GENERAL OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY

East of the Cascades and in Southern Oregon the Weather Was Propitions-The Becord.

ley, of the rancher firm of Prout & Mox-, who were arrested in Walla Walla a charge of uttering worthless checks the First National Bank here, and had their examination here, was released from custody, and goes free from all im-putation of guilt. Bert Prout is held in e sum of \$500, and is in jail in default

Moxley proved that he had had nothing to do with the making of the checks, and in no was manner responsible for their

MOST PATRIOTISM EVER KNOWN. Day Generally Observed in Umatilla

County-Pendleton Celebration. PENDLETON, Or., July 4.—The Fourth of July was more generally observed in Umatilia County than ever before. Celebrations were held in Pendleton, Freewater, Ukiah, Alba and Pilot Rock. Near-ly all of the farmers deferred the beming of harvest until after the Fourth. and, with their families, attended some one of the celebrations. Senator Charles Pulton, of Astoria, was the orator the day here; at Freewater, Judge 8. A. Lowell spoke, and at Alba John Mc-

court delivered the address.

The Pendleton celebration was the most elaborate. The literary exercises were conducted in Byer's grove, in the eastern part of the city. Besides the oration by Sensetor Fulton, Mrs. William Fitzgerald read the Declaration of Independence; the Mayor, Dr. F. W. Vincent, presided, and Rev. John U'Ben delivered the invo-

The day parade was in charge of John Halley, Jr., marshal of the day, who had a surprise in the selection of his aids, three ladies on borseback, who wors red, white and blue costume decorations. In the procession were Uncle Sam and Col-umbin, besides young ladies representing the goddesses of war, peace and plenty, respectively, and little girls as the rep-resentatives of the states and territories. In the evening, a brilliantly illuminated

rade was given, in charge of H. Numerous secret orders had floats with many-colored lights, the entire pageant being unique and beautiful. The afternoon was devoted to sports a fireman's tournament for local com-panies coming first, and then the usual

athletics in competition for prizes.

Special trains were run on both the O. R. &. N. and W. & C. R. R. roads. and people came from Athena, Milton, Weston, Adams, Helix and other places. Nearly every business house was orated, and the town presented a gala

CELEBRATIONS IN CLACKAMAS. One at Union Park and One at Sandy

-Was Bainy. OREGON CITY, Or., July 4.—The con-innous rain all the forenoon put a damper on the people who made prepara-tions to attend country celebrations and pictics. Some who started out very early in the morning put in the day, while others, who had engaged teams at the livery stables, cancelled their engage-ments when it was geen that the rain was likely to continue. Only two celebra-tions were held in the county; one at Union Park, participated in by the peo-ple of Springwater, Highland, Viola, Lo-gan and continuous counters and the gan and contiguous country, and the other at Sandy. Senator Brownell was the orator at the former place, and G. R. Miller was the reader of the Declara-tion of Independence. At Sandy, ex-Judge tion of Independence. At Sandy, ex-Judge Gordon E. Hayes was the orator, and Miss Jennie Gibbons the reader. Hon. G. B. Dimick was billed to give the ora-tion at Hubbard today, but returned this forenoon, as the weather was too bad to huld the collection. hold the celebration exercises. A num-ber of people left on excursions this morning, going to the Upper Columbia and to Astoria and Seaside, but the greater number went to Portland during the day. All the mills and factories closed down today divine their wn today, giving their employes an opportunity for a heliday,

HOW ASTORIA CELEBRATED.

