himself up with hope that there had been a mistake, he forced his way through the smouldering timbers and across the rivers from which the bridges had been burned, only to find that his worst fears were

The case of John Polly, who lost his family, is also very sad. He was working at Cressups when the fire threatened

their property. Thinking that there was no danger near his home, he stayed and worked all day and night, helping them

what he could. After the worst had passed them, he became advisous about his own home and family, and struck out

in search of them. Their burned remains were all that he ever found. After his wife, who was alone, except for her child

and 10-year-old brother, had seen the fire approaching, she had gone at once to a neighbor's house. There she had found a man of the name of Godfrey and Mrs. Rice, also fairful of the approaching fire.

In a miraculously short time it was right

upon them.
"I saw a small clearing that would let us get to Speller Creek." said Mrs. Rice, as she related the terrible experiences during which three lives had been lost.
"I urged the rest to come on and not

try to save the property, and we started to run. Mrs. Polly noticed that her brother was not along, and went back to

get him, but the fire came so fast that she was caught before she could get out again, and all three of them perished."

Mrs. Graves, her son, Irwin, and her daughter, Alice, were at home, and as they noticed the fire in the woods near by

became alarmed and thought that they would go to Murray's place, near by, where there was a large enough clearing

to make them safe.
"You go ahead," said the mother. "I want to fix a few things, and will come

in a short time." Never fearing but that there was ample time to make an escape, the children went on down to Murray's,

but the fire had made a progress that seemed to be miraculous, and before they had got there the flames were upon them.

The mother had stayed a moment too long, and she was never again seen alive. The Wallace party that was reported to

have been lost was saved by the herold work of the Postmaster at Ariel, whose name is Chitty. Knowing where they were camped, and seeing that they were in danger, he took a lot of lanterns, and in the dead of night made his way to where they were saved them.

where they were, warned them, and got them out of danger before the fire was

As near as can be estimated, 15 people are missing since the firer Fourteen charred bodies have been found, and the other that is lost is W. E. Newhouse. It is expected that his body will be found

as soon as a search is started.
"I know that he is dead," said Miss
Train, "for if he was not he would have
come to the place where we were."
A party of four, Alfred Fossum, William Frazler, Charles Wittingham and —
Gyles, are on Goat Mountain, and have

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LIEUT. MORRIS ENDS LIFE SAVAGE VETOES THE PLAN Second Officer of Dewey's Flagship to Commit Suicide in Five Days.

BOSTON, Sept. 15.-Lieutenant John R. day. He had committed suicide by shooting with a revolver. The Olympia is anchared off the Boston Navy-Yard. Lieu-tenant Morris was the executive officer of the Olympia, and began duty on that ship January E last. No cause is known for

Lieutenant Morris is the second officer of the Olympia, Dewey's flagship, to commit suicide within five days. Chaplain William F. Morrison, U. S. N., committed suicide by shooting Thursday afternoon Marine Hospital, Chelsea, where he had been transferred a few days

HEAVY FROST IN OHIO.

Thermometer Reaches a Low Point for First Part of September.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept_15.-The Government thermometer at the Weather Bureau here last night registered 42 de-grees above zero, the lowest point ever reached during September since the establishment of the office, 30 years ago. Reports received at the local weather bureau indicate that frost was general throughout the state, and extremely heavy in the southern part.

Opposite Cordray's Theater

Nebraska Militia Will Not Appear at Fort Riley Encampment. LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 15 .- The Nebras

BOSTON, Sept. 18.—Lieutenant John R. Hincolm, Neo. Sept. 18.—Lieuten ments and a troop of cavalry. The Gov-ernor says the National Guard fund is all but exhausted, and to meet the necessary expenses would create a deficiency of \$5, General Barry and a number of regimental officers will attend in the capacity of a committee and report on the encamp-

Another reason given by Governor Savage is that he considers it unwise to send the entire state militia away during the existence of a strike on one of the railroads of the state, meaning the Union Pacific.

McKinley Services in Cuba. NEW YORK, Sept. 15 .- Memorial serv-

President McKinley were held in the Cuban Baptist Church, cables the Havana correspondent of the New York American. Rev. Alberto Diaz preached a sermon on "McKinley, the Liberator." reminding his congregation that to him Cuba owed her liberty. He paid a tribute to the intense humanity and sympathy of the martyred President. The choir sang the President's favorite hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The attendance was the largest in the history of the

Lewis River Death Roll Still Increasing.

