

Roseburg Plaindealer.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Aiming at Gibson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—When the trial of Theodore Durrant was resumed this morning Sergeant Charles Reynolds testified that he had found in the study of Rev. Dr. Gibson three pairs of shoes. On the sole of one was a dark brown spot which the officer believed to be a blood stain. The shoe was admitted in evidence.

The handwriting of Rev. J. George Gibson is destined to play an important part in the Durrant trial. In his opening statement Attorney Deuprey said that the writing on the paper enclosing Blanche Lamont's rings and that on the wrapper addressed to Mrs. Noble were similar to the penmanship of the pastor of Emanuel church. In a very adroit way he cast suspicion on the minister, and the defense will attempt to prove his insinuations were justified. In order to show the similarity of Dr. Gibson's writing, and that on the paper and wrapper, a blackboard containing some of the pastor's writing will be introduced in evidence by the defense. This blackboard was found on the first landing of the belfry by Attorneys Dickinson and Deuprey, one day during a tour of inspection at the church. They examined the board carefully at the time and after a little private consultation, decided it would be of value to the defense. When they left the church they took the board with them and by the writing on it will prove much that may be of a damaging nature against the minister. The board contains the following which was written in chalk by Gibson:

"The pastor will see visitors downstairs after service."

This board was placed in the lobby of the church on Sundays. During the week it was kept in the belfry landing.

During the preliminary examination of Missie Williams' case the defense requested Dr. Gibson to write the names of George King and Professor Schermsstein. These are the names that were found on the paper enclosing Blanche Lamont's rings. It is the intention of the defense to produce the names written by Dr. Gibson and compare the writing with that on the paper and wrapper sent to Mrs. Noble. The lawyers of the defense will spend considerable time comparing the two specimens of handwriting. They will claim that the person who wrote the notice on the blackboard is the person who wrote the names on the paper enclosing the rings, and on the wrapper sent to Mrs. Noble.

Dr. Gibson is prepared for the attack by the defense. He would not discuss the subject, but his secretary, Robert Lynch, said:

"The writing on the paper enclosing the rings and that on the wrapper is in no way like the penmanship of Dr. Gibson. The address on the wrapper is printed. The only similarity between it and Dr. Gibson's writing, is that the doctor writes a clear hand that is so plain as to almost resemble print."

The district attorney and the police scoff at the attempt made by the defense in the Durrant case to cast suspicion upon Rev. Gibson. They said in response to a question that no order would be issued for the clergyman's arrest. Rev. Gibson, himself, denied that he had written the names on the newspaper as charged by Attorney Deuprey.

In reference to an Omaha dispatch stating that Durrant is known to have received a letter from Blanche Lamont, the day after she disappeared, Mr. Deuprey said he knew nothing of such a letter.

Ran into a Band of Cattle.

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 26.—The Atlantic express, leaving San Francisco last night over the Central Pacific, had a narrow escape from derailment at West Berkeley. The train, which was a heavy one, with three crowded Pullman cars, two coaches, smoking car and a baggage and mail and express car, left the Oakland pier on time. Sixteenth street was reached, and then Engineer Abbot pulled his throttle wide open for the fast run to Port Costa. By the time the train had reached Shell Mound Park it was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The speed of the train had increased to 50 miles an hour when West Berkeley was reached.

When within 200 feet of the First-street crossing of West Berkeley, Engineer Abbot saw ahead of him a drove of cattle crossing the track. To all appearances there were about 20 animals in front of the rapidly advancing train. The fireman told Abbot to jump, and was in the act of doing so himself when the engineer grabbed him, pulled him over to the other side of the engine and opened the throttle as wide as he could. The next instant the engine was among the cattle. Five animals were hurled into the air and cut into chunks. Pieces were thrown

200 feet from the track. There was flesh and blood on each side of the track.

The great speed saved the train from derailment and wreck, in which there might have been loss of life. The alarm whistles just before striking the cattle made Conductor Moore very anxious. Many passengers were alarmed and the conductor had all he could do to quiet their fears. So fast was the train running that after striking the cattle, it rolled 1500 feet before coming to a stop.

Luckily there was no injury to the machinery of the engine. The cow catcher, the front of the boiler and the glass front of the headlight were besmeared with blood and fragments of flesh. So bespeckled with blood was the glass front of the headlight that a red glare was thrown in front of the train.

Excursion to Portland.

Geo. Estes, who is making an effort to get up an excursion to Portland the 16th of October for the purpose of securing reduced rates during the month of October, informs us that the fare for the round trip will be only \$7.50 provided not less than 50 excursionists can be prevailed on to be one of the number. The excursionists must leave Roseburg on Wednesday, October 16th, on the local. The tickets will be good for seven days, and will be good for two days' visit at the fair. Each excursionist can return on any train up to and including the 23d. This scheme will be a good thing for persons wishing to attend the exposition.

