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ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL

Prisoner Had Nearly Dug His Way to Liberty With a Large Pair of Shears.

BELIEVED THAT HE HAD OUTSIDE ACCOMPLICES.

Fellow Who Nearly Dug His Way Out Is Under a Two and a Half Years Sentence to the Penitentiary—Was Overlooked Last Night When the Prisoners Were Locked in the Dormitory Cells—Planned and Executed With Much Skill and Plenty of Nerve.

What came within an ace of materializing into a daring break on the part of a number of prisoners at the county jail last night was avoided only by the watchfulness of Deputy Sheriff Davis. He arrived on the scene, having made an investigation on hearing a slight noise, just as Grover C. White, sentenced to serve two and a half years in the penitentiary at Salem by Circuit Judge Ellis, was in the act of cutting his way to liberty through the east wall of the county jail.

Used Shears and Flatiron.

The circumstances have convinced the officials that White had accomplices. The tool used in breaking a lock on an upper cell door and in tunneling through the wall was a large pair of shears and a heavy flatiron. The flatiron had been lying around the hotel corridors for a long time and was used by the prisones for several purposes, but the authorities are convinced the shears were smuggled in by friends.

White was supposed to be locked in his cell with the other prisoners, when Deputy Sheriff Davis, who slept in the sheriff's office, went to bed. How the man was overlooked is not known. That he was overlooked is not to be questioned. The cells in the jail are arranged in tiers, one over the other. Before locking up time White went up stairs and climbing on top of the upper tier of cells, crawled as far back as he could and lay quiet while the other prisoners were placed in their cells.

When all was still and he was satisfied that Davis was asleep, he clambered down into the corridor and taking the flatiron and shears, mounted a back stairway, at the top of which is a small cell, next the wall. The door leading into the cell was open. Another door was fastened by a small lock. This was twisted out of place with the shears.

Dug on the East Side.

White dropped down to the floor next to the wall and began to tunnel through under a window. He tore the lower part of the window out and excavated a large hole. In order to make as little noise as possible he wrapped a piece of cloth around the handle of the shears and then drove the intrument into the wall with the iron.

While he was engaged in this work Davis was awakened by the sound. He listened intently, and then being satisfied that a break was being attempted, hastily dressed and went after D. Turner, a special deputy. The two made an investigation of the jail premises and came on White while he was engaged in the work. He was led to a cell and locked in, making no resistance.

Was Nearly Successful.

In about 30 minutes he would have regained his liberty. The walls of the jail are studded with railroad iron, but by removing his clothing White would have had little trouble in wriggling between them. It is about eight feet to the ground from the point where he would have crawled through the side of the structure.

White denies that he was given the shears bya friend, but will not say where they were obtained. The other prisoners are also reticent. Several of them are known to have been awake while White was engaged in cutting through the wall, yet they did not attempt to notify Deputy Davis of what was going on. For this reason it is believed that White may have intended returning and attempting to overpower Davis and secure keys with which to liberate other inmates. If he had outside help, as seems probable, weapons may have awaited the liberated men.

Deputy District Attorney Collier was notified of the circumstances today and went to the jail and made a personal investigation. He is said to be convinced that the attempted break was the outcome of a plot in which outsiders were interested and may file an information against White. Mr. Collier himself refuses to discuss the affair, even going so far as to deny that he had been notified of an attempted break.

White claims to be 18 years old. His father has stated that he is 20. He was charged jointly with Joe Duffy with stealing two steers and a cow from Sol Lemery. The two steers were sold at Walla Walla, but were recovered by the owner. White was sentenced last Monday, at that time breaking down and weeping bitterly in court. Duffy is out on bonds and will be tried at the next term of court.

Five-year-old Homicide.

