

HUNTERS SWARM IN VALLEY TOWNS

Regiments Pour Into Towns of Linn County After the Pheasants.

BIRDS STILL PLENTIFUL

Though Annually Slaughtered in Great Numbers, Chinas Prove Prolific—Hunters Limited to Ten, but Kill More.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Albany is a hunting center tonight. Men in hunting suits swarm the streets and wagons loaded with men, dogs and ammunition have been leaving all the afternoon and evening for selected hunting fields. Every incoming train has brought loads of hunters, who have stopped here and at other Linn County towns, and scores of men from Portland and other Oregon cities are spending tonight in Albany and adjoining towns.

There will be a full regiment of hunters in Linn County fields tomorrow. Many hunters are spending the night in the fields or adjoining farmhouses and will be ready to begin shooting as soon as it is light enough to see. More will leave this city and the other towns at daybreak and hunt until they bag the limit, and maybe more. If this season is anything like those of former years there will be a veritable cannonading in the fields all the forenoon, and hundreds of pheasants will fall.

Rain fell here most of today, but it did not seem to deter hunting plans for the night. It may retard the hunting tomorrow, however. The fields will be damp, which will make the hunting disagreeable, and the birds will likely keep under cover more than usual. Another disadvantage will be that dogs will have more trouble in following the birds. But some hunters aver that by following close to the brush, they have better luck in wet weather than in dry.

China Pheasant Prolific.

This will be the twenty-seventh season since the China pheasant, which has now acquired a National reputation as a game-bird, has been in America. The birds have not been hunted this many seasons, however. It is somewhat familiar history how these birds were first introduced into this country by the late Hon. O. N. Denney, of Portland, when he was United States Consul-General at Tien Tsin, China. He sent 50 of the Mongolian pheasants to his brother, John Denney, who now lives in this city. Twenty-six of the birds arrived alive and in good condition and Mr. Denney turned them loose on March 17, 1880, on his farm near Peterson's Butte, 11 miles southeast of Albany, and four miles from Lebanon. Though the birds have since spread over most of Western Oregon and have been sent to many other states of the Union, it is a peculiar fact that they are yet more plentiful in the vicinity where they were first liberated than anywhere else in the world, and the best pheasant hunting grounds known to sportsmen is where Peterson's Butte rises itself above the plains of Linn County.

For five years after the pheasants were first liberated they had no legal protection, but they managed to multiply in spite of that fact. Then a law was enacted making it illegal to kill the birds for a period of six years. At the end of this long closed period they were very plentiful, and since then there has been an annual open season, its length varying as succeeding Legislatures have considered the question from time to time. Under the present law, birds can be legally killed only in the months of October and November.

Few Respect Legal Limit.

When permission to hunt the pheasants was first granted there was no limit to the number that could legally be killed in one day. As a result, experienced hunters, by using their wits with the birds' habits, sometimes slaughtered 50 or 75 of the birds in a good hunting day early in the season. But in later years the law has placed a limit on the number of pheasants that a man in a day has been successively placed at 20, then 15 and now at 10 birds.

Many hunters pay little attention to the limit, however, and the chief ways in which the law is violated. Even when hunters confine their efforts to getting the limited ten birds, there is a terrific slaughter the opening day of the season, which continues all of the first week. The annual slaughter is so great that it is feared enough birds will not be left to supply young birds for the next year, but the birds are hardy and very prolific, and every opening season finds the pheasants as plentiful as ever. If anything, the "Chinas" are more plentiful this year than they were at the beginning of the season last year.

There has been a steady rush of applicants for hunting licenses since the County Clerk's office here all day. Sometimes during the day the applicants stood in line awaiting their turn.

mode of action, but some startling surprises are in store for the railroad people."

Diphtheria Kills Two in Family.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—For the second time within three months diphtheria has claimed a member of the family of Ira D. Crawford. His wife died June 29, and now his daughter, Minnie J., aged 24 years, has passed away. She was taken sick a week ago and had Christian Science treatment. The young woman's condition assumed an alarming character last Friday and Dr. Montano was summoned and found her in a dying condition with diphtheria. He administered anti-toxin, but the young woman died shortly before noon. Mr. Crawford told the health officers he was not in favor of Christian Science, but some of the other members of the family were.