Visitors From The Dalles-Regular Troops and Cruiser Philadelphia. ASTORIA, July 4.-Astoria's celebration of the Fourth today was the most extensive for several years, and was attended by a large crowd of risitors, there be-ing fully 5000 strangers in the city from the neighboring towns as well as a large delegation from The Dailes. Everything passed off pleasantly. A heavy rain storm during the night and early morning de-stroyed many of the decorations, but be-fore 16 o'clock the clouds broke away. and the remainder of the day was coo and pleasant. The street parade was several blocks in length, and was partici-pated in by a company of regulars from Fort Stevens, the officers and marines from the cruiser Philadelphia, the Sec-ond Battallon Oregon Naval Reserves, beseveral civic societies and numerous floats by the several commercial and nanufacturing institutions. The orator of the the day was George E. Chamberlain, of Portland. During the afternoon there were numerous field sports, boat races and fancy sinces and drills by girls and boys, and in the evening a ball in honor of the officers of the Philadelphia and a smand disript of freworks.

FINE WEATHER IN GRANT'S PASS. Celebration Was in All Respects

grand display of fireworks.

Satisfactory There. GRANT'S PASS, Or., July 4-Perfect weather ushered in the giorious Fourth, which was greeted at sunrise by a rousing salute. At 2:30 A. M., when the puredestarted, there were 400 people on the streets. The whole celebration was in every way creditable to the Woodmen. which order arranged n. President Haw bey, of Willamette University, leilversd-the address to an audience crowding the capacity of the grounds. The free din-ner was admirably arranged, and gave universal satisfaction. Small sports oc-cupied the time until 2:50 P. M., when the baseball game between achieves the baseball game between Ashland and Grant's Pass was played, resulting in a victory for Ashland by a score of 13 to 5. The clay-pigeon shoot took place with 12 The clay-pigeon shoot took place with 12 smiries, the first prize going to E. E. Redineld, with a score of 20 out of 25. In the evening there was a cake-walk on the dancing platform, followed by the free ball, which was well patronized. Nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the day. The merchants and stands did an enormous business in seasonable goods and refreshments.

How Vancouver Celebrated.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 4.—The Na-ional holiday was fittingly observed here today, all business houses closed and the toom was profusely decorated. Despite next week. The funeral will be held unthe rain which feil steadily during this der the auspices of the Woodmen of the greater portion of the day, there was an immense crowd. There was a street parade, commanded by General John M. Parent, and an interesting programme of patriotic exercises at the Auditorium. Mayor A. B. Eastham presided, and Rev. E. H. Todd delivered the oration. The Declaration of Independence was read by Sergeant Glenn Ranck, First Washington. Volunteers, and Miss Edna Taylor sang | Total 3,267,000 feet is nearly the full width of the roadway.

"The Star-Spangled Banner"; Miss Alice Smith represented the Goddess of Liberty, and Miss Ethel McGurn impersonated Co-limbia. A programme of athletic sporis and races was carried out, ending with a baseball contest between the Vancouver and High School beams, which was won by the former by a score of 2 to 5 un by the former by a score of 22 to 5. There

Yumhill County Festivities. M'MINNVIIAM, Or., July 4.—Rain caused delay in starting the day's cele-bration. By 11 o'clock 2000 people were here and the exercises proceeded. The ession moved to Oak Park, where the following programme was rendered: Chorus, "America;" prayer by Rev. A. A. Winters: recitation, Mrs. J. A. Young: reading Decigration of Independence, Professor L. L. Duncan: duet, the Misses Hobbs and Patty: recitation in deal mute language, "Star-Spangied Banner," by Miss Mins M. Murton. The oration of the day was Rep. W. D. Free oration of the day was Rep. W. D. Free Banner," by Miss Mins M. Murton. The orator of the day was Hon. W. D. Fenton of Portland

A long list of sports had to be abandoned owing to the less of time this morning. The Indians of Grand Ronde save a war dance, but the crowd, swelled to 200, demanded that the game of base-ball between the Torpedoes and McMinnvilles begin. This was the best game played in Tambill County for years. The Torpedoes won, 5 to 5.