Cincinnati, July 13.—Howard Dobell, aged 5, son of the manager of a branch telegraph office, after close questioning, has admitted that he killed his infant brother, aged 4 months. The infant was found dead last night. Howard admitted he struck his brother with a hemmer. Some few weeks ago the lad struck at the baby with a hammer, but failed to hit its head. Since then weapons have been kept out of his reach. Howard has no peculiarities except jealousy of his baby brother.

NEW JERSEY WRECK.

Rear End Collision Brings Fatal Results.

New York, July 12.—Sixteen persons were killed and about three score injured in the rear-end collision between trains on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie railroad at Midvale, N. J., yesterday. The official list given out here shows that 14 adults and two children lost their lives. Many of the injured are seriously hurt and some of them may die.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Fourth St. Louis Alderman to Take That Step.

St. Louis, July 13.—John H. Schnettler, the alderman convicted of bribery and released by the supreme court on a technicality, entered a plea of guilty this morning. Sentence was deferred.

One Man Missing.

Fortland, July 13.—Telephone communication has been re-established with Mitchell, the county seat of Wheeler county, which was recently nearly destroyed by a cloudburst yesterday. So far no other deaths are reported than Martin Smith and Mrs. Pethuen.

The man who rode ahead warning the inhabitants along the gorge is still missing.

The damage estimates are crawling up and show that crops and farm houses were swept away in the valley for many miles.

Cloudburst in Philippines.

Manila, July 13.—Two hundred lives were lost and $2,000,000 damage as the result of a cloudburst at San Juan Delmonte. Rain fell incessantly for 20 hours and reached the unprecedented aggregate of 17 inches. In San Juan boats are the only method of communication. People are seeking safety in the hills.

Crippled for Life.

Hood River, July 13.—William Eccles, the 21-year-old nephew of David Eccles, president of the Sumpter Valley railway, and also of the Oregon Lumber Company, was horribly mangled in a sawmill here yesterday evening. His right hand was cut in strips and his arm may have to be amputated.

Murdered by Thieves.

New York, July 13.—George F. Abbott, aged 68, a junk dealer, and W. H. Vanhalster, his employe, were found murdered today in their dingy shop. The bodies indicated the crime was committed two days ago, by thieves.

QUITS DEMOCRATS

AVERY C. MOORE, OF IDAHO, JOINS REPUBLICANS.

Says the Wall Street Inspired Candidacy of Parker Is Abominable—He Prefers the Americanism of Roosevelt and Borah—Many More Western Democrats Will Follow His Steps.

A special to the Lewiston Tribune from Grangeville, Idaho, gives the following account of the departure of Avery C. Moore, a prominent politician, from the democratic ranks:

"Avery C. Moore, member of the legislature from Idaho county, has left the democratic party and has joined the republicans. This announcement was made today by Mr. Moore to a large number of citizens, and when seen by the Tribune reporter, he confirmed the report. As ground for a change in his political belief and affiliations, he authorized the Tribune reporter to say:

"'The Wall street inspired candidacy of Parker and the inquisitorial politics of Dubois are more than I can assimilate. I prefer the Americanism of Roosevelt and Borah.'

"That Mr. Moore has changed his politics comes as no surprise to the leaders of the democratic party here. For several days it has been suggested he was about to take the step.

"Mr. Moore is well known in the state on account of the prominence he secured in the last session of the legislature. He was also a prominent candidate for the congressional nomination on the democratic ticket two years ago, being defeated for nomination by Joseph Hutchinson.

"He is a public speaker of much ability. Mr. Moore has been prominent in the faction fights of the party in Idaho county for the past four years, and was known as the leader of the Moore wing of the party. Of late he has strongly opposed the Dubois-Heitfelt control of the party in the state, claiming that it was a mixture of populism and anti-Mormonism instead of democracy.

"He recently returned here from a trip in the East and announced that he would begin the publication of the Inland Democrat, a democratic paper. With his change of projects, however, this project has been abandoned. It is believed that Mr. Moore will be asked to stump the state this fall for the republican ticket.