Strap-Hangers on First Day.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Yesterday, the first Sunday for the electric cars in Eugene, 1900 fares were paid during the day, and all the business was done by one car running every half hour between the Southern Pacific depot to the University Campus.

Wife Appointed Administratrix.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Today County Judge Chisman appointed Mrs. Louisa M. Stewart administratrix of the estate of her husband, John Stewart, who was recently killed by falling from an apple tree. The estate is appraised at \$18,000.

RUSH TO LOCATE LAND

SETTLERS OUTNUMBER CLAIMS FIVE TO ONE.

No Disturbance of Any Kind, However, and Settlers Expect to Get Affairs Untangled Somehow.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls men have returned from the rush for restored forest lands that were opened to settlement Saturday. They found probably 500 other persons ahead of them and as there were not to exceed 100 claims worth taking, they returned without attempting to make a location. At the lowest estimate there were four persons for each claim and on some of the best it was thought that there would be at least a dozen locators.

Notwithstanding a rain, commenced falling at 10 o'clock Friday night, everyone was in the best of humor and promptly at 12 o'clock was made, each person making settlement on the claim previously selected. No trouble of any kind arose, all agreeing to settle their rights in the future in some way as yet undetermined.

L. Reed, William Wagner and several others returned this afternoon from the scene. Mr. Reed stated there was from six inches to a foot of snow covering the ground Saturday where he expected to locate, but, nevertheless, they began immediately after 12 o'clock Friday night.

Some of the settlers posted notices, put down a few logs as a sort of foundation and then hurried to Lakeview to get their filings accepted at the first opportunity before the proper land officers. William Wagner and another party of this city all located on one claim, while in another instance six parties located on the same claim. The situation appears to be somewhat complicated.

The squatters who had gone in on the land and selected claims before any orders were issued relative to the restoration of the land took the whole thing good-humoredly and offered no objection whatever, evidently being satisfied that they would be able to establish their rights before the proper land officers.

Many states were represented, Michigan, Wisconsin, California and Washington, furnishing a number of locators. There was no difficulty in any one locating on a claim, but it is doubtful if any one person will be the sole occupant to any particular claim, although it is possible that there will be no contest over a few of the poorer claims.

PLANT WHEAT LAND TO FRUIT

Pendleton Commercial Club to Encourage New Industry.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Five thousand acres of wheat land to be cut up into five and ten-acre tracts to be irrigated and devoted to the raising of all varieties of fruit. Such is the proposition to be put up to the Pendleton Commercial Club in the near future by men who are seeking support in their efforts to develop the territory surrounding Pendleton, thereby increasing 50-fold the contributory value to Pendleton business interests.

The plan has been under consideration for some time and will be developed in an effort to bring about its fruition at an early date. Just at present work on the great scheme is confined to a careful inspection of the land desired and the bringing together of the owners, to whom an agreement will be presented.

General Agent Quinlan, of the O. R. & N., is one of the enthusiastic promoters of the enterprise, and it will probably be through him and his associates that the matter will be brought to a successful issue. It has been fully demonstrated that on land immediately joining Pendleton fruit can be raised of a size, quality and quantity which will compare favorably with fruit raised in any other section in Oregon. In fact, down the valley may be seen orchards in which the apples are so plentiful as to weigh a ton in a bushel, because of a lack of facilities for handling the crop, will never be gathered.

With expert irrigation, the five and ten-acre tracts could be raised and within a few years the crops resulting would far exceed in value the wheat crops now secured, in addition to which the profits of the tracts would be shared by the owners, who now hold ranches far too cumbersome for a workable size.

"I am satisfied," said Agent Quinlan today, "that the scheme is feasible and needs only the proper support from the Pendleton business men."

TAX LEVY HIGHER THAN EVER

Increased Valuation Does Not Lower It as Promised.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Unless the taxing officials of Tacoma and the county board in county levy the pruning knife in time, the general county tax levy for 1908 will be higher than for this year, instead of being lowered.

With a total assessed property valuation in the county of \$88,946,346, the taxpayers were assured of a lower levy this coming year, but according to statistics just compiled in the office of the county treasurer, this will not be true. Unless something unforeseen happens, the general tax levy for 1908 will be \$4.70 mills, while that of this year was \$3.45.