MANY PEOPLE ARE MISSING

Property Loss Is Not Less Than \$1,000,000.

TRAGIC FATE OF NINE CAMPERS

Just as Their Escape Appears Certain, a Log Blocks the Way and All Perish-Damage in Clackamas County Is About \$200,000.

LIST OF THE DEAD.

George W. Smith, wife and child. Mrs. Agnes McKeen and child. Mr. C. A. McKeen. Mrs. Eva Reed and three children. Mr. Orie Reed.

Mrs. John Polly, child and 10-year-old brother. Mrs. Graves W. E. Newhouse

Unknown, 22.

KALAMA, Wash., Sept., 15.-Reports from the fire-stricken districts of Lewis River continue to grow worse., The charred and lifeless bodies of 38 people have already been found, and all believe there will be more to follow. Many settiers and an unknown number of campens from outside points are missing. The burned district was settled by perhaps 500 people, most of whom were prosperous, while many were well-to-do. Nearly all of the farmers had good buildings, their barns filled with hay, and their postures

to get more than a few steps from the

wagon. The only bodies in this group

that could be identified were those of Al

Many people saved their lives by jump

ing into the Lewis River, the water of

which, in some places, was warm from

the intense heat of the surrounding

flames. About 60 people, who were camp-

ing at Trout Lake, near the base of Mount

St. Helens, were saved by taking to the

ber land in Cowlitz County have been

burned over, and much of it destroyed

completely. It is esetimated that the

property loss to this county will not be

ees than \$1,000,000. Three hundred people

have been left homeless and destitute.

and, as noted heretofore, at least 35 lives

CHARRED DESERT IN COWLITZ.

Eyewitnesses to Disaster Tell How

Fifteen Lives Were Lost.

Fifteen lives are now known to have

been lost in the fire which swept over the

country between Ariel, Cowlitz County,

and the foot of Mount St. Helens, Friday

been left a charred desert, and over 200

people have been left homeless, with

scarcely enough clothes to cover them.

Some thrilling incidents of aged people

who lost their families and young men

who made hereic efforts to save the prop-

erty or lives of their neighbors have been

brought in by survivors of the fire. Since

the fire has abated, those who survived

have compared notes and experiences. It

is their opinion that the foregoing list of

dead is correct, and they think they have

accounted for all of the people that were

Milo M. Dimmick, who was the first to

back to the scene of the disaster yester-

day at 3 o'clock. He will institute a thor-

ough search for the remains of the killed.

He says that he does not think that nearly

all of the people have been accounted for,

and that at least 45 perished in the fire.

Large loads of supplies have been sent in

from Woodland and the neighboring

places, and the immediate necessities of

Miss Edith Train is one of the surviv-

ors who have come to Portland. She did

not leave until Saturday morning, and at

that time it was thought that the dead

heart-rending scenes than were enacted

during the awful disaster would be hard

to imagine. As Miss Train came out, she

met an aged man, James A. Smith, who

lives at View, Wash. He was inquiring

after a party of 11 that had gone into

that country but a few days before.

Three of them were his own children, and

all were members of his family. George

W. Smith, Mrs. Agnes McKeen and Mrs.

Eva Reed were his own children. Their

families made up the rest of the party.

He was told of the tragic fate of his loved ones, and the aged man was over-

come with grief. He would not give up

that the party found could be this one,

although it answered exactly with the

description, and was the only one that

had been in there at the time. Buoying

umbered 15, as stated above. More

ome out and spread the news, started

in the vicinity at the time.

life will be supplied.

water on improvised rafts of poles and

About 140 sections of the finest tim-

Reed and his son.