How Corvallie Celebrated. CORVALLIS, July 4-The day opened with a salute at surrise. At 5:30 there was a baseball game between the Corvallis and Lebanon teams for a \$40 first price and Lebanon teams for a 500 first price and 110 for second. First money was taken by the Corvalits team in a score of 50 to 2. The parade occurred at 11 o'clock, and the display was the best ever seen in the town. On account of the weather the exercises were held in the Opera-House, instead of the Courthouse Park, as was originally planned. The Deckard. as was originally planned. The Declara tion of Independence was read by Miss Laura Thomas, of Jefferson, and the oration was by Judge L. R. Webster, of Port-iand. The afternoon was given up to races and athletics.

Wet, But a Large Crowd. FOREST GROVE, Or., July 4-Five thousand visitors, who forgot the gloomy day and made lively the spacious grove where the veterans' encampment had just been held, were the feature of the college city's observance of the National birth day. After the morning's parade, S. C. Spencer, of Portland, delivered the oration, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence seemed less perfunctors as its words fell from the lips of Miss Lena Parker. Miss Laura Weller, with a cherus, sang "The Star-Spangled Ban-

Day a Success at Chehalis. CHEHALIB, Wash., July 4-Chehalis' celebration was a great success, despite the fact that it showered a good part of the forenoon. There was a large crowd in attendance. There was a parade at it o'clock, and this was followed by a meeting at the Opera-house, at which Hon. P. Nash, of Tacoma, was the orator of the day. The afternoon was given to horse and bicycle racing at the Fair grounds. The doings closed with a fire-works display tonight and a ball at the grounds. The doings

Rain, Races and Fireworks. HILLSBORO, Or., July 4-Notwith-standing rain all the forenoon the celebration was largely attended by people from all parts of the county. Congressman Tongue delivered the oration, which was eloquent. In the afternoon games entertained the people. In a rain storm, display of fireworks.

Quiet Day in Salem.

SALEM, Or., July 4. — The Fourth passed very quietly here, there being no public celebration held in the city. However, the small boys with their firedrack-ers and bombs were very much in evi-dence, and a few home celebrations re-

Celebrated in the Afternoon.

EUGENE, Or., July 4.-Though the rain of the morning was dispiriting, in the afternoon the weather turned more ta-vorable, and the committee went ahead with the programme. The parade took place at 2 o'clock and was very creditable. After this followed the entire entertainment provided for the day, and the cete-bration, which promised to be a fixed until after 1 o'cleck, turned out to be until after 1 o'cleck, turned out to be quite the reverse, and everybody is thor-

The Day at Gervals.

GERVAIS, Or., July 4.—The natal day was fully celebrated by the people of Gervais. The day opened with a drizzling rain, which continued until 10:20. The parade was dispensed with, owing to the rain, and the exercises were transferred from the fir grove to the Town Hall, where D. Solls Cohen, of Portland, delivered the address.

The clouds cleared hway after dinner and the races were well attended.

No Rain Interfered.

WASCO, Or., July 4.-The citizens of the north end of Sherman County cele-brated the Fourth at Wasco in a highly satisfactory manner today. The exercises began with a long parade led by the Arlington band. Hon. T. E. Barnes, of Goldendale, delivered the address. Amusements of various kinds were indulged in, closing with a grand ball at

Showers Spoiled the Programme. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 4.—Elaberate preparations were made for the celebration here today, but owing to oc-casional showers the greater portion of the programme was dispensed with. The baseball game resulted in the Bohemia team defeating the Cottage Grove team. The fireworks this evening was a very attractive feature.

Eyes and Hands Powder-Burnt, CHEHALIS, Wash, July 4-Dan Wisner was seriously injured this morning while helping fire the Fourth of July saints, the powder for the cannon pre-maturely discharging. His eyes are badly latter but it is impossible to the injured, but it is impossible to tell whether or not he will be blinded. Both hands were also burned.

KILLED IN PAPER MILL.

OREGON CTTY, July 4.-Dispatches received from Floriston, Cal., this morning give the information that Charles Deaver, until recently a resident here, was killed yesterday afternoon by being caught in the machinery of the Crown paper mills there. The body will be brought here for burial, and is expected to arrive Friday.

