

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. Synopsis of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

California Crop Reports—The Knights Templar Conclave at St. Louis—Two Engineers Killed in a Train Collision—Foreign News, Etc.

California Crop Reports.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Respecting condition of crops in California the agent of the Agricultural Bureau for that state has made the following report: Wheat has been a fair average crop throughout the State, and of very good quality. Rye is grown but very little, but succeeds well, and is valuable, especially as an early forage crop. Barley is rather above the average. Irish potatoes are a good crop. The corn crop will be fully up to the average. Apples and pears about a two-thirds crop; peaches, one-third; plums, a poor crop; almonds and English walnuts, average crop. Canning and drying have been followed more than ever, and shipments of fresh fruits have prevented glut in the markets, although fruit is still plentiful and cheap. The yield of grapes for wine is variously estimated from 2,000,000 to 20,000,000 gallons, which may be called a full medium crop, and quality will be good. The yield of raisins will be much larger than last year, and raisin makers are very anxious as to the quality and price. Shipments to the East are also very active, and prices range higher than usual. Other fruit may be called a prosperous season.

Great Oil Fire in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O.—The city was startled by a clasp of thunder. In a few moments black clouds of smoke were rolling up from one of the oil wells of the Brotherton land. Fire at once communicated with a tank, and a few minutes all was on fire. At some time gas in a tank 300 yards distant ignited, and all the machinery, and about 2400 gallons of oil consumed. Later the derrick at the works oil well was struck, causing the entire structure, machinery, tanks, and 1200 barrels of oil, well as adjoining the gas works, to be at one time were in great danger. The gas works and all the machinery therewith were saved. The bridge was on fire several minutes, caused by oil running down, but saved without damage. About 1000 high columns of black smoke were seen southeast from the works. Five wells were struck by lightning and destroyed. Rain had been falling in torrents, and the thunder and lightning exceeded any thing of the kind known here. The loss to the city is estimated at \$25,000.

Collision of Freight Trains.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Two freight trains of the Missouri Pacific Railway collided thirty miles east of this city. The two trains met on a curve, and were derailed. George Cowles, John Light of Sedalia, the engineers, were both killed, and the two men injured. The wreck took fire, and about ten cars were burned with their contents. Seven were loaded with hogs, cattle and sheep, which were burned or maimed, and many of the carcasses were burned. Passenger trains were delayed several hours.

The Bulgarian Impregnable.

LONDON.—The situation in Bulgaria is considered critical, and civil war is seriously near. Bismarck's conciliatory policy toward Russia has cooled the English attitude. The Russian office is disposed to take the view that if the powers do not consent for their interest to support her preventing the fall of Constantinople she will no longer offer opposition to Russia extending her influence to the Mediterranean.

Collapse of a Bridge.

PRAHA.—A suspension bridge over the Ostrawitzka river in the town of Ostrava, in Moravia, collapsed while a number of uhlans were riding across, and a number of spectators who were on the bridge watching the soldiers were all precipitated into the river. Several persons were instantly killed, one of whom was a man, and many were seriously injured. All the injured were recovered from the river.

The Conclave.

ST. LOUIS.—The grand parade of the Knights Templar at St. Louis occurred on the last day of the conclave. Sixty-two bands of music accompanied the Knights. The procession was fully three and a half miles in length, and from the most enthusiastic officers in charge of the arrangements were surprised at its magnificence. The parade passed without a notable incident, and the participants dispersed.

David Johnson murdered Edward...

WESTPORT, Md.—David Johnson murdered Edward Johnson at Westernport, Md., and was hanged. Two men were fatally wounded in a fight between Irishmen and Italians at Baltimore. Coyote and seven of his gang were killed by Federal troops near Tamaulipas, Mexico. Father Fahy, a Catholic priest, is imprisoned at Galway for threatening an officer in charge of an estate. The Convention of Physicians and Surgeons at Berlin was attended by delegates from all parts of the world, including America, numbering about 100.

A shocking shooting affair occurred...

GOLDEN, Colorado.—A shocking shooting affair occurred at Golden, Colorado. L. B. Whitmore, while hunting, shot his wife, thinking she was a cougar.

ALONG THE COAST.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

San Francisco's indebtedness is \$1,457,526. A grist mill is being built on Mill creek, Pacific county, W. T. The Vancouver (B. C.) Caledonian society has been organized. Fifty-one pupils attended the Ellensburg academy at its opening. Mount Zion Church, Montesano, W. T., was burned to the ground. A new sawmill is soon to be built on Striker creek, South Bend, W. T. A new depot will soon be erected at Ellensburg by the N. P. R. R. Co. In a shooting affray at Merced, Cal., a bystander named Rucker was killed. Sorghum has been grown successfully in the upper Natchez valley, W. T. John Hailey has been nominated by the Democrats of Idaho for Delegate.

