HOPS IN DANGER

Oregon Yards Threatened With Loss.

MOLD SPREADS RAPIDLY

Penalty for Not Properly Spraying Vines.

CRITICAL PERIOD FOR CROP

With Favorable Change of Weather Damage Will Be Checked, but if Rain Continues, Injury Will Be Great.

The fate of a large portion of the Oregon hop crop depends on the weather of the next few days. Vermin have infested many yards and now mold has appeared and is spreading alarmingly in some sections. With a continuance of the damp, rainy weather the damage will be great. A return of sunshine and a brief hot spell will do much to lessen the injury. The Waether Bureau's forecast for Western Oregon today follows: Fair and warmer in the south and occasional rain in the northern portion; westerly winds.

In order not to lose their entire crop, many growers will pick their hops before they are matured. Even without a change for the better, the loss to Oregon hopgrowers will reach many thousand dollars.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The damage to the hop crop by reason of the rain is still in expectancy. While there are some yards in which mold has already appeared in sufficient amount to make it certain that the hops cannot pass as choice, the greater part of the crop is yet uninjured. Nearly all the yards owned by men residing in Salem have been thoroughly sprayed, and probably a continuance of the rain for several days would do no damage. In yards that have not been sprayed, however, damage will follow if the rains should prevail a few days longer. Favorable weather tomorrow or Thursday would reduce the injury to a minimum.

I. L. Patterson, who is interested in several yards in Polk County, made a thorough examination today in the portions of the yards where mold would be most likely to appear, and found not a single moldy hops. He thinks there is no danger whatever. His hopyard was thoroughly sprayed.

H. J. Ottenheimer says that in his own yards he has the heaviest crop ever grown on the land, and has no indication of mold. One yard, known as the Levy yard, will yield 2000 pounds to the acre, and every hop is bright and clean. His yard was also sprayed in the best possible manner. Mr. Ottenheimer says that in some yards that have not been sprayed mold has already appeared in such quantities that the hops cannot be marketed as choice, however favorable the weather may be hereafter. He thinks the amount of damaged hops will be small if favorable weather should be had in a few days. He has reports from Woodburn and Aurora to the effect that picking has already begun, the growers preferring to lose quality by picking green, rather than to take further chances with mold.

Douglas Minto, who operates the well-known yard on Minto Island, says that he has found a few sprouts of mold, but not enough to injure the hops. His yard was sprayed.

T. A. Livesley makes a similar report, but says that, unless the rain continues several days, there will be no damage. Much depends upon the weather of the next few days. It is evident that the quality of a large part of the crop will be seriously impaired, for the fear of mold will cause many growers to begin picking a week earlier than they should.

MOLD ON BOTTOM LANDS.

Rickreal Growers Praying for a Few Days of Sunshine.

RICKREAL, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The wet weather of the past few days has caused great apprehension among hopgrowers, as lice are multiplying in many yards, while mold has been discovered on some of the river-bottom vines. Few of the growers in the vicinity took the trouble to spray their hops, and, as a result, they stand a fair chance to lose a portion of their crop. Upland yards, as a rule, are looking better than those on the river bottoms.

The best yard in this vicinity is that of Hon. S. T. Burch, just west of this place. Mr. Burch is an experienced hopgrower, and his crop this season is a very fine one. His yard is one of the very best in the state. It contains 40 acres, and produces more hops every year than many of the neighboring yards of twice the size. Mr. Burch's yard is equipped with all the modern conveniences, and the recent addition of a new hop kiln facilitates the handling of the crop. Picking in the Burch yard will begin next Monday. J. P. Holmes, who rents the 30-acre yard on the W. M. Molson farm, has a bumper crop this year. He will begin picking on September 4.

Few growers in this vicinity have contracted their crops, as it is generally believed that the price will advance several cents before many weeks have elapsed.

Hopgrowers are praying for a few days of warm sunshine, as such weather would lessen the danger from lice.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY HOPS GOOD.