Scene of Former Ageldent. The deceased was 25 years of age, and had resided here for about 16 years. He left a wife and two children, and his is near the foot of the same grade where mother also lives here. It was the inten- the accident occurred 10 years ago, when

Gray's Harbor Lumber Shipments. HOQUIAM, Wash., July 4.-Lumber shipments by water from Gray's Harbor, during June were:

World.

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after the accident occurred. Citisens, pocemen, firemen, guardimen, ex-volunbeen and women and children aided. The stiles of the guich are steep-in fact, so steep that a goat could scarcely cling to them; but the cries of the injured made men forget themselves, and they plunged downward without regard to their own safety. Ropes were spulckly procured and St. Joseph's Hospitals were soon

and to get off into the guich the car had to roll full 30 feet before it went over the edge. The guich is over 120 feet deep, but where the car first struck the steep bank was about 60 feet down the side of the guich. Here the car first crashed into the bank and smashed along down the side of the guich, grinding the victims under its wreck.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SCANDAL Burdett-Coutts Describes the Sufferings of Soldiers in Africa.

and the victims of the wreck were drawn carefully to the top of the guich, and their wounds attended to as fast as fixed as possible for the physicians to work. Every dootor in the city was called on for his services. The Fanny Paddock and St. Joseph's Hospitals were soon crowded with patterns who but a few moments before were in the enjoyment of their health. Hacks, express wagons and all sorts of conveyances were pressed into services.

But there was another vehicle that was in use, too. It was the wagon of the LONDON. June 27 .- Many complaints



BRIDGE IN TACOMA WHERE THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

dead. It came to take away the last evi- that at every moment when these horrors dence of the destruction caused by the were at their worst, and when men were wreck. It made journey after journey, dying like files for want of adequate atwreck. It made journey after journey, wreck. It made journey after journey, and it was always full. Boys and girls and men and w men, were its freight. The morgues of the various undarnaking-rooms were scarcely rarge enpugh to hold all, and when the dead had been sorted from the living, and the last one had been removed from the wreck, excited men and women and children besieged the morgues searching for missing friends. Some were successful in their and quest, and others who were not successful turned away with average of the said the hard ground, with no milk and quest, and others who were not suc-les and the hard ground, with no milk comment turned away with every evidence and hardly any medicines, without beds of joy upon their faces.

Little Children Orphans.

Thousands of people visited the bridge where the acoldent occurred during the day. They watched the men at work day. They watched the men at work doctors to attend 200 patients. There clearing away the debris of the can and march about this. It was a mile from over a slippery road. Claud Grear won the four-mile bleycle road race: time, 15:40. He also won the one-mile road race. The festivities closed with a brilliant discharge from bushes. They glanced more than six weeks, with a line of railing that hung from bushes. They glanced, too, at two women who wandered about all day, one with a babe in her arms and the other leading a liftle boy-by the hand. The charges of these women were foundlings of the wreck. Nobody had come to claim them. Perhaps their mothen, and their father as well, was dence, and a few home celebrations reminded one of the occasion.

Considerable rain fell throughout the
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who otherwise would have taken advantage of the different excursions to pinces

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and their destination this same Bloemfontein, provided with most things, exwhere celebrations were held. pital. They seem to be descried, but ft is probable that some relative will look after them.

One little boy was sitting near the edge of the guich, where he had been dropped by the rescue party, crying out: "Somebody drug me home. I know where my home is I want to go home to my mammy!" His leg was broken off at the knee and dangled limp; his head was cut open, but not deep, and he was otherwise bruised. It was said his mother was among the dead in the pottom of the

One woman, with her head all covered with blood and her face bruised and rubbed with dirt, where she had evidently been amushed against the ground as the car crashed down the side of the gulch, was wildly lamonting her lossthree little children, all crushed and mangled in the most shocking manner, one with its little head nearly torn off and smashed all out of form-curesting the mangled bodies and varnly calling upon them to hear her, not realizing that they were past the troubler of this world.