not returned yet, but it is thought that there has as yet been no fire on Goat Mountain, and that they are safe. well stocked with cattle. What was a week ago the beautiful and fertile valley Those who winessed the fire as it rayaged the country of the upper Lewis
River say that words will not give a description of the awfel grandeur of the
sight. So rapidly did the flames spread
before the strong wind which fanned of the Lewis is now a hot and silent valley of death, covered promiscuously with the blackened bodies of both man and At one place, the irons of a burned wagon, the roasted remains of a toam of

them into an ever-renewed life, that even the wild beasts of the forests were pownorses and the dead bodies of nine people erless to get out of the way. Grous were seen with their wings singed and powerless to flee from the death which was approaching upon them. Deer were exhausted from their long flight, and were found, after the fire had passed tell the tale of an unsuccessful attempt of a party of pleasure-seekers to escape. While fleeing from the flames they were stopped by a big log that had fallen across the road. The team was burned over, burned to death. on the spot, and so fierce was the fire

"I stood up under the strain fairly well," said Miss Train, "until we went to a neighbor's house that had been saved. We had been there but a minute, when one of the men came into the house and asked for the gup. Looking out, I saw a handsome deer that had sought refuge in the same clearing with us. Of course our supplies were gone, and the men in-sisted upon shooting it. As it fell I gave way, and all of the wemen had a goodcry. The poor thing had been flying from the same danger that we had, and had found the same shelter, and it seemed such a pity to kill it, after the long, hard flight for life." Another one of the neighbors had a little fawn seek protection in the same inclosure with them, and it was not

Despite their many troubles, the people are doing all that they can toward giving the dead a proper burial. "Yet the best that they can do is very poor," said one of them yesterday. "They have nothing left with which to work. There are no saws, no material with which to make

The Washington people are said to be responding well to the call for relief. Claude Bozart, who lives at Woodland was in the country at the time of the desolation, and as soon as his services were not needed to save lives, he went at there to send in relief. A public meeting was calld, and inside of two hours over \$300 had been raised, and he was on his and Saturday. The entire country has way back with money, food and clothing

> MANY BURNED IN CLARK COUNTY. Report That Death List Is Larger

Than Reported.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—A number of deaths in the Rock Creek district, near Beil's Mountain, were reported here today by James Richardson and L. D. Jackson, residents of that seccountry Thursday and Friday. The fire was driven by a high cast wind, which swept everything before it.

John Schmidt, the husband of on fortunate victim, was in Portland at the time of the fire, and did not know of the terrible disaster until yesterday. He left for the scene of the fire this morning. The body of an unknown man was found n the aches of the house which belonged Mrs. Wileox, on Rock Creek.

Fire, according to the reports, swept over a strip of timber in the northern part of the county, 11 miles wide, for a distance of 40 miles. The country around the headwaters of Lewis River are known to be full of prespectors and miners, and it is believed that many more lives are lost than are now reported.

More than 20 families in the vicinity of

Rock Creek are rendered homeless. Measures are being taken among the authorities and citizens here to render speedy assistance to the unfortunate fire suffer ers. As reports say a large number of people are left entirely destitute for the time being by reason of the destruction of buildings, crops and stock, unless they are given relief soon, much suffering is sure to result.

The County Commissioners will meet toorrow in special session, for the purpose of devising means for rendering the needed ageistance, and a mass meeting of the citizens of Vancouver is called by Mayor Eastham for a similar purpose for tomor

Dense Smoke in the Palouse, COLFAX, Wash, Sept. 15.—(Special.)— The smoke which envelops Western Washington has extended to the Palouse country, which is covered as with a heavy fog, shutting out the sunlight and giving a gloomy aspect to everything noke fills the air and makes breath

confirmed. A small heap of charred bones was all that was left of the party he was seeking. All had been lying on their backs, except one, and it is thought that they were gasping for a last breath of the air when they were suffocated by the heat. Attendance Double That of Last Year's First Day.

SHOW PLEASES THE VISITORS

Formal Opening of Annual Event at Salem, With Speeches by Governor Geer and Dr. James Withycombe.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 15 .- (Special.)-Opening day of the State Fair today was a great success. The attendance for the in-Itial day was larger than for years. ments and benefits that may come from a

when a year or two ago the wheat crop was unusually short, and no apparent in-jury to the country was felt. It was forgotten within a short time, whereas had it occurred 10 years before it would have resulted in little short of bankruptcy. "The time will come—indeed, is rapidly approaching—when the Willamette Valley will be one of the most famous and pros-

perous dairy countries in the world. No better combination of soil and climate for the business can be found anywhere, and there is always money in it. The eastern part of the state will be noted, as now, for its adaptability to grain and stockraising in addition to its mines, and the surface control to the transparence of the state will be the eastern control to the state will be supported by the state of the state o southern portion is rich in its possibilities in mineral and agricultural development.