Vines Are Free From Lice, and Excellent Crop Is Assured.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Hoppicking in Josephine County yards will begin next week. At some of the yards picking will be commenced on Monday, while others will delay till the middle or last of the week. As to quality, the hops are excellent, and the picking will be much cleaner than the average, as the vines, while they carry a gratifying quantity of hops, have only a sparse growth of leaves. The hops are free from lice, and a very excellent crop for this section is assured.

The acreage of hops in Josephine County this year is about 400, of which about a dozen growers have 75 per cent, in tracts ranging from 15 to 50 acres each. The remainder is in smaller tracts of a few acres each.

There are two principal districts in which the Josephine County hops are grown; the Rogue River bottom lands, below Grant's Pass, near the mouth of the Applegate, and the Applegate Valley, in the vicinity of Provolt. The heaviest grower this year is J. P. Ransan, of this city, whose yard on Rogue River comprises 50 acres. Seven growers of the Rogue River district have an aggregate of 175 acres, and five growers of the Provolt district have a total of 165 acres.

Growers estimate that the yield will be in the main a little lighter than last year. Some of the yards show an increase, while others show a falling off. But in all cases the yield is far in advance of all expectations earlier in the season. The Spring and Summer have been exceptionally dry, but this condition seems to have affected the yield but little.

LANE COUNTY GROWERS SPRAYED.

Consequently No Mold Has Yet Appeared.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The continuation of the rain, which is so unusual at this time of year, is beginning to cause some apprehension on the part of the farmers about Eugene. Probably the greatest apprehension is on the part of the hopgrowers, who are watching their crops very closely, and have hopes of a profitable harvest. The danger to the hops is not on account of the rain itself, but the damage, if any should occur, will be from an indirect cause. It can be said that absolutely no damage to hops has occurred yet, and may not occur if the rain should continue for a week.

At the same time it may be possible that, on account of the rain that has already fallen, a portion of the hop crop may hereafter become damaged, or even lost.

The danger lies in the mold that may come, and the mold is due to the hop louse. Rainy weather is favorable to the multiplication of lice, which seem not only to thrive on moist atmosphere, but in damp weather they go into the hop burr, where they are the means of creating the dreaded mold.

Had the weather remained dry, there would have been no danger from lice. All the yards were well sprayed, and all the bugs that came in contact with the solution are things of the past. Also in dry weather the spraying solution adheres to the vines, and is present to kill any newcomer as soon as he may arrive, forming a perpetual menace to the pest. But the rain has undoubtedly washed much of the quassia and whaleoil soap from the vines, so that lice coming into a yard now are not so certain of destruction.

UNCERTAIN AT INDEPENDENCE.

Rain Has Done Damage in Yards Not Sprayed.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Hop conditions around Independence are very uncertain at the present time. There has been a drizzling rain for the past three days, and it has done considerable damage, especially to those yards that have not been sprayed. Lice are appearing quite generally, and there is some danger of the appearance of mold.

The hops are pretty well matured, and there will be general picking of all yards the first week of September. Henry Hill, of this place, has six acres of the early Fuegal hops. He will begin picking these next Thursday, as they are ripe. More tickets have been procured this year for picking by weight, and a number of yards will abandon the old method of picking by the box. The price has not been settled upon by the growers yet, but there is some talk of picking at the rate of 50 cents per 100 for weight, and this may necessitate the raise of the box-picking, as that is considered about equal to the rate of 50 cents per box.

LOSS SMALL IF WEATHER CLEARS.

Critical Period for the Hop Crop of Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Hops in this section have not been greatly damaged by rain as yet, but a few days more of cloudy, damp weather will do irreparable damage. The hops on high, open ground do not seem to be affected at all, but yards on low land in the river bottom are not faring so well. A prominent hopgrower estimates that he has suffered considerable damage by rain in his hops on the Benton County side of the river. A number of yards are situated in the bottom land on the Benton County side, and in most of these mold is appearing.

It is estimated that, if clear weather comes immediately, a few hundred dollars will cover the loss; but if the present weather conditions prevail for a week longer, the crop will be ruined. What is wanted is not a cessation of rain only, but clear weather. Picking will begin in all the yards on Monday next.

NOT MUCH DAMAGE DONE YET.

But Crop Around Dallas Will Suffer if Dampness Continues.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The rains of the past 24 hours have not damaged the hopyards around Dallas, but it is feared that the crop will suffer if the damp weather continues. Some of the yards in the bottom lands already show slight signs of mold, but if the rain should end with a brisk north wind, and be followed by hot, dry weather, the crop will be saved in good shape. If, on the other hand, damp, sultry weather should prevail during the next week, hops will be seriously injured.

Picking will begin in most yards next Monday, although some growers, alarmed by the rainy weather, have announced their intention of beginning as early as Saturday of this week. The hopyards in Western Polk County will produce about an average yield this year, and are of excellent quality.

NO MOLD IN WASHINGTON.

Hopmen in That Section Gave Their Yards Good Attention.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Careful investigation reveals no mold forming in any of the Washington County yards. As a matter of fact, the hopmen of this section have given their yards more attention as regards to spraying than ever before, and unless the wet weather continues for some time, there will be no loss from mold. They have sprayed their yards the second time, anticipating a wet spell, and all are unanimous that lice are great abettors of the fungus.

Hops never looked any better at this time of year, and were it not for a few bad stands, the crop would exceed that of any past year.

UPLAND YARDS NOT AFFECTED.

Mold Showing in Bottom Lands Near Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Hopyards in this district will fall 20 per cent short of an average yield. "This is partially accounted for from the fact that in many yards frost killed the early growths. Growers having yards on uplands state that their crops have not so far been affected by mold, as a result of the recent rains or other cause.

River-bottom yards, which have been carefully worked and trained, are free from mold up to this time, but others so located are showing considerable mold, and may become seriously affected.

CROP DEPENDS ON THE WEATHER.

Mold Appears in Nearly All Yards Near Aurora.

AURORA, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The hop crop in this district at the present writing is an uncertainty. The saving of the crop depends on a favorable turn for bright, clear weather. At present the weather here is cloudy and uncertain. Mold has appeared in nearly all yards, and picking will begin ten days earlier than anticipated. A number of growers started to pick this morning, rather picking a green hop than losing them altogether. The majority will not begin picking until the latter part of the month.

MAY PUT LYNCH OUT

Hitchcock Awaits Reply of Yakima Indian Official.

FOSTER AND JONES TO RESCUE

Ask That Charges Against Superintendent Be Not Acted Upon Until They Reach Washington—No Hope for Delay.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—It begins to look as if Jay Lynch, bonded superintendent in charge of the Yakima Indian school and reservation, would soon be forced to seek a new job. Whether or not he is retained in Indian service depends upon the answer he makes to charges of a very serious nature that were recently lodged against him by Clerk Brown and Principal Kampmeyer, of the Yakima Indian school.

Supervisor Charles H. Dickinson, who was sent to investigate the charges, is understood to have found them well substantiated, and on instruction of the Interior Department submitted his findings to Lynch, with a request for his reply. Dickinson's report and Lynch's reply are supposed to be on their way to Washington, and it can be authoritatively stated that if Lynch is shown guilty as charged, he will either be dismissed, or his resignation will be at once demanded by Secretary Hitchcock.

Both Senator Foster and Representative Jones have appealed to the Interior Department on behalf of Lynch, and asked that action on his case be delayed until they reach Washington in October. It is not known what reply was made to these pleas, but it is known that if Lynch's answer is not satisfactory, there will be no stay of proceedings.

In asking for delay it is reported that Lynch's friends insist that both Brown and Kampmeyer are antagonistic to their superior officer, and are doing everything in their power to bring about his removal. The Interior Department, while it may admit all this, maintains that if Lynch is guilty, it makes no difference whether charges are brought by his personal enemies or by disinterested parties. Lynch's friends assert that both Brown and Kampmeyer are guilty of the very wrongs they charge against their superior. If the report of Supervisor Dickinson shows that this is true, their case will be disposed of later. For the present, their own records are not under consideration and have no bearing whatever on the status of Lynch. From what can be learned here, it is inferred that Lynch's integrity has been assailed, but Secretary Hitchcock declines absolutely to discuss the case and has issued orders to his subordinates to say nothing about it.

DETAILED TO PORTLAND DUTY.

Captain Wallace Will Succeed Captain McIver as Recruiting Officer.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—Captain William Wallace, Seventh Infantry, was detailed today for general recruiting service, and will proceed to Portland and assume charge of the recruiting station at that place, relieving Captain George McIver, Seventh Infantry, in time to enable him to proceed to the Philippine Islands with his regiment on the transport to sail from San Francisco October 1.

More Oregon Lands Withdrawn.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—The Interior Department has made on additional temporary withdrawal in the Burns land district under the reclamation act, covering sections 17, 18, 22, the W. ½ of section 26, all of sections 27 and 34, all in township 33 south, range 18 east. The lands will be more fully examined to determine their desirability for irrigation purposes.

New Oregon Postmasters.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—Oregon postmasters were appointed today as follows:

Leeds, Viola Stalder, vice Lizzie Goodlow, resigned; Merrill, George Wilson, vice Frank S. Bradon, resigned.

Owen L. Wolford and William Town were today appointed regular rural carriers, and Charles Wolford and Beverly Town, substitute carriers at Silverton.

National Bank for Dallas.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—The application of W. D. McDonald, of McMinnville; John Wortman, Arthur McPhillips, R. B. McDonald and Jacob Wortman to organize the First National Bank of Dallas, Or., with a capital of $25,000, has been approved by the Controller of the Currency.

ALASKA CONNECTED BY WIRE.

Telegraph Lines Finished in All Parts Covered by Signal Corps.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Major Scriven, acting Chief Signal Officer of the Army, has been informed that telegraphic communication is now established in all parts of Alaska covered by the Signal Corps lines. Forest fires in the Tanana Valley interrupted the building and completion of the line for nearly two months, but the lines which were destroyed has been rebuilt and the Government is now in telegraphic reach of Forts Egbert, St. Michael and the entire Yukon district, also with the Copper River country.

The Alaska points are reached at present over the Canadian lines, an arrangement having been made with the Canadian government for the use of these lines, but it is expected that a cable from Puget Sound to Skagway and Valdes will give through connection with the wires owned and operated by the United States.

GREAT WAR GAME ON.

Navy Breaks Into Portland, But Is Unable to Take Fort Preble.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 26.—The attack on Portland by Admiral Barker's combined North Atlantic fleet began promptly at midnight, the allotted time, and was well under way at 1 o'clock. Vessels from the fleet entered the harbor. At least two landings were attempted and a torpedo boat destroyer succeeded in reaching Fort Preble, the innermost fortification and the acknowledged key to the defenses, before being picked up by searchlights and fired upon.

At 2 o'clock, a heavy cannonading from the ships and fortifications had been in progress two hours. A part of the fleet at 2 o'clock was attempting to come in through Whitehead Passage, one of the available entrance channels to the harbor.

Fort Preble was surrounded by landing parties, who were fought back by all the land forces, massed for the defense of that point. The launch and cutter were captured by the Fort Preble forces.

At 1:15 a. m., a large vessel, evidently a battleship, came into range and was fired upon with one round from Forts Williams and Levitt and three rounds from Fort McKinley. The vessel returned the fire of both the Fort Williams and Fort Levitt batteries.

General quarters were sounded at Fort Preble, the fortification farther inside the harbor, when the fire was opened from the other forts.

The fleet of eight ships, evidently the battleships and cruisers with the flagship Kearsarge, which had in all probability failed to effect a passage through Whitehead Channel, approached the main channel past the two lights at 2:40. One battleship was leading with the other seven vessels following closely. They opened fire on the harbor defenses and were answered by the Fort Williams batteries.