Spoiled the Celebration.

When the news of the disaster reached up town, most of the societies and organizations which were to take part in the parade were assembled at their various redexvous. Immediately upon receipt of the news of the accident the committee called a meeting of the Mayor and City Council, the Governor, Admiral Kauts and the Red Cross Society, and it was unanimously decided to abandon the parade, but at the suggestion of the Gov. ernor, who said so many strangers were in the city, and as the various organizations were already in "as, the committee decided to let the various companies who wished join in a parade,

The Admiral and the officers of the battie-ship Iowa were all in carriages, awaiting the orders for the starting of the parade, but in view of the unfavorable news from China added to the local catastrophy the Admiral decided he would not parade his soldiers and marines, and they were headed to the wharf and rejoined their ship.

As the parade passed down Pacific avenue not a cheer was heard, and, in spite Charles Deaver, of Oregon City. Loat bands, it looked really more like a funeral parade than a holiday celebration. As the parade was going down the street-it

Scene of Former Apeldent

The place where the accident occurred a car full of people on the same line miraculously escaped death. The car came rushing down the grade and crashed into the station near the foot of DeLin street, but did not go over the bank. A large number of people were slightly injured, and two or three killed. This accident was two blocks up the grade, where the track makes a sharp

curve to run onto the bridge. The bridge

stretchers, mattresses, without linen of any kind, without a single nurse among them, with only a few ordinary soldiers to act as orderlies, rough and unfitted for nursing, and with only three more than six weeks, with a line of rail-way to two seaports, along which thou-sands of troops and countless trainloads of stores and equipments of all kinds, and for every one but the sick, had been moving up during the whole of that fels-urely, halting time. "About the same day a convoy of wounded men were being subjected to nameless torture for want of an ambu-

cept humane appliances for the wou These are two typical instan state of things there on April 27. From morning till night gloomy processions fol-lowed each other across the market square at slow march, bearing shapeless fighters, sewn up in blankets and crowded to unknown graves in the cemetery on Southern Hill, day after day, and week after week in ever-growing num-bers. How many of these might today be strong men, full of life, rejoicing at their near refurn to home and friends, is a terrible speculation which must be left to those who consider the conditions attending their sickness and death.

"The horrors of these scenes, the tor-tures suffered by our wounded there owing only to the shortcoming of the medi-cal equipment staff and transport, were a byword in every mouth."

Describing the field hospital at Bloem-

foncion, Mr. Burdett-Coutts writes:
"With no further equipment than two
marques and a few bell tents, there were 316 patients, of whom half were typhoid. Their condition was almost indescribable. The tents were bell tents, such as were mentioned in former letters as affording sleeping accommodations for six to eight orderlies when working in solid health. In many of these tents were typhoid cases lying closely packed together, the dying against the convalencent, a patient in his crisis pressed against a man and hastening death. There was no room to step between them. Think of this, you who know the sout of the control of the con who know the sort of nursing a typhold patient requires. With no beds or mattreeses, and only 42 stretchers in the whole hospital. There was great scarcity whole hospital. Incre was great scarcity of blankets, and no patient could have more than one, with a waterproof sheet, between his body and the ground. The ground is as hard as stone, and at night the temperature falls to the freezing point. Besides other deficiencies which cannot be described, there were no sheets or pillow cases, or pretense of bed linen of any kind; only a coarse rug grated against the sensitive skin, burning with The heat of these tents in midday sun was overpowering, their odors sickening. Men lay with their faces covered by files in black clusters, too weak to raise a hand to brush them off, trying in vain to dislodge them by painfully twitching their features. Beventeen orderlies had come with, or been raised for the half-section field hospital; 10 had been taken from it, this number being made up from the bearer company, but they had other duties to perform than brushing files from patients' faces. At night there were not enough affendants to prevent the patients in the delirium stage from getting up and wandering about the camp, half naked, in the bitter cold."