"Mr. Moore has also been a conspicuous figure in the state as the supporter of the labor union contentions and he has a large following in labor circles. He made the fight in the last legislature for the eight-hour law and has frequently delivered addresses at the labor demonstrations.

"Mr. Moore is also very ambitious as regards public office and has had an up-hill fight in the democratic party. It is not improbable that aside from the strong views he holds in opposition to the Dubois democracy, he also feels that the republican party offers better opportunities for reward to a young man who is ambitious to remain in public life.'

Many other Idaho democrats will follow Mr. Moore's example.

SLAUGHTER OF MERRYMAKERS

Picnic Train Crashes Into the Rear of a Freight Which Was Backing Down.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS INSTANTLY KILLED.

A Misunderstanding Seems to Have Been the Cause, Rather Than Carelessness or Disobedience of Orders—Accident Directly Caused by Misplaced Switch and a Prior Accident to the Freight—Sixty-eight Persons More or Less Injured.

Chicago, July 14.—Eighteen people were killed and about 68 injured last night in a collision on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad at Glenwood, 23 miles south of here.

The collision occurred betwen a picnic train running from Momence, Ill., and a freight train, into the rear end of which the passenger dashed at a high rate of speed. The picnic train was on the right-hand track coming north and the freight on the left track. A misplaced switch threw the picnic train over on the left track, and before the engineer could apply the brakes it ran at 40 miles an hour into the rear of the freight.

Was Church Outing.

The picnic was the annual outing of the members of the Doremus church, formerly a chapel of the Plymouth Congregational church of this city. When the picnic train reached Chicago Heights, four miles beyond Glenwood, it was switched to the regular south-bound track, and although it was coming north it was given a clear track by the operator at Chicago Heights until it should reach Glenwood.

A Sharp Curve.

Between Chicago Heights and Glenwood there is a sharp curve, and as the picnic train tore around this on the south-bound track a freight train was backing southward to the north-bound track. It was partly on both tracks. The bend was so sharp that the engineer of the picnic train had no chance to see the freight before he was upon it. All passengers in the first coach were caught beneath a mass of debris and it was here the loss of life occurred.

Freight Had Had Accident.

In explanation of the accident the engineer and crew of the freight train say their train which was north-bound, parted at Chicago Heights, and the break was not noticed until the train was near Glenwood. The engineer knew the excursion train was coming, but believed it on the north-bound track, and was switching his train from the north-bound to the south-bound track in an effort to keep out of its way.

MALHEUR READY FOR IRRIGATION

CITIZENS WILL SECURE RIGHT FOR GOVERNMENT.

Water Users Association of Malheur County Will Be Formed to Make Way Clear for Construction of Government Project — People Have Every Hope That Harper Basin Project Will Be Constructed — Advice of Government Engineers Will Be Heeded.

Ontario, July 13.—Before the government will accept the Malheur irrigation project known as the Harper Basin scheme, the citizens of this county must organize and secure all the possible water rights necessary to the construction of the scheme, from private parties and make the way clear for the government in other ways.

This is the gist of the information given out to Malheur citizens by F. Newell, chief hydrographer, and Morris Bein, his chief legal advisor, who have recently visited the Harper Basin project on a tour of inspection.

Following the advice of Mr. Newell, a Water Users' Association will be formed for the purpose of acquiring water rights and removing difficulties now in the way of the construction of the proposition.

The people of this county are enthusiastic over the prospects and have no fears that the government will abandon the plan, as the wishes of the engineers will be complied with in every detail, so far as lies in the power of the united people.

SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

Airship Ascends Over Harbor of Montpelier, France.

Montpelier, France, July 13.—Count Delavaul ascended in his new airship this morning and remained for an hour over the sea, watched by torpedo destroyers. The experiment is reported as successful.

Murderer Attempts Suicide.

Walla Walla, July 13.—Frank Hottman, who was taken from here Sunday to Kansas City to answer a charge of murder, attempted suicide while confined in the Denver jail between trains. He twisted strips of his blanket into rope and was found by the jailer in the act of hanging himself.

