Year Old Boy—Was Accidental—Wadding Penetrated to Bone.

The fourteen-year-old son of William Noyes of Blodgett, is at the home of W. H. Dilly in this city, with a bad gunshot wound in his arm. It is the result of an accident that happened as the lad left the farm home near Blodgett, Friday, to shoot a bird. One account is that the butt of the shot gun slipped from the step and that the hammer caught in such a way as to discharge the weapon.

The full charge of the shot entered the upper portion of the arm where it joins the shoulder. The muzzle was so close that the wadding of the charge penetrated the wound to the bone. Dr. Cathey happened to be in the vicinity, and reached the boy within a short time afterward Saturday the victim was brought in on the train for treatment. Fifteen to twenty number four shot have been taken from the wound, eight or more of them from the bone.

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Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon,
Dated April 18th, 1903.

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J. T. BRIDGES,
Administrator.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1903.