

COMPANY IS BLAMED

Gross and Criminal Negligence, Says Tacoma Jury.

NEW MAN HAD NOT BEEN TESTED

Safety Appliances on Grade Declared to Be Perfectly Feasible, but Had Not Been Provided.

TACOMA, July 14.—The coroner's jury which has been holding an inquest over the victims of the street-car accident July 4, tonight rendered a verdict charging that the accident was caused by car No. 118 running at a dangerously high rate of speed and leaving the track while in charge of Motorman L. Bohm and Conductor J. B. Calhoun.

"And we further find that said F. L. Bohm was grossly careless in operating the car, by starting over a long and dangerous grade at an excessively high rate of speed, thereby immediately losing control of his car and failing to regain such control by the correct manipulation of the mechanical and electrical appliances furnished for the control of the car."

FLETCHER FILES A DEMURRER.

Voluntarily Appeared, as No Valid Service Had Been Made.

HILLSBORO, July 14.—In the action brought by John Hatch, a minor, vs. Samuel W. Fletcher, the defendant today appeared by counsel and filed a demurrer. Fletcher lives in Polk County. No valid service of summons could be made against him. His voluntary appearance indicates a willingness to meet the charges and make a vigorous defense.

FOR TACOMA RELIEF FUND.

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TACOMA, July 14.—The local lodge of Elks gave a benefit game of baseball for the street-car wreck fund. The game was between teams of Elks from Tacoma and Seattle.

CONNECTION OVER THE RANGE.

Corvallis & Eastern to Benefit the State by Building Eastward.

ALBANY, July 14.—Great interest is taken in the articles in The Oregonian about the connection between Portland and the Willamette valley through the inland country east of the mountains by means of the Corvallis & Eastern and other railroads.

ATE ROUGH ON RATS.

Poisoned Much for a Salem Family's Breakfast.

SALEM, Or., July 14.—Some germs, in which a quantity of rough on rats had been mixed, caused some consternation in the family of T. A. Livesly, the hop-buyer, in this city, yesterday.

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE.

Summary of the Business During the First Month.

pany, of Eugene, owning property in the Bohemia district; the Umpqua Mining Company, a Roseburg corporation, operating in the Sumpter district; the Mountain View, a Portland company, with their holdings in Cracker Creek district, above Sumpter, and the Copperopolis Copper Company, of Portland and Prineville. The daily calls at the Exchange will be continued this week at 11:45 A. M. to about 12:15 P. M., giving an opportunity for anyone that can spare a minute or two at the noon hour, to run in and see the workings, which is really a curiosity to people who are not familiar with the working of a well-conducted mining exchange. There will also be an open call this week, Wednesday evening, giving women an opportunity to bring their husbands and tell them which stocks to buy.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and stock names like Adams Mountain, Buffalo, etc.

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Columbia County Coroner. ST. HELENS, Or., July 14.—M. K. Hall, the Fusion candidate for County Coroner, discovered after his election that he was not an American citizen, falling to qualify.

Oregon Notes. Sherman County's Treasurer has called in all outstanding warrants.

Shaniko has erected a comfortable schoolhouse for 21 young ideas already learning to get ahead.

Walden place, on Mosby Creek, has this year killed 56 rattlers, says the Cottage Grove Nugget, and as a proof of his prowess along the snake line, the rattlers are on exhibit at a store in this city.

Superintendent Greenman expects to secure 100,000 salmon eggs at the Upper Clackamas hatchery this year. They will be hatched and planted there.

The thousands of horses in this county which have been all but worthless for a number of years seem destined to bring in great wealth to the county, says the Oregonian.

A grain engine's spark set grass on fire in David Fulton's pasture, in Sherman County, and it took an immense amount of work to keep it from destroying a field of 1000 acres of wheat.

SUCCESSFUL FIELD MEET

BEST SPORT EVER SEEN AT GLADSTONE ASSEMBLY.

Large Crowd Was in Attendance—Lecture on Know Nothing Party—Chalk Talk and Music.

GLADSTONE PARK, Or., July 14.—The attendance at the Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly today was highly gratifying, far exceeding any previous day this week. Almost every seat in the large auditorium was filled this afternoon, and many of the seats were occupied by those who had come from a distance to attend the lecture on "Scotland," and Alton Packard gave a chalk talk in the afternoon.

President W. C. Hawley gave a complete resume of the Know Nothing Party, before his class in American history, this morning. He gave a summary of the causes that led to the formation of the party, and the rapid rise and fall of its secret but rapid rise and fall.

During the period of 1840-45 there were many riots in this country over political matters; the Mexican War, the question of slavery in the territories, the Wilnot proviso and the discovery of gold in California, all entered into the political problems of the day.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon J. R. Greenfield, state secretary of the Chautauqua, who was arrested there a few days ago, she is charged with forging the name of her mother, Mrs. John Lee, to a promissory note for \$300. G. W. Patterson is the holder of the note, and the arrest was made at his instance.

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Shot Himself With Rifle. FOREST GROVE, July 14.—Word just reached here that H. W. Scott's son, in Scoggins Valley, had shot himself with a rifle. Mrs. Via and Larga have gone to attend him, and until they return, no definite news can be obtained.

Washon College. Admits both sexes, is nonsectarian, away from the city, beautiful and healthful location. The academy receives younger and less advanced pupils.

THE GREAT CLOSING-OUT FURNITURE SALE. STILL CONTINUES AT 208 AND 210 FIRST STREET.

OREGON FURNITURE MFG. CO. 208 AND 210 FIRST STREET. DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER, BUT COME AT ONCE, AS such bargains have never before been offered in Portland.

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