ARBITRATION NOW PROBABLE

Strike at This Juncture is Largely Attributed to a Misunderstanding.

SOME PLANTS RUNNING WITH IMPORTED LABOR.

Belief Expressed in Washington That Trouble Was Precipitated at This Time to Embarrass the Administration—Packers and Unions Will Have an Amicable Conference at Chicago Soon—Most Plants Working in All Cities, With Light Forces.

Chicago, July 14.—Pending the outcome of tentative propositions looking towards a meeting of packers and union representatives today for the purpose of submitting their differences to arbitration, the situation at the stockyards remained very quiet this morning.

The plants continued operations in a small way, with such imported help as could be obtained, but no heavy work is done.

The strikers, obeying the orders of their leader, Donelly, kept away from the immediate vicinity of the yards, and are gathering at headquarters to discuss what appears to be a successful start towards ending the present difficulty.

Politics in the Strike.

Washington, July 14.—The Post Independent this morning prints a story to the effect that in the opinion of some public officials here the strike of packing house employes is connived at by the big men of the beef trust for the purpose if possible, of encompassing the defeat of Roosevelt for re-election.

Arbitration by Agreement.

Chicago, July 14.—Late this forenoon President Donnelly and J. Ogden Armour were called before the state board of arbitration, and the prospect seemed bright for some basis for a settlement.

Donelly said the strike had been called before the packers' letter asking for arbitration had been received, and that he was willing to enter negotiations.

Armour is agreeable to taking up a discussion of the demands of the men.

Quiet in New York.

New York, July 14.—All is quiet among the meat strikers today. The men are awaiting events at Chicago, where the first steps looking toward arbitration will be taken.

Operating Plants.

Kansas City, July 14.—Both Armour and Swift continued to operate their plants, but on a limited scale today. The strikers remain firm and quiet continues.

Unchanged at St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 14.—The strike situation remains unchanged. The packing houses are running with greatly reduced forces. A slight advance of prices has been put into effect.

Quiet at Omaha.

Omaha, July 14.—Both strikers and packers today are hopeful the strike will be arbitrated and the men return to work in a day or two, pending a settlement. The utmost quiet prevails. Meats have been advanced to retailers 2 cents.

JAPAN BUYING MUSTANGS.

Firms Said to Be Seeking Large Numbers for Army Use.

Chicago, July 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New Orleans, says: Creole ponies from the prairies of Southwest Louisiana and bronchos from the plains of Texas, may be fighting the battles of San Juan within two months. It is learned that a Texas firm has been approached by Minister Takashira of Japan, with a view of securing 100,000 head of horses of the type now used by the Japanese cavalry in warfare.

The Creole ponies and Texas bronchos, with wonderful staying qualities easily fed and kept, are considered ideal mounts for the Japanese sabre men, and it is understood negotiations have been opened with the traffic department of the Southern Pacific Railway company for large numbers of cars, so that everything may be in readiness to rush the ponies to San Francisco, thence by ship to Korea.

DISCOVER OF SAN JOSE SCALE.

Number of Trees Affected in Turner Orchard, at Hellgate.

Wilbur, Wash., July 14.—Fruit Inspector L. L. Goodwin stated that while in the orchard of John Turner at Hellgate, on the Columbia river, last Saturday he discovered San Jose scale for the first time in the orchards along the river. A number of trees are affected, and he left again this afternoon to make a more thorough examination of the affected orchard. He said:

"The upland orchards are free from all the pests except aphis, which is to be found on all the trees."

Says Grover Is Not Ill.

Boston, July 14.—Mrs. Cleveland this morning denied that her husband is ill as reported, or that she was hurrying to him.

British Advance on Lhassa.

Gyangtse, July 14.—A move on Lhassa, capital of Thibet, was begun today by British forces.

SUCCESSOR TO AGENT WILKINS

Chas. S. McNichols, Indian Inspector, Will Fill the Office Temporarily.