British Surrounding Dewet.

LONDON, July 5, 4:25 A. M.-The va foun telegrams received from Pretoria and elsewhere in South Africa, while no giving an account of fighting, represent the converging columns as making Dewet's roving ground more and more con-tracted, and the possibility of his defeat and capture nearer. Heavy artillery fir-ing was heard near Ficksburg on the 3d. The Boers are massing in great numbers in the Lindley district. State Secretary Reitz has gone to Hamburg with a part of the Transvaal treasure.

Kruger Goes to Nelspruit. LONDON, July 4. -According to a dis-patch from Cape Town, President Kruger is reported to have moved to Nelspruit, the Transvaal station for Lydenburg.

Competitive Drill at Tacoma. TACOMA, July 4 .- Company H, of Spo-

pane, won the competitive drill, a prize cup offered by citizens of Tacoma, and Scraent W. A. Vaughn, of the same company, won the individual drill for the brigade medal.

EXPLOSION OF AN OIL TANK Six Men Blown to Atoms and Others Injured.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 4.—The most herrible calamity that this city ever most herrible calamity that this city ever witnessed occurred this merning at 7:20 o'clock in which six men were blown to atoms and one other. John Chalk, so badly injured that he soon died, and two more are expected to die at any minute. The dead are: J. H. Hamilton, general superintendent of the Ohic River Railroad; E. La Lime, master mechanic; Charles Mchier, yardmaster; G. O. Shannon, known as "Dick," train dispatcher; Bradley Reeves, freight brakeman, George Chalk, a fireman, died about noon at St. Luke's Hospital Jim Ruth, a fireman, and Will Care, Jr., an engineer, will die. Twelve others were badly hurt, and probably 40 others were badly hurt, and probably 40 others many of them children, were more or less hurt.

The yards of the Ohio River Railroad are spotted with pieces of torn flesh and

are spotted with pieces of torn flesh and sprayed with blood, that was wiped up by the burning oil. The scene is a veritable charred spot, and descriptive power falls to give any adequate conception and impression of its horrors. A car tank and impression of its horrors. A car tank containing 600 gailons of all was on the yard track for shipment. An engine with Will Carr as engineer, and Morgan Hupp as fireman, was pulling a train of fast freight, south-bound. The switch was open, and the train ran into the side-track, colliding with the tank car. The collision caused a hole to be bored in the top part of the tank, and the cli ignited. This happened a few minutes after 3 o'clock this morning. It made a fearful fire, Master Mechanic La Lime and the general superintendent, J. H. Hämilton, were called upon to devise some means of ridding the track of the burning tank and ridding the track of the burning tank and extinguishing the blaze. The effort was made to tip the car over. There were few people who were close to the car, as the heat was so intense that this manner of dispecing of the fire was given up. Pouring water on it had absolutely

While some of the men were grouped near the tank, after 7 o'clock, an explodon occurred. It was caused by the fire igniting with the gas that had formed from the burning oil, It came with a flash of fire and a deafening report. Some people who were standing near were not affected by it at all. They saw the bodies of men flying in the air, and saw others knocked to the ground by the concursion of the air as the tank went through the air. It had parted and went in two directions. There were numbers knocked down by the force of the air. Those who were killed were struck by the flying end of the rank, which went in a southerly direction. It was 300 yards distant from the victima and came to the ground near the shops All of the fatalities occurred by being struck by this part of the tank. The piece which went 50 yards in the other direction killed no

FOUR CHILDREN KILLED. Perrible Effects of an Explosion of

Fireworks. PHILADELPHIA, July 4-A blank cartridge fired at ciose range by a small colored boy into a large collection of fireworks of a highly explosive character today cost the lives of four chlidren, the probable death of three others and severe burns and lacerations to 20 other persons, only two of whom were adults The dead are: Carme: Dianno, aged 11 years; Charles Feruan, aged 11 years; two unidentified children. Those who will probably die are: Isabel Derites, aged 8; Jennie Diano, aged 5; Frank Naccitro,

aged 9.
The explosion occurred in front of a small shop of Antonio Mammerello, on Eighth street, in the most thickly populated section. The fire works were largely of giant firecrackers, torpedoes rockets and "chasers." A crowd of chil-dren were clustered around the stand. A by a dense smoke. When this lifted, forms of more than a score of children were found lying on the street, burned and bleeding. The owner of the fireworks was arrested. Following the explosion, oads of fireworks in the neighborhood.