The mortar batteries at Fort Preble opened fire at 2:45. The fleet was preceded by a large number of launches containing landing parties.

New Postal Order in Effect.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The Postmaster-General issued a formal order today authorizing the delivery of unpouched newspaper mail by baggagemasters.

IN AUDIENCE WITH POPE.

Cardinal Moran Presents the Congratulations of Australia.

ROME, Aug. 25.—Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, N. S. W., was received today in private audience by Pope Pius and presented to the pontiff the congratulations of the Catholics of Australia. The pope was very much pleased and said that the telegram which Cardinal Moran had dispatched to him from Ceylon had given him the greatest pleasure. He thanked the prelate heartily, and imparted to him the apostolic blessing, which he also bestowed on the faithful of Australia. The audience lasted half an hour.

Pope Pius is particularly pleased at the presence of Cardinal Moran in Rome, as, with his meeting with the latter, he has now seen every foreign cardinal.

Not General Tracey Who Got Cap.

ROME, Aug. 25.—Through an error the Associated Press reported yesterday that the Pope had sent his white cap to General B. F. Tracey, of New York. It should be General Charles Tracy, of Albany, ex-United States Representative, who served two terms in the papal zouaves during the Garibaldian campaign.

BRIDE AIDS IN ROBBING.

Young Man Arrested in Seattle Confesses to Four Hold-Ups.

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—H. W. Haynie tonight confessed that he held up three men last Friday night and held another man up on the night of August 12. He took his bride of five months out with him in a buggy, to which was attached a spotted horse. He left his wife holding the reins while he held up three men in less than an hour. He was traced by means of the horse and was run down early this morning in a lodging-house.

Detective Barbee fired four shots at him last night, and Haynie struck the officer over the head with a blackjack.

Haynie comes from Portland, where he is well connected. He is but 22 years old.

The name of H. W. Haynie does not appear in the Portland city directory. The police say they have no knowledge of anyone by that name.

THOUSANDS HONOR DEAD

Funeral of Son of Garibaldi Sees Streets of Rome Blocked.

ROME, Aug. 25.—The funeral of Menotti Garibaldi, the eldest son of the patriot, was held today and evoked a great popular demonstration of sympathy. For hours before the cortege was expected, the streets were crowded with people packed so densely that vhicular traffic was stopped. The body was carried from the house and placed on a gun carriage by a party of Garibaldians in their striking red shirts. On the coffin was laid the red shirt, cape and sword f the dead General and a quantity f flowers. The procession, which was of a military character, was followed by four artillery wagons carrying magnificent wreaths and fresh flowers.

It is estimated that 250,000 persons witnessed the funeral procession.

HEAT CAUSES DEATH.

Pittsburg Has the Warmest Day of Year, and Many Prostrations.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 25.—Today was the hottest of the year, the thermometer reaching 94. One death resulted and several prostrations are reported.

Man Falls Dead in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—Yesterday was the hottest day in the year. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the thermometer in the Weather Bureau stood at 92 degrees, and on the street level the record was one degree higher. The heat found six victims during the day, one man falling dead in the street. The intense heat continued all night, and in the crowded tenement districts of the West Side the suffering was great. Men, women and children lay on the sidewalks, on stairways and on roofs.

PEST DAMAGES COTTON.

Sixty-One Texas Counties Infested by the Boll Weevil.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 25.—The section director of the Texas Weather Bureau service issued a map today showing the boll weevil district of the cotton belt of the state. There are 61 counties included, and it is stated that the pest is doing great damage.

Loan Society to Control Big Estate.

HONOLULU, Aug. 25.—The German Savings & Loan Society has assumed partial control of the management of the large Kapionali estate in order to protect a loan of $300,000 made one year ago and secured by the Hawaiian lands of the estate, including most ofthe property of Prince Jonah Kalaniaole, delegate to Congress, and Prince Kawananakoa.