CHARLES ROBINSON WILL BE RETAINED IN CLERKSHIP.

Senator Mitchell Said to Have Recommended A. A. Cunningham, of Salem, as Inspector to Succeed McNichols—Salary of Agent Not so Large as That of Inspector—McNichols Said to Stand High With the Government Authorities.

News has been received in this city that Charles S. McNichols, an Indian inspector of Arizona, has been appointed bonded superintendent of the Umatilla agency, to succeed Agent Wilkins, who handed in his resignation to the department some time ago. Charles Robinson will be retained as clerk on the reservation. It is understood that Senator Mitchell has recommended the appointment of Allen A. Cunningham, of Salem, as Indian inspector, to succeed Inspector McNichols.

From the information at hand it appears that the appointment of McNichols to the agency is only a temporary expedient, made necessary by Wilkins' resignation. After he has affairs shaped up rightly, it is understood, some man occupying a subordinate position will be made agent and McNichols again placed in the position of inspector.

The salary paid the agent of the Umatilla reservation is not so large as that received by an inspector. The policy of the department is to promote employes rather than to degrade them. McNichols is said to enjoy an excellent reputation as a public official. Other reasons are also given for the opinion that the appointment is only temporary.

OOM PAUL DEAD.

Patriot of the Transvaal Passed Away in Switzerland.

Geneva, July 14.—Paul Kruger, former president of the Transvaal, died at Clarenz, in the Swiss Canton of Vaud, at 3 this morning.

Death was due to heart weakness, resulting from an attack of pneumonia, and he has been ill for a month past. He last Monday lost consciousness. His daughter and son-in-law were at his bedside.

The body will be immediately embalmed and later in the day the remains will be placed in a vault pending the result of an application to England for permission to take the body to the Transvaal for final interment. This request is in accordance with the wishes often expressed by Kruger that he might be buried beside his late wife.

RECEIVING CALLERS.

President Also Has a Telegram From Pennsylvania Miners.

Oyster Bay, July 14.—The president this morning after a few sets of tennis with his sons, put in two hours attending to correspondence relating to business. This afternoon he received four visitors: James R. Sheffield, former fire commissioner of New York; Justin McCarthy, the author; M. A. Gunst, of San Francisco; Rev. Father Malone, of Denver. All were calls of a social nature.

A telegram was received this morning from the convention of Pennsylvania miners whose committee Private Secretary Loeb refused to allow to see the president. What the message contained was not made public.

IDAHO PIONEER DEAD.

General Petit of Mining Fame Passes Away at Boise.

Boise, July 14.—General W. H. Petit, one of the pioneers of Idaho, died last night at St. Alphonsus' hospital. He had been in poor health for some time, but his death was not expected and the announcement came to his friends as a surprise.

At the time of his death he was a large owner in the Monarch and General Petit mines in the Atlanta district, and numerous properties in and around Hailey.

He was appointed surveyor general of Idaho by President Harrison, a position he filled with distinction and credit. Since then he has lived practically a retired life.

Scab in Grant County.

Baker City, July 14.—George Irvin, stock inspector of Grant county, was in the city yesterday and reports having found 23 bands of sheep in his county affected with scab this season. They all became diseased early in the spring, about the same time, and it is thought cattlemen imported a band of scabby sheep into the range for the purpose of spreading the disease.

Colfax Wants Water Power.

Colfax, Wash., July 14.—The city council at last night's meeting decided to employ an expert to investigate the feasibility of bringing water from a point north of Colfax to the city pumping station, for the purpose of supplying power for a turbine wheel with which to run the pump station. The expense for fuel for the station amounts to from $3000 to $4000 per year, and it is hoped this can be saved if water power can be substituted.

Giving Away a Pony.

Lewiston, July 14.—The Shawknit stocking people have sent a Shetland pony to this city to be given away to the person guessing nearest the pony's weight, on December 1.