Score of Persons Injured. WEBSTER, Mass., July 4.-A car of the Webster and Dudley Street Railway, and a car on the Worcester and Webster Road came together on a down grade at East Webster this morning. Nearly a score of persons were injured, three of whom it is feared may die.

DIED IN COLOMBIAN JAIL.

III Treatment of an Englishman by Government Troops.

NEW YORK, July 4.—A dispatch from Panama states that Reginald W. Paris, who represented a manufacturing com-pany, of New York, and who was made a prisoner by the Government troops on the Island of Morro, outside of Tumaco, on March 19, is dead. Arthur F. Townsend, vice-president of the company, said he had seen the son of Mr. Guder, the United States Consul in Panama, on Monday, just after he had arrived from that city, and he told him that he had heard the same report when he left Pan-ama. There was no telegraphic communication with the Island of Morro nor with Tumaco, where the report originally

Mr. Parls was an Englishman, 40 years of age, who had represented the company about two years. He was arrested on March 17, as he was taking letters from the British Vice-Consul at Tumaco to the steamship Quito, which had arrived there and which was not allowed to enter, as the port had been closed. The rebels were in possession of the town, and the Government forces were on the Island at the entrance to the harbor. Mr. I had a launch, and, accompanied Thomas Clark, an Englishman, and Mr. Pena, the agent of the steamship com-pany, he started to go to the Quito. The launch did not return, and on the following day the Vice-Consul sent to demand of the Government troops the re-lease of the launch and its occupants. The messenger was made a prisoner, too, and the launch seized. The British Min ister to Colombia made a protest and de-manded the release of the prisoners and then it was announced that Mr. Paris' launch was released. Mr. Paris owned property in Panama and his family live in England.

Indian Agency Force Reduced.

Pendleton East Oregonian. Lee Moorhouse came home from the Silets Indian reservation, in Western Ore-gon, where he went on a business trip He states that the force of employ the Government at the agency has been reduced about one-half, the position of the superintendent being abolished, as also were those in the industrial depart-

Five Years in Penitentiary. CHEHALIS, Wash., July 4.—Joe Bernier who was caught in the act of burgiaris-ing Frank Swigert's house at Forest few days ago, pleaded guilty before Judge Elliott and was given a 5-year sentence in the penitentiary.

Salem Pioneer Woman Dead. SALEM, July 4.—Elizabeth Chapman, a Balem pioneer of 1848, died in this city to-night, in her Sist year, of a complication of diseases.

BLAKE THAT DESTROYED \$50,000 SEATTLE BUILDING.

Three Firms Were Burned Our-Fire Caused by a Careless Boy-Other Washington News.

caused by a skyrocket in the hands of a careless boy tonight burned a business block occupied by Holden & Wisson, Randolph Gross and Rhodes Bros., oh Second avenue. The building and most of the contents is a total loss. All are believed to be fully insured.

STEADY RUN OF LUCKY BOY MINE. Machinery Goes Day and Night-Will Add More Stamps.