RICH GOLD FIELDS FOUND

Mexican Ore Goes $50,000 to Ton—Cavalry Guards the Claims.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 25.—Rich gold fields have been discovered about 160 miles west of the City of Oaxaca and 122 miles from the town of Ejutla. The ore found is said to assay up to $50,000 a ton, and so great is the local excitement that cavalry has gone to guard the claims. The ledge is said to be 15 feet wide.

NOTED VIOLINIST WEDS.

Jan Kubelik Is Married to Niece of ex-Premier of Hungary.

VIENNA, Aug. 25.—Jan Kubelik, the violinist, was married at Debreczin, Hungary, today to Countess Marianne Csaky, niece of Colomon Von Szell, for Premier of Hungary.

Kreigerbund at Terre Haute.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 25.—The Kreigerbund of North America today voted to consolidate the organization with other societies of former soldiers of the German Army. The new organization will have a membership of 30,000. William Vach, of St. Louis was elected president, and Alexander Massee, of Chicago, vice-president.

GALE HITS YACHTS

Reliance and Shamrock Are in Great Danger.

STORM IS OF SHORT DURATION

Wind Blows Forty-five Miles an Hour Off Sandy Hook—Lightning Also Plays—Two Women Out Sailing Drowned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A terrible northwest wind and electrical storm struck Sandy Hook shortly after 5 o'clock today, and the Shamrock and Reliance and a fleet of half a dozen fine yachts, including the Erin, C. Oliver Iselin's Sunbeam and Herreshoff's Roamer were in great danger for a time. The yacht Eureka, breaking from her anchorage, was blown violently against a coal scow and carried the scow before it. It seemed for a time that the two boats would crash into the Shamrock, which lay almost in the path of the gale not 100 yards away.

The Reliance lay in a positon more out of danger. The moorings of the Shamrock and Reliance held fast, though the wind blew their bows around into the face of the gale violently and tugged hard at their cables.

Sir Thomas Lipton left the Erin before the storm broke, and, with Colonel Smith, Colonel Burbank and Colonel Stewart, commander of Fort Hancock, viewed the havoc in the bay anxiously from the commander's headquarters on Sandy Hook.

Lightning flashed from the inky black sky, and the wind came like a cyclonic blast. Weather observers here said the wind reached a velocity of nearly 45 knots. The sea, calm all day, was boiling furiously in less than five minutes after the squall struck.

In half an hour after the storm broke in its fury, the clouds cleared away from a sky brilliantly illuminated by the setting sun and the wind died out as rapidly as it had come up. It left a tumultuous sea, breakers dashing high all about Sandy Hook.

In the gale two women lost their lives in Jamaica Bay. They were: Mrs. John Holm and her sister, Miss Regna M. Rasmussen, of Brooklyn. They went sailing in a catboat with Mr. Holm, and the boat was upset about half a mile off shore. Holm was picked up by a sailboat. The two women were taken from the water by a party in a steam launch, but they died without regaining consciousness.

During the height of the storm a huge derrick on the Central Railroad of New Jersey bridge across Newark Bay from Bayonne to Elizabeth was swept from its supports into the water, carrying with it a number of workmen. Four of the men were drowned and several badly injured. The dead: John Conlon and Charles Tingley, of Jersey City; John McFaun, of Bayonne; Otto Ellington, of New York. Daniel Murphy, of Olean, N. Y., was fatally injured.

OWN LIBERTY BELL.

Descendants of Philadelphia Bell-founder Set Up Novel Claim.

Baltimore American.

Injunction proceedings of a remarkable character will be begun in Philadelphia if any further attempt is made by City Councils to send the old Liberty Bell on any further junketing excursions. Not only will the law's restraining hand be sought by the lineal heirs of John Wiltbank, but the plaintiffs will set forth the fact that the bell is not the property of the city, state or Nation, but the personal property of the descendants of a man who took the cracked emblem as part payment of a debt due him by the City of Philadelphia.

The strange story behind the claim that is about to be asserted is one that lawyers say can be amply verified from historical records, the journals of Councils and the private papers of the Wiltbank family. The three heirs who are prepared to prove that the old bell is their joint property are Mrs. James McCluskey, of Broad and Rockland streets; Mrs. Sidney Wright, of Germantown, and a maiden lady residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The latter is a niece of the original John Wiltbank, while the Philadelphia women are his grandnieces. The task of asserting and proving the claim, should occasion arrive, has been entrusted to Magistrate James E. Gorman and H. Geibert Cassidy as attorneys for Mrs. McCluskey. Magistrate Gorman said when the bell was cracked in welcoming General Lafayette City Councils appropriated $11,800 for a new bell. The contract was given John Wiltbank, with the understanding that he should take the old bell in part payment and should throw $400 off the bill. The new bell was not put in Liberty Hall, but eventually found its way into the Germantown Town Hall. Wiltbank never destroyed the old bell, and insisted that it remain in possession of the city. He never relinquished his claim to it. For this reason the heirs are determined to assert their claims the very next time an effort is made to ship away the relic. They do not seek possession of the bell, only to protect it from possible injury.

Hop How's Pet Cats Die.

Four dead cats in his private suite was the sight which met the eyes of Hop How when he returned from a two weeks' visit to Astoria last evening. Some one had loosened a slat near the ceiling of How's room, which is on Second street between Oak and Stark. The cats had been placed in the room while alive, but two weeks without food or drink was too much for even the ninth life of every cat, so they passed to a better world. In their frantic efforts to get out of the room the wall had been torn into shreds. The Chinese in the house believe that Hop How put the cats in his room before he left and then forgot all about them. Put at any rate, the cats were "heap dead," and the smell—whew!

Famous Illinois Abolitionist.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—John Blazer, known in slavery times as one of the foremost abolitionists in Illinois and a leader in the "underground railway" movement, is dead here. He knew both Lincoln and Douglas and was a stanch Lincoln man. Between 1850 and 1860 he helped over 200 slaves to gain their freedom. On one occasion he was caught in the act of helping a slave escape. So great was the feeling at that time that people for miles around offered to pay his fine and support his family in case he was convicted. The case was dropped, however.

Miscreants Are Observed.

GARFIELD, Or., Aug. 18.—(To the Editor.)—Last year we had a very destructive fire in this part. There was a man here by the name of A. G. Guynuf that worked as though the timber all belonged to him, and lost a horse. But some here made threats that they would burn the mountains this year. Such persons will be watched closely, and the laws are very strict. Some say Mr. Guynuf is working for the Government. He takes great interest in keeping fire down, and I think it every one's duty to assist him, as there will be lots of valuable timber here in a few years. I live well up in the mountains, and will do all in my power to assist him, and think others will do the same.

R. S. COOP.

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Loses Wife and Children in City.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Gustave E. Atten, a representative of the New South Wales government, recently arrived from France, has asked the police to aid in searching this city for his wife and two little children, who got lost Saturday night and have disappeared so completely that he can find no trace of them. Atten says he is studying building construction for his government. When they came here three weeks ago they took rooms in Greenwich avenue. It was from here that the mother and little boy and girl started out to a corner grocery. That was the last seen of them. The woman could not speak English and had no knowledge of the city streets.

National Fraternal Congress.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 25.—The annual convention of the National Fraternal Congress met in this city today, several hundred delegates attending. President Langitt, in his annual report, stated that almost 20,000,000 of the best people of this or any other country are directly interested in the success and permanency of the fraternal system. The members are grouped in 166 societies, and the present rate of distribution is considerably in excess of $1,000,000 per week.

Brother of Noted Countess.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The sudden death of David Bradley Lee was announced tonight. Mr. Lee, who was in his 70th year, was a brother of the Countess von Walderse, formerly Miss Mary B. Lee, and of the aBroness de Wachter. His sisters are on their way to this country, and will land in New York Sunday morning.

Supreme Court of Foresters.

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