JAPS FALL BACK FROM AN ADVANCE

They Are Met With Desperate Resistance Southeast of Niu Chwang.

GREAT BATTLE IS RAGING IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

Japanese Occupy the Town of Kin Chow — Vladivostok Squadron Has Been Repaired and Is Again at Large—Persistent Rumors at London That Port Arthur Has at Last Fallen—Japanese Sources for Story of Great Losses in Attack on Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—A dispatch today reports that the force of Japanese which began to march at Tatichi Kiao, has returned to Kai Chow.

Japs Occupy Kinchow.

Niu Chwang, July 14.—Heavy firing has been heard to the southeast day and night for several days, indicating stubborn resistance to the Japanese advance. It is reported the Japanese have occupied Kinchow.

Japs Occupy Kashigou.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—General Sakharoff reports that a Japanese force advancing on Taschikiao has occupied the town of Kashigou.

Rumors of Fall of Port Arthur.

London, July 14.—There is published this morning a rumor that Port Arthur had fallen; but it is discredited, and lacks confirmation of any sort.

"From Japanese Sources."

St. Petersburg, July 14.—A special dispatch received from Mukden tonight, dated July 12, repeats the story of a Japanese repulse at Port Arthur with a loss of 30,000. The dispatch says:

"News has been received from reliable sources that the Japanese third army on the night of July 11, attacked Port Arthur and was heavily defeated, an immense number being killed by Russian mines. The total loss was about 30,000.

"It has developed that the official report did not emanate directly from Alexieff, but was given out by him as a report reaching his headquarters from a Japanese source."

Vladivostok Squadron at Large.

London, July 14.—According to a dispatch to the Central News agency from Tokio, it was reported there several torpedo boats of the Vladivostok squadron appeared off the island of Hokkoido last evening.

Chee Foo, July 14.—Private advices just received from New Chwang indicate that the long expected battle between Kai Chou and Ta Tche Kiao is now in progress.

DEED MAY HOLD COUNTY SEAT

UNION COUNTY DISCOVERS A NEW DIFFICULTY.

Deed to Court House Property Provides That Grounds, Buildings and Appurtenances Must Revert to Original Owners When No Longer Used for County Purposes—Steel Vaults and Cells Cannot Be Taken Out of Buildings—Hannah Heirs Will Bring Action to Recover Property.

La Grande, July 13.—A new phase of the county seat removal question now confronts the people of this county.

When the deed was made to Union county for the present court house grounds at Union, by Samuel Hannah in 1874, it stipulated that the title to the property should remain with the county only so long as it should be used as a court house site, but when it should cease to be so used, then it and all appurtenances should revert to the heirs of the Hanna estate.

Now that the county seat will come to La Grande, and the building on the Hanna property will cease to be used as a court house, the heirs have already begun action to recover the property and prevent the removal of the vaults in the offices, and the steel cells in the county jail, to La Grande, claiming that by the provisions of the deed, these are "appurtenances" and belong to the real estate.

Steel vaults and cells have been placed in the court house and jail at a cost of about $25,000 by the people of the county and this new phase of the question has had a cooling effect on the enthusiasm over the county seat removal.

The new city hall at La Grande, which is to be used as a court house, has not been provided with vaults, by the builders, and this additional expense to be borne by the county may have some effect on the removal of the county seat, as the law prohibits a county from incurring more than $5000 indebtedness.

The Hannah heirs reside in Baker county, where Mrs. Hannah married Joseph Kennison, after Mr. Hannah's death, many years ago, and has several living children from her union with Mr. Hannah.

According to the law, nothing but the books, records and movable effects of the county can be removed from the buildings.

MUSKOGEE ZEAL.

Indian Territory Confidently Promised to Parker.

Esopus, July 13.—Muskogee, Indian Territory, unfurled the first flag of the campaign yesterday, if a telegram from three citizens this morning is rightfully understood, which says:

"Muskogee, in its first election after your nomination, is claimed by the republicans, but will go democratic. The territory is on fire with unconquerable democratic zeal."