There are only two boats on the Upper Snake river running at this time. H. C. Roe has been appointed minister for the Fort Simcoe Reservation.

Vancouver (B. C.) chronicles the birth of the first pair of twins in that town. W. Monks, of Fidalgo, W. T., recently lost 400 cords of wood by forest fires. Over 230,000 cans of fruit were put up by one California cannery this season.

John Hailey, Jr., has been appointed warden of the Idaho penitentiary. Abraham Loring of Red Bluff, Cal., was choked to death by a piece of beefsteak. E. G. Thomason will rebuild the sawmill recently destroyed by fire at Colville, W. T.

Nearly \$5,000,000 of Eastern capital has been invested in Los Angeles real estate since 1885. A wagon road from Colville, W. T., to the Metalline mines is being built by subscription.

The Western Union telegraph company is extending its line from Colfax to Farmington. The capacity of the sawmill at Sunshine, W. T., is to be increased to 65,000 feet per day.

The Rocky Bar district, Idaho, will soon have four eighty-stamp quartz mills in operation. J. D. Naizee, a Frenchman, and Jacob Shafer, a German, hung themselves in San Francisco.

The Minnie Moore mine in Wood River district has been sold to English capitalists for \$1,000,000. The few renegade Apaches who escaped from Lawton are again causing trouble in Southern Arizona.

N. B. Sutton, a farmer near Livermore, Cal., shot and instantly killed Alexander Martin, a neighbor. A railroad has been constructed from Los Angeles, Cal., to a large ostrich farm nine miles away.

Cranberry culture on Shoalwater bay, Pacific county, W. T., gives promise of a profitable industry. A neat church 20x40 feet with a steeple fifty feet high is being built for the Indians at Tulalip, W. T.

Work in the Cascade tunnel on the Northern Pacific branch line is progressing at the rate of twelve feet a day. J. Izen, a Butte grocer, killed B. J. Schlesinger, a merchant, in consequence of a quarrel over a gambling debt.

A new schoolhouse is to be built at Ellensburg, to be 30x70 feet, a wing 16x29, two stories in height and to cost \$3175. Ezra Meeker has sold the farm of 126 acres, a mile from Puyallup, W. T., for \$12,600 to his son, Marion J. Meeker.

A new postoffice has been established at Sultan City, W. T., on the upper Skykomish river, with John Nailor as postmaster. The Rocky Bar, Idaho, stage was stopped several days ago by two highwaymen, who secured the express box, containing \$79 85.

While hunting near Tacoma, Edward Cheever, of Portland, was accidentally shot by Wm. Hill. His body was shipped East for interment. Hexter & Newell's third shipment to the east of horses from Luna has been made. There are four horses in the band valued at \$50,000.

United States Deputy Collector Fogarty, of San Francisco, seized 440 pounds of opium, valued at about \$5000, on board the steamer Gaelic. During August 142,153 cases of Columbia river salmon were shipped East, to San Francisco and to England. The export value was about \$700,000.

Some party or parties familiar with the combination of the safe lock on Byrones & Dau's saloon, Ellensburg, abstracted \$300 from the safe. No clue to the thieves. The seal catch in the Behring sea this year is unprecedented. Seven thousand skins were recently received at Victoria, British Columbia, from the seal grounds. Unknown parties burglarized a Marysville (W. T.) warehouse and stole a number of barrels of flour and 150 pounds of bacon. The thieves are supposed to be Indians.

Poles are being got out for the new line of the Pacific Postal Telegraph & Cable company. Bean & Bunn have the contract for those to be placed between Seattle and Snohomish.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

There are six prisoners confined in the Albany jail. Geo. W. Wimer has been appointed postmaster at Waldo. F. T. Hurlbut has been appointed postmaster at Arlington. The Oregon Pacific Railroad is within one mile of Albany. Father Blanchet is preparing to build a \$1500 Catholic church at Ashland. Hon. Warren Truitt, late register of the Lakeview land office will return to Dalles to live. Frederick J. Holmes has been appointed postmaster at Island City, Union county. An effort is being made by the farmers of Douglas to organize a county fair association. Fires are raging along the coast and many hundred acres will be in condition for seeding this fall. Citizens of Albany have subscribed \$6000 toward securing the location of the Oregon Pacific car shops at that place. The Umatilla river at Pendleton, below Byers' mill race, is entirely dry, an occurrence that was never known before. Fire at Jacksonville destroyed the old Franco-American hotel and George Brown's dwelling house. Total loss about \$2000. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pitcock have arrived in Portland with the remains of their son Robert, who recently died at Canonsburg, Pa.