Why She Remains.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Lord Dunsraven's object in having Valkyrie III spend the winter on this side of the Atlantic is to have her race, and, incidentally, it is said, silence the critics who have asserted that he is afraid to have his yacht meet Defender again.

H. Meitland Kersey, who acted as Lord Dunsraven's spokesman, said today: "There has been a great deal of talk about special races between the two vessels and if anybody wants Valkyrie to race she will be on hand. If Defender goes to the Mediterranean, Valkyrie will go there also."

Large Landowners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—An inventory of the possessions of the cattle firm of Miller & Lux shows that the two men own 14,239,200 acres of land situated in California, Oregon and Nevada.

Mexican Consul Alarmed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Mexican Consul-General A. K. Cony, located in San Francisco, considers the contemplated expedition to Guadalupe island, off the coast of Lower California, of sufficient seriousness to attempt to stop it. He has addressed a letter to W. D. English, surveyor of customs at San Francisco, calling his attention to the matter and asking that he refuse clearance papers to any vessel fitted out with an object in view of seizing the island.

Mr. Cony laughed at the fears of the Mexican consul. "We are not going to seize any Mexican territory," said he. "Indeed, we scarcely touch at the islands either going or coming. We shall do some trading on the coast to pay the expenses of the trip, which will be made to perfect my title to the island. The deeds and papers show my ownership and will be carried on the trip and taken to the City of Mexico, submitted to the land department and the title to myself made sure. I would be a fool to attempt to seize any property by force of arms. We will carry no firearms at all, but will take a quantity of powder—50 tons—to be landed at the title port of Atata, which cannot be reached by large steamers. The powder is to be used in the mines. The vessel is now in Mission bay and will be commanded by Captain Benson, of East Oakland."

The island which is worrying the Mexican consul is off the coast of Lower California, 200 miles, and is 180 miles south of San Diego. It is 26 miles long and has an average width of 10 miles. Its area is 166,400 acres. According to Mr. Breen's papers, Enrique A. Meir, an officer in the Mexican army, in 1863, applied to the Mexican government for the possession of the island, stating that he desired to promote the prosperity of Mexico by raising cashmere goats on the island. In his application he stated his intention of forming a company for sinking artesian wells and breeding goats. Carlos F. Gaen, the acting governor of Baja California, drew up and executed before F. B. Elmer, United States consul at La Paz, a document which empowered Meir to solicit for possession of the island, but there are no papers with Mr. Breen to show that the government granted Meir's application.

Red Cross in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The flag of

the Red Cross Society will be respected by the armies of Spain, now engaged in an effort to crush the Cuban revolution. The statement by a member of the New York Cuban junta that the Spaniards have refused to allow the Red Cross Societies to enter the ranks of the Cubans is emphatically denied by Miss Clara Barton, who is at the head of the organization in the United States. Miss Barton said:

"Spain, as one of the 40 nations that have signed the treaty of Geneva, is bound to respect the Red Cross wherever seen, whether a member of the organization is attempting to relieve the sufferings of a rebel or not."

A Spanish Version.

MADRID, Sept. 27.—The Imparcial's Havana correspondent telegraphs that Colonel Cannales, with a force of 180 Spanish troops, had a fight of an hour's duration with 1000 insurgents Wednesday, near the Bayaueso hills. The insurgents fled, leaving five killed.

Railroad Accident.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 27.—A special to the News, from Kingwood, Va., announces that there was a railroad wreck this morning on the Baltimore & Ohio. United States Marshal Garden and Secretary of State Oxley of West Virginia are reported seriously hurt.

The accident occurred at Tunnelton, a Baltimore & Ohio station, 12 miles east of Grafton, W. Va. The trains are required to stop up at either end of the tunnel and await a signal before passing on to the single track. Train No. 1, west-bound, approached the station while the first section of No. 4, east-bound, was at the platform taking on passengers. The engineer claims to have mistaken the signal and, without stopping, to use a railroad term "side-wiped" No. 4, overturning the passenger coaches and striking the sleeping car in front. The steamcocks of the colliding engine were knocked off and a number of passengers injured, some severely.

The following are most seriously injured: William Reese, Sains, Kan., right knee bruised, foot scalded; Miss Allie L. Taylor, Elkins, W. Va., left hand lacerated; Henry Thomas, Baltimore, Md., right hand cut; W. A. Obley Charleston, W. Va., face and hands scalded and cut in forehead; A. D. Gardner, Wheeling, W. Va., hands and face badly scalded; Miss Mary L. Downtain, Charleston, W. Va., face and hands scalded, left knee injured; Lee Hisey, Charleston, Mo., cut and bruised; Mrs. Neil J. Fostney, Kingwood, W. