

Worst Ever Known

Storm Does Much Damage in Tacoma.

CITY HALL TOWER STRUCK

Lightning Also Damages the Court-house—Fire Alarm, Telephone and Telegraph Wires Are Put Out of Business.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—During one of the heaviest rain and lightning storms that the Pacific Northwest has ever known today, lightning struck and tore splinters from the flag-pole on top of the City Hall tower, struck the Courthouse tower and followed it and the elevator shafts doing slight damage, but the police and fire alarm system out of business temporarily and burned out several motors and also some of the telegraph and telephone lines.

The storm came up very suddenly. During the forenoon a six-mile wind had been blowing from the south. Suddenly it shifted and blew from the north at 14 miles an hour from the north. The warning currents darkened sky until it was necessary to turn on lights, and at 11:30 came the rain, one of the heaviest in many months. The water for a time fairly poured.

In less than two hours all of an inch fell. The streets were flooded. Pacific avenue looked like a river, and at many street corners choked storm sewers were spouting water from the hill districts. Lightning struck and tore splinters from the corner near Eleventh and J streets at noon, and one woman was badly stunned by the shock.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE SEATTLE

Estimate of \$15,000 Loss in Street Improvements.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The heaviest rainfall Seattle has ever known washed out the Madison-street cable line this morning, crippled the car service on 12 different lines, did \$15,000 worth of damage to street improvements now under way and caused a heavy property loss.

Within 15 minutes half an inch of water fell and between 9 o'clock, when the storm broke and noon, when the worst had passed, a total of one and one-fifth inches of rain had descended. All during the afternoon a steady downpour continued, but the damage done by this morning's big downpour.

Regrade work is under way on Fourth avenue and on Madison street. The heavy rain of water washed out the supports to the cable track and the rails were twisted out of shape and the roadbed washed away. A cable car with 20 passengers was halted at Fourth avenue just as the trucks below gave way. All the cable lines were stopped for a short time and 12 electric lines had to suspend temporarily.

City authorities estimate that damage amounting to \$15,000 was done to street improvement work. Water flooded several departments of the city hall and flooded most of the downtown basements. A freak of the rain and the rush of water downhill was that a load of sand just dumped for building operations on Jefferson street was entirely washed away.

Washout in Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—A washout and slide combined on the Northern Pacific tracks at about Tacoma avenue on the line between the depot and South Tacoma delayed all traffic until a late hour this afternoon. The tracks at that place are in the De Lin street gulch on the north side. The heavy rain not only washed several yards of dirt and gravel down on the tracks, but undermined some of the rails.

CUSTOMER ROBS HIS TAILOR

John Veltch, of Vancouver, Victim of Peculiar Holdup.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—John Veltch, a tailor who conducts a small establishment at 109 West Fifth street, was robbed last night in an unusual manner. A customer who seems to have had an understanding with a fellow-sharper to relieve the tailor of his cash. The customer came into the shop last evening and paid a bill he owed the tailor and invited him to take a drink. Veltch accompanied the man to a nearby saloon. As they left the place they were followed across the street and into a tall, open building. The stranger, inside the shop one of the men thrust his hand into Veltch's pocket and extracted his purse. As he did this the other sharper told Veltch that he was under arrest and ordered him to come along. The tailor expostulated and asked to be informed as to the cause of his arrest. They returned to the street and Veltch was taken to the station and toward the police station. After taking him a couple of blocks one of them remarked that he guessed they had all they wanted and Veltch was released and allowed to go back to his shop.

NEW CATHOLIC LODGE STARTS

Knights of Columbus Organize in Marshfield Council.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The new Coos Bay council of Knights of Columbus was initiated here today. The occasion was the entertainment of the visiting knights from Portland. They arrived on the steamer Breakwater at 6 A. M. and were met at North Bend by a local committee and escorted to Marshfield and attended solemn high mass, which was celebrated at the Catholic Church. The institution of the lodge began at 2 P. M. and occupied all the afternoon and part of the evening, followed by an elaborate banquet.

Tomorrow the visitors will be taken on the steamer Alert up the Coos River and given an opportunity to see the agricultural and fruit-growing district, and at night will leave on the Breakwater for Portland. Among the prominent Portland men in attendance were Father O'Hara, of the Portland Cathedral; Father Ryan and Dr. Benjamin Norton, who presided at the meeting. The local council, which was instituted today, was organized by Rev. Father Edward W. Donnelly, rector of the Marshfield Catholic Church. The

membership numbered about 50, and included some of the most prominent business and professional men of Marshfield and Coos County.

EXPECT A CONFERENCE FIGHT

Motion to Curtail Power of Bishops to Cause Much Discussion.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 11.—Three hundred ministers and laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in St. Francis Methodist Church this morning for the 24th annual conference of Puget Sound churches. The conference will take up many important questions. A general reception was held last night when Rev. W. D. Harris delivered the address of welcome to the visiting ministers on behalf of the clergy and Rev. R. C. Glass spoke for the laity. The Right Rev. Bishop David H. Moore, of Portland, responded to the address of welcome. Much interest will be added to the conference by the vote on the curtailment of the power of bishops, after what is expected to develop a hot debate. At the last session of the New York conference a resolution was adopted requesting that the national conference vote away the power of the bishop in appointing the presiding elders and have each conference elect by ballot the man wanted for the presiding eldership. There is little doubt that the Puget Sound conference will follow the wishes of the New York body, but the fight over the proposition will not go past without a hard struggle.

BRINGS SUIT FOR HIS SCHOOL

E. H. Drum, Locked Out of School-house, Teaches in the Yard.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—E. H. Drum, a school teacher of this county, has commenced suit in equity in the Superior Court to enforce specific performance of an alleged contract of employment. Drum alleges that he was employed by E. W. Allen and E. M. Lewis to teach in the school for the ensuing year. Since his employment Lawrence's term of office has expired and he was succeeded by John Haugen, Haugen refused to admit by the school of his predecessor and this suit is brought by Drum to enforce him to perform.

When Drum appeared at the school-house yesterday he found the doors barred against him. He did not propose, however, to be thwarted thus, and as there were several pupils on hand, he opened the school in the school room, and seventeen pupils were enrolled the first day, and on Tuesday Drum commenced the suit.

LAKE BOATS BEING LICENSED

Forty-six Boats Inspected and 76 Masters Receive Licenses.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Under Washington's new boat inspection law 46 boats have been inspected and certified and licenses have been granted to the masters of 76 boats. Licenses and certificates are being issued by the state law enforcement officers. Licenses have been issued for 41 masters, 10 on Lake Whatcom, nine on Medical Lake, four on Newnam Lake, two on Liberty Lake, two on Loon Lake, four on American Lake, one on Sparway, two on Lake Union, one on Green Lake, one on Lake Ballinger, one on Wenatchee Lake, one on Lake Kachess, one on Lake Klose, and three on Lake Crescent.

CLOSE CALL OF COURTHOUSE

Sheriff Discovers Blaze in Time to Prevent Destruction of Building.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The possible destruction of the Clarkamas County Courthouse was averted this afternoon by the prompt and energetic action of Sheriff Beattie, who detected the odor of burning material in a small room where Janitor Nehren keeps his cleaning material. The sheriff kicked in the door and found a fierce fire in the furnace. He used the hose and he seized the stuff and carried it through the corridors and threw it on the lawn, where the flame was extinguished by Sheriff Beattie. It is supposed the blaze was due to spontaneous combustion.

PROVIDE WIRELESS STATION

Government Orders Construction of One in Washington.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Orders have been received at the barracks here to provide for a wireless telegraph station on the waterfront. Lieutenant-Colonel Solomon W. Roessler, Engineer corps, and Major George T. Bartlett, Coast Artillery Corps, they have received orders to proceed to Fort Worden, Wash. for the purpose of selecting a site for the station.

Brandishes Gun to Stop Steamer

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Passenger ship Steamer Maccart, on its down-river trip yesterday, were started by angry shouts from the shore. On the Washington side they were shouting and brandishing a pistol in an angry manner and could hear him shouting that he would shoot if they did not stop.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

Andrew J. Millican, McMinnville.

McMinnville, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Andrew J. Millican, a pioneer and Indian War veteran, died at his home at McMinnville, aged 73 years. Millican witnessed some stirring scenes during the early years of his life in the Northwest, having experienced a great many narrow escapes from the hands of the redskins while engaged on frontier duty. He was in Captain Hembree's command at the time the brave Captain was killed by the Indians. Millican's mule was shot down. As he used to relate the incident, he disengaged his feet from the stirrups and lit running, before the mule had quit falling. Hearing something coming behind him, he thought the Indians were upon him sure, and looked back to see how close they were. Instead of Indians he saw his own mule, which had been slightly wounded. He grabbed the saddlehorn, swung himself up and rode to safety.

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FIRE IN VILLARD HOTEL

LANDMARK OF LOWER ALBINA BADLY DAMAGED.

Loss on Building and Contents, \$2000—Four Small Blazes Are Started by Sparks.

Fire broke out on the second floor of the Villard Hotel, on Goldsmith street, in Lower Albina, yesterday afternoon, causing damage estimated at \$2000 before it was extinguished. The fire was quickly followed by four others in different parts of Lower Albina, and it was only effective and prompt work by the fire-fighters that prevented that section of the city from being swept by a serious conflagration.

Flames were issuing from the second story windows of the Villard Hotel when sparks, No. 8 light arrived in response to the alarm. The hotel is a frame structure, and by the time water was turned on the second story was in flames. With a heavy gale blowing it looked for a time as if the entire block must go, and people living in the adjoining buildings began to move their furniture, but the fire was confined to the hotel in this block.

While the firemen were busy at the Villard Hotel a small building across the street caught fire in the roof and soon was blazing brightly. The fire was extinguished. Sparks from the hotel were carried to C. A. Walter's home, at 312 Delay street, and set fire to the front steps. No. 8 light arrived in response to the alarm. The next fire was in the roof of the Babcock barber shop, on Russell street, caused by a cinder from the burning hotel. It was extinguished when the roomers in the two-story building on the north side of Russell street pointed out another fire in the roof of a two-story frame structure on the south side of the block.

Ratillon Chief Holden was in charge of the fire fighters. Engine Company No. 1 from Upper Albina made the run to the hotel and had streams playing on the fire in remarkably quick time. James Davis and his wife are the proprietors of the hotel and were conducting it. They had \$500 insurance on their furniture. The building was damaged to the extent of \$500. It is owned by J. Williams, who recently bought the property. It is now the oldest buildings in Lower Albina. All the rooms were occupied by men who were away at their work. The lodgers lost all their personal effects.

ALREADY NEED MORE SPACE

New Barns at State Fair Grounds Filling Up With Exhibits.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—With the great Oregon State Fair only a few days away, the advance guard of the thousands of visitors who will make Salem their Mecca is pouring into the city. At the Fair Grounds the scene is one of activity. In the main pavilion and other buildings booths and exhibits are springing up on all sides. On the Corral, which is to be the big attraction, are being erected the stalls for the hammer resounds, and several of the stands and structures are already completed.

Entries in the livestock department closed Tuesday. The new barns will be crowded to their capacity with the cream of the livestock of the West. In the horse department, although there are 60 more stalls than needed for horses, the stalls in the old barn, there are already enough entries to fill all the space. The sizes of the commitments will range from one to 20 animals. A. J. Gordon, the importer of fine draught horses, heads the list with an exhibit of 40, including Percherons, German Coaches, Belgians and English Shire stallions and mares. Ruby, who has recently returned from his European trip, will arrive on the grounds tomorrow, where he will direct the completion of barn No. 1, which will be required for the accommodation of his stock.

J. D. Gordon & Son, of Dundee, Or., will also occupy one-half of barn No. 2 for their exhibit of 25 or more Clydesdales. Many other breeders will require one-fourth or one-half of a barn for their animals. There are about 700 stalls and 200 pens in the new buildings, and all will be occupied. There will be 100 stalls for males in all departments at the Fair. L. B. Geer's herd was the first to graze the new barns. Mr. Geer is already on the grounds with 15 head of Shorthorns and Herefords. The rest of the stock will continue to arrive from now until the opening day. In the cattle department, several breeders will be represented by as many as 30 animals each.

Secretary Welch has announced the following gentlemen who have been secured to act as judges in the livestock show: Professor W. L. Carlyle, of Fort Collins, Colo., horses; Dr. E. B. Elwell, of the Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., cattle (dairy breeds); Thomas Andrews, Cambridge, Mass., cattle (beef breeds); N. A. Swin, of Lawrence, Kan., goats; E. Carlisle, of Portland, Or., poultry.

The starting judge for the racing event will be H. S. Wood of Nourborne, Mo.; Mr. Carlisle, of the Colorado Horse Breeding Station, will deliver a series of lectures on that subject in addition to performing his duties as judge.

BAKER CITY GIRL MARRIES.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—This afternoon occurred the wedding of Miss Irene Fisher to J. Bruce Polworth, a young lawyer of Cathlamet, Wash. A beautiful wedding supper was served to the many friends of the bride and groom, after which the bridal couple came to this city where they will take the evening train for Portland. They will go to Francisco and thence to the Hawaiian Islands. The bride is the daughter of John Fisher of Rock Creek.

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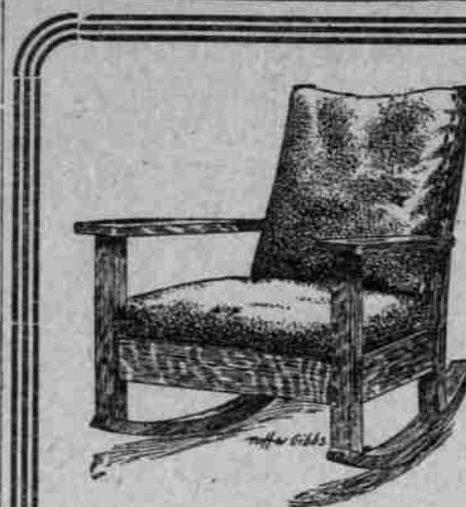
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dependable furniture. Those who appreciate the solid comfort and characteristic beauty of the ever-popular quaint styles will recognize the opportunity for completing their selections during the last days of this sale, which will continue throughout the week.

- \$3.50 Weathered Oak Stools; special \$2.35
\$4.50 Fumed Oak Tabourettes; special \$3.00
\$6.50 Weathered Oak Desk Chair; special \$4.35
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\$10.50 Fumed Oak Arm Rockers; special \$7.00

A SPECIAL SALE OF QUAIN FURNITURE

OUR ENTIRE LINE OF SAMPLES IN THE FUMED AND WEATHERED OAK AT CLEARANCE PRICES

Pieces for the living-room and library, for the den and hall, including numerous odd and novel pieces for all purposes; the most characteristic designs by the leading craftsmen in the making of this good and



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warrior dealer, died at St. Anthony's Hospital

in this city yesterday after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke came to Pendleton from Portland seven years ago and have spent practically all their married life here where they have a few friends. Aside from her husband and two little girls, she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. West, now residing in Vancouver, Wash., and one sister, Mrs. Griswold, of Vancouver, and one brother, George C. West, of Portland. The funeral will be held Thursday from the Church of the Redeemer.

Mr. Polsoff, Montezano, Wash.

MONTESANO, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Mr. Polsoff, an old pioneer of this section, dropped dead at his home in this city last night. He had been indisposed for the past few days and Tuesday evening went to the kitchen to build a fire and dropped dead. It is supposed from heart failure. He had been in this county for about 25 years, and was 60 years of age. He leaves a wife and three children.

TWO NOTABLE CASES AT BAKER

State Circuit Court Opens Term With Interesting Docket.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The first of the two prominent criminal cases to be heard at this term of the Circuit Court was begun today when the case of the state against John Smith was called. Charles were filed against Smith two weeks ago for purchasing and using the body of one Inez Williams for immoral purposes. The evidence against him is said to be very strong. The case of the state against Dorcas Hamilton was yesterday set for trial on September 11. Mrs. Hamilton will be tried for killing her husband by shooting him in the head several weeks ago. She says that the killing was done in self-defense, as he had struck her and threatened to do her bodily injury. Her attorney, Charles F. Hyde, has been in the vicinity where the shooting occurred interviewing the neighbors and securing evidence to show that Hamilton had at former times mistreated his wife and had inflicted bodily punishment on her and had threatened her life.

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Oregon City Divorce Suit.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Walter Taylor, who was married in Aberdeen, Wash., October 8, 1905, to Mabel K. Taylor, has instituted suit for divorce, alleging that his wife deserted him January 15, 1906.

Preacher to Turn Author.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The Rev. C. E. Gibson, of Spokane, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Methodist Church of this city, rendered vacant by the resignation

Articles of Incorporation Filed by W. W. Cotton and Others.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—Articles of incorporation for the Bitter Root Railroad Company were filed today. The company has a capital stock of \$250,000 and proposes to build a railroad from Lawful Junction, Nez Perce County, Idaho, easterly across the Bitter Root and Rocky Mountains to Butte, Mont., a distance of 200 miles. Wm. C. Cogan, C. G. Sutherland and H. F. Conner are incorporators.

New Mayor and Recorder at Echo.

ECHO, Or., Sept. 11.—At the last meeting of the City Council held here, John Dorn, who has been a member of the City Council for some time, was appointed to act as Mayor to take the place of Attorney A. L. Esteb, who lately resigned. E. H. Brown was appointed to act as City Recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. E. Gillette, who has long filled the position of Recorder.

Youthful Thief Lured.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Guy, the son of J. E. Smith, of Gladstone, today was arrested on a charge of larceny. He entered the store of C. G. Miller to have repairs made to a bicycle, and pocketed a knife belonging to a workman. He confessed to the theft today and was given a severe lecture by County Judge Dimick, who allowed him to go on the promise of future good behavior.

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