Seth Luelling, of Milwaukie, donated all the fruit he had on exhibition at the State Fair, to the patients of the insane asylum. The postoffice at Fultonville, Wasco county, has been discontinued, and mail addressed to that office will hereafter be sent to Briggs. The Pendleton papers are bragging over an 8-year-old girl that weighs 106 pounds. Lone Rock has a 13-year-old girl that weighs 117 pounds. The residence of Thomas Brassfield, one mile east of Weston, was burned to the ground. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. Mr. and Mrs. Byers, of Salem, were badly hurt as they were going from the fair grounds to Salem, by being thrown out of their wagon. A son of W. V. Jacquett, of Butte creek, accidentally bit off his tongue a few days since. It was sewed on by a physician and is healing fast. The citizens of The Dalles are enjoying what they believe to be a volcanic disturbance of Mount Hood. They see smoke around the summit. Page, Lyall & Co.'s sawmill, in Grant county, was destroyed by fire. All the machinery, outhouses and a part of the lumber in the yard was consumed. Wallis Nash, of Albany, on a recent trip to Portland closed a contract for the construction of a new \$18,000 steamboat for the Oregon Pacific Railway Company. Articles of incorporation of the Umatilla Wool Growers Commission Company were filed last week; capital stock \$50,000, of which half has already been subscribed. Elizabeth Froman, a Linn county pioneer, died near Albany last week at the age of 84 years. She had the honor of being the daughter of a revolutionary soldier. Charles Smith, a laboring man of Salem, killed himself with morphine while out of his mind. He had a few hours before made an attempt at suicide by cutting his throat. The county commissioners of Josephine county have levied a tax of 2 1/2 per cent, which is 1/4 per cent. lower than last year. They have also ceased paying bounties on wild animals' scalps. Hon. C. C. Beekman, of Jacksonville, has been appointed a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, by Gov. Moody, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. Geary. Geo. F. Moeck, of Cedar Landing, has his flume, which he has had under construction some time, completed. It is over a mile and a half long and extends from his timber land back of town to his dock. All the prominent saloon keepers of Salem have been held to bail in the sum of \$50 to await the action of the grand jury, which convenes six months hence, on charges of permitting gambling in their places. An old stage driver by the name of Howard Turner was killed a few days ago by a stone thrown from a blast at the railroad front near Ashland. He was at least a quarter of a mile distant from the blast. Some villain shot and killed a fine mare belonging to Perry Reed of Crook county. The mare was in a pasture near Mr. Reed's house, and from all appearances the killing could not have been accidental. Henry Green, of Union county died recently at the Pine creek mining camp, from the effects of a pistol shot which he received three years ago at a dance at the Hot Lake hotel. He makes the third victim of that shooting scrape. Samuel Hutchinson, of Summerville accepted an offer from W. W. Cole, of \$120 per month and all expenses paid. Mr. Hutchinson is 7 feet, 2 1/2 inches in height, standing in his socks. Mr. Cole stated that he was taller by three inches than the giant exhibited by P. T. Barnum.

HE WAS LONESOME.

Mad Flight of the Only Man in Dakota Without a Ticket. "Gimme a ticket! Gimme a ticket!" shouted a wild-looking man, rushing into the railroad depot in a leading Dakota town. "Where to, please?" asked the polite ticket agent. "I don't care, anywhere, anywhere to get out of the territory! Gimme one so newhere quicker'n lightning!" "How would one to Chicago—?" "Too late—don't want one!" and he tore madly out of the door and knocked over a baby carriage as he clutched the rail of the last car, as it went past the platform, and swung himself on. The astonished ticket-seller looked through his window and said: "Colonel, who was that fellow and what was the matter of him?" "Blanked if I know, Major. Are you acquainted with him, General?" turning to another man. "Never saw the dashed fool before. How is it with you, Judge?" he added addressing a man by the door. "Yes, gentlemen, I know him, and don't blame him for wanting to go. He is the only man in the Territory with out a ticket!"—Estelline (D. T.) Bell.

—Change, the Chinese giant, may be seen occasionally on the New York streets, dressed in a business suit of black. He speaks several languages fluently, and is much esteemed personally. His prospective bride in Ohio is said to admire him chiefly for his domestic virtues. He is a much larger man than Colonel Goschen, the "Arabian Giant," whom Mr. Barnum has exhibited, off and on, these many years, and who lives in a farm in New Jersey.—N. Y. Mail.

—Sparrows have taken possession of the tall pillars that support the elevated railroads in New York, and there, amidst the din of travel, thousands of little sparrows are yearly hatched out.—N. Y. Sun.

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