SWEDS COLONISTS FOR KIONA

Possibility of Settlement Being Founded on 200-Acre Tract.

KIONA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—There is a possibility that a colony of Swedes may be located in this part of the state. John Radkin, of North Yakima, chief stockholder in the Kiona Development Company, brought here a man from Sweden who is looking for a place to locate a colony of his countrymen. He wishes to secure about 200 acres and divide it into 50-acre tracts. The Kiona Development Company has a tract of land under the ditch which fills requirements, and the colony may decide to locate here.

Fined for Selling Liquor on Sunday.

HOGUAM, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—John Foster, proprietor of the White Front saloon, who was arrested for selling liquor on Sunday, pleaded guilty when arraigned today and was fined \$250. This is the first arrest and conviction under the Sunday-closing law and it is reported the Council will revoke his license next meeting night.

Business Course in Roseburg School.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The Roseburg School Board has arranged to add to the curriculum of study in the High School a full business course. An instructor for that department will be hired, together with all instruments and supplies needed to make the course first class in all respects.

Grange After Phone Company.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Clackamas County District Court today granted a writ of mandamus to the Grange to call a meeting on Wednesday next at Parkdale, and the Abernethy

MURDER MYSTERY AROUSES HEPNER

E. T. Zasbell Found Dead With Bullet Hole at the Base of His Skull.

WEBB IS BADLY WANTED

Man Last Seen With Zasbell Disappears—Sheriff and Posse in Pursuit—Robbery Ascribed as Motive for the Crime.

HEPNER, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Hepner is excited over what looks to be a murder mystery. E. T. Zasbell, of this city, was found dead this morning with a bullet hole at the base of his skull, and a man named Webb, in whose company he was last seen, is missing. The Sheriff and a posse are scouring the country in search of Webb. The Coroner's jury has been out all day and at a late hour has not returned a verdict.

Zasbell, who has been working in the country with a threshing crew, came to town yesterday and hired a man named Webb. They left town in a hack at about 7 o'clock last night, leaving a horse. About a mile below town, near the water-house, the tracks showed the rig turned around and came back to town. It was found on Court street. A second horse which Zasbell had tied behind the hack was missing, and it is believed that Webb made use of the animal to effect his escape. The reins were cut and Zasbell's body was found with the head and shoulders hanging out of the buggy.

Webb had been herding sheep in this vicinity for a year or more. He is a man about 40 years old. His initials are not known.

Zasbell formerly conducted a meat market in this city. He had no known relatives here and was a stranger.

Webb is said to have been passing the Edwards place, nine miles from here. Robbery is thought to have been the motive for the alleged crime.

Grange will entertain the visiting members. It was originally planned to hold this meeting at Clackamas, but the grange of that place did not succeed in having its new hall completed for the occasion. It is regarded as certain that Pomona Grange will take some action in the form of resolutions relative to the attempt of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to kill the referendum.

REBUILDING AT TROUTDALE

Owners of Buildings Burned Last July Replace Them.

TROUTDALE, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Troutdale's burnt district is being rebuilt in a substantial manner. Mrs. T. Miller, who owned one of the hotels destroyed last July, is rebuilding on a larger scale. The new building will be two stories high. S. S. Logan, one of the merchants burned out, has just completed a two-story building for his own use and is "doing business at the old stand." The Weinhard estate, which proposes to put up a modern three-story brick building, has been leased for 30 years by Postmaster Harlow, who will use the ground floor for his general merchandise business and the postoffice. The remainder of the building will be sub-let for other purposes, probably a hotel.

The O. R. & N. depot is to be rebuilt in a style similar to the one destroyed. It will be a fine structure and will probably be the most costly building in the town.

ELOQUENT IN HIS DEFENSE

HORSEMAN TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

Says He Verily Believes If He Had Not Shot He Would Have Been Killed by McBroome.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—With voice stifled at times with intense feeling, hands trembling and features pallid and drawn under the strain of telling his version of the killing of Clarence McBroome, George Horseman occupied the witness stand in his own behalf the greater part of today in Judge Beasly's court. His relation of the tragedy approached the dramatic at times, and the effect was particularly noticeable upon the spectators who crowded the courtroom.

It was the defendant's day today, and his story, based upon a strong plea of self-defense, made a good impression generally. His strongest plea of justifiable homicide was when he said: "I did not want them to kill me, and shot to keep them from doing it. I heard that McBroome was going to interfere, and had threatened me himself at Nelson's, and I had heard what Curt Wright had said at Hepner. I believed my time had come. I verily believe that now, if I had not shot."

The day of the shooting (May 16) Horseman says he was sitting in front of the schoolhouse, when the former husband of Mrs. Fannie Burke-Roche, daughter of the noted horseman, Frank Burke, who telegraphed an acceptance of the offer this morning and the famous whip who has officiated in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other big horse show centers will add all the eclat to the Seattle show that the former husband of the New York society woman can give.

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BLAME RESTS ON RAILROAD

Law Broken and Wreck of Oriental Limited Narrowly Averted.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Three freight cars and two men were sleeping, ran away and dashed down the grade on the Great Northern track, attaining a speed of 60 miles an hour, when they were stopped by the Oriental Limited passenger train but for the fact that the train was late.

These, in brief, are the chief facts of a recent incident on the Hill road which narrowly escaped becoming a great tragedy, an incident due to violation of Washington's new laws prohibiting overworking employees and the use of defective equipment. Particulars of the accident have just been reported to the State Railroad Commission by State Inspector Perley.

At the time of the accident a long freight train was moving, in charge of Engineer Kuyoff and Conductor O'Brien. The train crew had been at work 10 hours, although the state law limits the maximum to 8 hours. The conductors and rear brakemen were asleep in the caboose. Some of the couplings were in bad order and the train crew used a device to fasten the cars together. When the train stopped the cars ran together, bumped and the rear cars started back on the down grade. The caboose smashed into the cars and the caboose started down hill.

Had the air line been in proper service, as required by law, the cars would have stopped just as soon as the train broke in two. Down the grade the runaway cars dashed in the face of the on-coming passenger train that nearly did. Passing through the caboose, the runaway train attained a speed of nearly a mile a minute. In a reverse curve near Wenatchee, the runaways were brought to a stop. The Oriental Limited was late that day, and it was thus possible to get the runaway cars out of the way, avoiding a wreck.

SAYETLE ALL AGOG

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Standard and Globe dens for selling liquor without a license, but informed the inmates that but seven days remained for them in which to leave the city. This means an entire cleaning out of Sandberg's dens from cellar to garret.

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CLEAN OUT SANDBERG'S DENS
Tacoma Prosecutor Makes Raid and Orders Inmates to Leave.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—A bombshell, the explosion of which has caused the greatest sensation in the restricted district in the history of Tacoma, was hurled late Saturday night by Assistant Prosecutor Dow, when he not only raided every place of ill-fame in Pete Sandberg's new

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LET CONTRACTS IN 30 DAYS

Union Pacific Finally Approves Plans for Sound Extension.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Inside of 30 days the Union Pacific will call for bids for the construction of the new line from Tacoma to Portland. The plans have been finally approved and the work is to be rushed as fast as possible. The contracts will be let in several sections. The material has been secured and the rails will be laid as fast as the roadbed is completed. The section of grading on the branch line near Centralia will soon be completed, and the hold him will be let before the end of the month. It is the intention of the railroad to complete this branch promptly in order to open up coal fields owned by the Union Pacific near Centralia.

FIGHT FOR THEIR EXISTENCE

Lumbermen Say Failure in Rate Fight Means Bankruptcy.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The lumbermen are making the darkest night of their lives. The winning of it means their future existence and, if the railroad people win out, it is going to bankrupt the lumber dealers of the Northwest. If we fall in our suit, it means that about \$5,000,000 a year will be added to the income the railroad is now getting out of the lumber industry.

The foregoing statement was made today by W. H. Abel, of Montesano, who has become associated as counsel for the lumbermen. Mr. Abel added, "At this time I do not want to expose our

Cash in State Treasury.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—There is \$712,615 in the State Treasury in cash tonight, according to the report of State Treasurer Miller.