The humor of the message lies in the fact that no one in the territory can vote for president. Save for this telegram and the arrival of 200 letters, Parker spent, as usual, a quiet day.

Sheehan left for New York this morning, and while there a date for the meeting of the national committee will be fixed. Practically all the intervening time until election will be spent by the candidate at Esopus. There will be no swing around the circle, but toward the last he will visit a few of the largest cities, where the fight is hottest.

Cleveland will deliver one address, but Bryan's intentions here are unknown. To date no congratulations have come from the Nebraskan.

FOUR MYSTERIOUS DEATHS.

Miners in Idaho Camp Eat Some Deadly Poison in Their Food and Follow Each Other to the Grave.

Boise City, July 12.—Four well known citizens engaged in mining near Resort, a few miles from this city, are dead from eating some slow poison in their food. L. C. Driggs, his son Charles Driggs, Andrew Larson and Charles Sysher, followed each other in quick succession to death, and William Mason is in a critical condition from the same cause that killed his partners.

The men have died from the same unknown horrible cause, no medicine or skill being able to relieve them. They have eated common, rough provisions of the mining camp boarding house, and all the physicians are at a loss to know what is the cause of the trouble.

The general impression is that some poisonous drug or vegetable has come in contact with their provisions while in transit, the beans and coffee having come from Mexico. Full analysis will be made of the stomachs of the men and also of the remaining food supply in the camp.

American Peaches for England.

New York, July 12.—England is in the American market for peaches, and arrangements are under way for the exportation of part of the large crop that has been produced here. The peaches from the Ozark mountains seem to be most favored for export.

Advancing on Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, July 13.—The Gazette today reports that Japanese patrols have reached a point 12 miles from Liao Yang.

BEET SUGAR CROP

TOTAL OUTPUT FOR 1904 164,500 TONS.

Poor Crop Conditions and Lack of Rain in California Has Reduced Yield in That State—Many States Are Increasing in Beet Acreage Every Year.

The possible yield of sugar beets in the United States, based on the average output of the last two seasons, shows some interesting comparisons. Although the figures of the prospective yield at present show up somewhat smaller than last year, the fact should be taken into consideration that the weather conditions during the growing season may materially alter the prospects.

Prospects in Oregon are considered very favorable, though in California the outlook is not so good. Beets in Michigan are doing very well as compared with the early part of the last two seasons.

Poor crops of late in Michigan and lack of rain in California account for the falling off in the acreage of these two important sugar beet producing states. In other states the weather conditions have thus far been about normal, and the crops have made a fair start.

The factory at Grand Junction, Col., will be started up again this year, one new factory is building in Idaho and three are being moved, one from New York to Idaho, one from Michigan to Wisconsin and one from Canada to Wisconsin. The figures for this season show an estimated reduction from those of last year of one factory, 40,195 acres sowings and 23,635 tons of sugar.

A leading sugar firm of New York published in May a preliminary estimate of the sowings, showing a total of 251,000 acres which, on the basis of last year's out-turn, indicated a production of about 179,000 tons sugar, with the prospect of a slight improvement on these figures.

The usual time for planting having passed, they now give the following close estimate, based on their latest information, received from the best sources, showing the acreage of sowings of the new beet crop by states:

	Sowings, acres, 1904-5.	Possible yield sugar, tons, 1904-5.
New York	5,600	3,000
Wisconsin	13,900	12,500
Ohio	4,650	3,200
Michigan	84,600	41,500
Minnesota	3,500	2,600
Nebraska	14,150	12,000
Colorado	49,700	39,000
Utah	109,100	19,000
Idaho	10,800	7,000
Oregon	2,800	1,800
Washington	4,000	2,400
California	41,300	40,500
Totals	252,100	184,500

Five Thousand Homeless.