BLUB RIVER, July 1.—The machinery of the Lucky Boy 10-stamp mill has been kept going day and night, without a stop, except for repairs, ever since it was started last December. Concentrators were added to the mill during the Win-ter, and the company will soon begin shipping concentrates. The company has decided to add 10 more stamps to the mill, and will also put in a small saw mill.

and will also put in a small saw mill. A contract has been entered into be-tween Joe White, owner of the Sunset mining claim, and Dr. Candiani, of Portland, wherein the latter is to receive a one-third interest in the Sunset in consideration that he erect a five-stam mill on the property. The machinery for the mill has been ordered. The Sunset is lecated on the headwaters of Quartz Creek, on the Gold Hill side, and is one of the most promising claims in the

from Gold Hill yesterday with a col-lection of ore which fairly sparkles all over with the yellow metal. The rock found by them is said to be the richest ever found on Gold Hill, and assays thousands of dollars to the ton.

Professor Fairbanks of the University of California, is making a geological tour of the mountains of Oregon, and is now making investigations in the Cascade range, east of here.

ACCIDENT TO THE LIMITED. Ran Into Cloudburst Near Yakims

and was Partly Derniled. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 4-A doubturst at the lower end of the gap near Yakima City washed a large quantity of earth and stones outo the rail-road track this afternoon. A few minutes later the North Coast Limited pasenger was partially derailed by the obstruction. Nobody was hurt. The storn was confined to an area of about one square mile. It destroyed parts of a cost ly county road a short distance below the

SKULL WAS CRUSHED. Accident to Teamster Near Cornu copia, Union County,

CARSON, Or. July 4.—Asa Deeber, a teamster in the employ of John Wilson, was run over by a wagon this morning near Cornucopia. His skull was crushed. He died at 7:30 this evening. He was a young man, and left a wife and four emall children.

SKAMANIA COUNTY MILL BURNED. Fire Entailed a Loss of \$5000-Incendiary Origin Supposed.

STEVENSON, Wash., July 4.- The Wilson & Grapper saw mill, one mile north-west of this place, was completely de-stroyed by fire Monday night. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary orig-

and was insured. Thomas Connell, of Portland, recently purchased the mill of C. H. Williams, and had operated the C. H. Williams, and had operated the well located, being in close proximity to large bodies of fine timber.

Wants His Pay and Damages. WALLA WALLA, Wash, July 4-W. E. Farr has commenced suit against this Walla Walla Statesman for \$1154 80. Of this amount \$184.80 is claimed to be a balance due for services as solicitor, and name and credit. Farr claims that when he entered the employ of the Statesman he was informed that the paper wound be enlarged and reduced in price. On these representations these representations he secured much business. Now that the paper has falled make the changes, he is placed before the business men in a false light, and therefore demands damages.

Oregon Notes.

Outstanding city warrants to the amount of \$2000 were called in by Roseburg Monday.

It is reported that the Medford Free Press, the organ of the regular People's party, has suspended publication. From 400 head of sheep Dick Kiger has sheared and sold 2000 pounds of wool, or an average of nine pounds per head. The Christian churches of Union; Wal-

lows and Baker Counties will hold a camp meeting at Eigin, convening or July 5. The broom-handle factory at Coquille City resumed operation last week a full force. It had been idle since the first of the year.

Fifty-nine head of Indian ponles from the Warm Springs reservation were shipped from The Dalles Monday to the

The annual teachers' thatitute for Coos ounty will be held at Marshfield July E There are 55 teachers in the county, 63 women and 23 men.

Near Warm Springs Indian reservation a herd of 200 elk has been discovered, Unless proper precaution are taken, the Indians will kill a number of the animals, The annual report of the Recorder of The Dulles shows that there were four times as many fines collected during the year ending June 20 as there were during the previous year.

Max Pracht, of Ashland, since his transfer to the Treasury from the Inte-rior Department, has been located at El Paso, Tex., where he will have of the customs service at the Mexicap

Peach plums in Wasco County are rip-ning rapidly, and will yield a heavy crop. Picking has already begun in some or-chards, and it is expected two or three carloads will be shipped East during the

Fred R. Neil and Guy Hamakar made a record run on their bicycles between Klamath Falls and Ashland Thursday, says the Ashland Tidings. They covered the distance of 60 miles in eight hours, which included about 15 miles of walking over the mountains,

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