These elements combined, with their steady development, account for this excellent display, which is a credit to the industry and intelligence of our people.

"I congratulate the management upon the propitious circumstances under which this armusic serior property. Its source is conthis annual affair opens. Its scope is con-tinually broadening until little is now heard in reference to it as 'the Salem

fair.' It is represented among its exhibitors by people from every section of the state, and its benefits will be accordingly shared by all sections of our common-wealth. I have been requested to wel-come you to a participation of the enjoy-

Beveridge on the Trade of the Future.

ORIENT OFFERS THE FIELD

Indiana Senator Opens the California Campaign.

REPUBLICAN POLICIES UPHELD

Opposition Is Taken to Task for Proposing One Policy Toward Hawait and Another for the Philippines.

Beveridge on Oriental Trade.

The Pacific is the ocean of the future The markets of the Orient are the Republic's future commercial salvation; and the Orient's commercial future is

If the Philippines are no advantage to the Republic, why is Hawaii an advantage to the Republic? The opposition does not say give it up. Where will the Pacific Coast sell its

surplus? And your unsold surplus means your commerce paralyzed, your laboring men starving. There is only one solution of the "la-

bor problem," and that solution is steady employment and honest wages.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.-The Republican campaign in this city was inaugurated this evening by a rousing reception to George C. Pardee, the Republican nominee for Governor, and Senator A. J. Beveridge, of Indiana, Senator George C. Perkins, as chairman of the meeting, introduced Mr. Beveridge, who was in excellent voice and delivered an address of more than usual interest. His words were frequently interrupted by prelonged ap-

Dr. Pardee extolled the work of the Republican party in this country, and in California in particular. Senator Beverldge said in part: "Fellow Republicans of California and the Pacific Slope: The future is yours.

The Pacific is the ocean of the future, and the Pacific is yours. The markets of the Orient are the Republic's future commercial salvation; and the Orient's commer-cial future is yours. Important as other questions are, the one great question that covers seas and islands and continents, that will last when other questions have been asked and answered and forgotten that will determine your present prosper-ity and the greatness of your children's children in their day, is the mastery of the Pacific and the commercial conquest of the Eastern world. And that question is peculiarly your question, people of the Pa-cific Slope. If your wealth is to increase you must produce a surplus; and if you produce a surplus you must sell it. And where will you sell it save over the sens of sunset? If your laboring men are to be employed you must have commerce; and where will the commerce, great enough for your ever-increasing popula-tion, be found save in your supply of the ever increasing demands of the millions of the Orient? And yet, when events have given this future into your keeping, the opposition to the Government asks you to surrender it for an unsound sentiment to give up your position of power for a phrase, to sell your birthright for pellticians' advantage. And therefore let us consider tonight which side of this elemental argument is wise and right and beneficial to the people of the Pacific Sione. Let us weigh the case of the states-manship of the Administration and the indictment of that statesmanship by the op-porition to the Government."

Why Two Insular Policies.

Senator Beveridge charged the epposion with intention to abandon Porto Rico. and Hawall as well as the Philippines opposition says that they do not favor nauling down the fing in Porto Rice and Hawaii, but only in the Philippines, sek them why we should keep one and not the If the Philippines are no advantage to the Republic, why is Hawaii an advantage to the Republic; why is Porto Rico an advantage to the Republic? Why would the opposition have American au-thority remain in Hawaii and not in the great archipelago which commands the commercial, naval and military situation of the East? If he says that Hawaii asked for annexation, the answer is that annexation of Hawaii was accomplished by the overthrow of the hereditary ruler of the natives of those islands. If he says that the people of Porto Rico consented to our rule, the answer is that their consent was never asked for except in the form of an oath of allegiance to our flag. And that same consent has been given from Luzon to Selu.