Berlin, July 13.—Five thousand persons are homeless and 400 houses destroyed as the results of fire in the town of Prozysuscha, Russia.

HEPPNER AGAIN SWEPT BY WATER

Much Destruction of Property and Two Persons Are Reported Missing.

WATER CAME IN THREE DISTINCT ONRUSHES.

Valley Devastated for Many Miles, and There Were Many Narrow Escapes—Two Lives Lost at Mitchell, and the Town Swept Away—Great Damage Done at Hood River, Including the Wrecking of the Spencer on the River Bar—Waves on River Ten Feet in Height.

Heppner, July 12.—(Special to East Oregonian).—A terrific rainstorm occurred here last night and caused considerable damage along Willow and Hinton creeks.

The storm started at about 7 o'clock with loud peals of thunder, and the atmosphere was heavily charged with electricity. The rain commenced to fall in torrents, which caused considerable alarm among the citizens of Heppner. The people generally went to higher ground.

The main body of water came along Willow creek at about 10 o'clock, in some places going out of the banks and making a great roar. There was considerable loss to ranches along the creek by taking away fences and washing away hay.

At about 12 o'clock another rush of water came down Hinton creek, and this caused considerable damage to bottom ranches. Several bridges were washed out.

Railroad Bridge Gone.

The railroad bridge at Lexington was washed away, and the train was unable to leave Heppner today.

Apparently there were three different cloudbursts. The first raised a wave but a few feet high, thus warning the inhabitants. The second was nearly as great as last year.

Crops and cattle down the valley for 45 miles were destroyed, and there were many narrow escapes. The railway is destroyed for a distance of 12 miles, and two persons are reported missing.

Mitchell Swept Away.

Shanjko, July 12.—Private messages say a cloudburst last night swept away Mitchell, 50 miles from here. Two lives are known to be lost, and the list may be heavily increased. A courier from that vicinity says a great wall of water swept down toward the town from above. All wire communication is destroyed.

Spencer Wrecked at Hood River.

Hood River, July 12.—A terrific wind storm this morning in this section did great damage to crops. Buildings were unroofed and the big river steamer Spencer was wrecked on the bar in the Columbia and will be a total loss. The passengers were panic-stricken, but all were rescued with difficulty. Waves on the river were 10 feet high.

WHY THEY COULD NOT SEE HIM

Coal Miners Lacked the Required Court Manners.

Oyster Bay, July 13.—No visitors came to see the president this morning. Secretary Loeb explained that the Pennsylvania miners' committee that called yesterday would have been enabled to see the president, but the spokesman was dictatorial and ugly.

Giant Steamer Launched.

Glasgow, July 13.—The new Cunarder, Caronia, 21,000 tons, the largest steamship ever built in England, was launched today. Mrs. Choate, wife of Ambassador Choate, officiated at the christening.

New York Butchers Strike.

New York, July 13.—Thirty-four hundred butchers and other employes joined the meat strike this morning. The packers called on the police for protection, which was granted. The retailers lost no time boosting prices two cents.

JUNEAU FLOURISHING.

Treadwell Mining Company Making Extensive Improvements.

The citizens of Juneau, Alaska, are greatly elated over the latest move on the part of the Treadwell Gold Mining Company, which operates the largest gold mine in Alaska, says the Seattle Star. The company is now extending their operations from Treadwell across the channel to the Silver Bow basin, which lies back of Juneau. The company is now opening up a new mine in the basin, after which a 500-stamp mill will be put in. This means that hundreds of additional men will have to be employed, which will be a great benefit to the city of Juneau.

German Society Event.

Berlin, July 13.—While the crown prince was riding from Potsdam at the head of the guards today, an elegantly dressed young woman carrying a baby, threw herself before the prince's horse. Asked what she desired, she said she was an officer's orphan, and that a prominent courtier had betrayed her, and besought the prince to compel him to marry her. Frederick William promised to report the case to the kaiser, and placed the petitioner in care of the chaplain's wife.