"If the opposition answers that it was a mistake to take Hawaii and Porto Rico, but now that the mistake is made it is our duty to govern them wisely and well, why is not the more thing true of the Philip-pines. If expansion is a mistake already accomplished in Porto Rico and Hawali, it is also already accomplished in the Philopines. And any duty growing out of

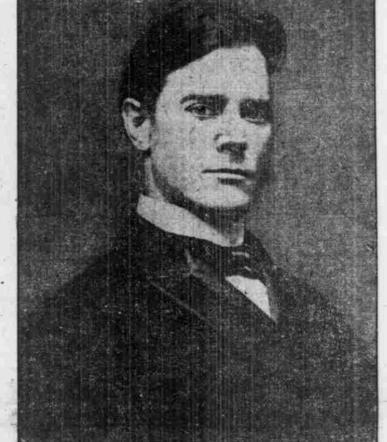
Does the opposition say that it is none of our business if other people cannot govern themselves? That was the answer of Cain when the Voice asked where his brother was. The duty of no man simself alone; the duty of no nation is to itself alone.

American vs. Poor Government.

"Analyze the three years of American administration in Porto Rico-American schools for the humblest, just laws, honest government, prosperous commerce. Then sail for less than a day to the sister island of San Domingo and behold com-merce extinguished, justice unknown, sovernment and law a whim, religion decenerated to voodoo rites. Compare the condition of these two islands, and an swer whether American administration in Porto Rico with or without their consent

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OPENS THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.



SENATOR ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE.

President Wehrung stated tonight that visit within its gates, which I cheerfully those of the opening day last year. The receipts up to 4 o'clock this afternoon were \$451, as against \$360 last year.

The grounds are well supplied with exhibits. Linn, Lane, Polk and Washington counties have creditable displays of their resources in the pavillon. The art and manufacturing departments are largely represented. There are not as many fake shows, midways and entertainments as usual, and only good wholesome entertainment is allowed by the management. There are more campers this year, and every indication augurs well for the success of the exposition. The visitors appeared pleased with the show, and were complimentary in their remarks.

The fair was formally opened tonight with exercises in the music hall at the pavillon. The Fourth Regiment Band of Movement to enlist workingmen of country Eugene, which is engaged for the week, played two appropriate opening selections, "Oregon State Fair" and "Reception." President Wehrung presided and introduced Governor Geer, who gave the address of welcome. Governor Geer spoke in part as follows:

"In his Buffalo speech, the last he ever delivered, among many other savings, President McKinley declared that 'expositions are the timekeepers of progress.' Along this same line of thought it may be said that the annual fairs for any given state for a series of years furnish an index to the advancement and development of its resources and people. "To those of us who can remember the

first State Fair at Oregon City 40 years ago, the difference between the exhibition at that time and this magnificent display of the resources and possibilities of our Millons of feet of timber have been destroyed state serves the purpose of a revelation. It is not going too far to say that no state in the Union can furnish a better exhibition of agricultural produce and specimens of animal and mineral excellence than is to be seen here toni-ht. This exhibition is the result of an evolution from the most primitive methods of agriculture to a condition where the necessity of a diversification of industries is recognized and adopted, "All honor is due to the pioneers who in

the past struggled against strong odds in maintaining our State Fair, and nothing is detracted from their efforts by saying that the present management is entitled to great praise for the energetic manner in which it has given new impetus to an annual exhibition which brings our people together in large numbers to display the results of their combined labors and to furnish the opportunity for each section of our state to see what every other sec-tion has done and is doing.

"The Oregonian who visits an agricultural exhibition in any one of the Eastern States will be amused to see for what a variety of purposes corn will be employed to show the possibilities of the country Corn is indeed 'king,' but no single indus try in Oregon can lay claim to being on an industrial throne, nor even in the di-rect line. I believe that no state in the Union-barring Wishington, perhaps-could possibly present for exhibition so great a variety of farm products as was displayed here two years ago by Hon. A. M. Lafollette as the produce of his own farm. As the possibility of a single farm, it is doubtful if it could be equaled on this continent outside of our own soil and climate.

farmers have finally seen the necessity of paying attention to a variety of crops.

In this fact is found the explanation. Hour of their improved condition.

Wheat is no longer chiefly relied upon, Monday. Fage 14.

The response was made by Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis, whose speech "Nature has indeed dealt generously wire

our state. The extent of variety and the uniform excellence of quality shown in the exhibits in all of the departments of this fair instantly impress one with the agricultural possibilities of the future. This display of the fruits of human en-(Concluded on Third Page,)

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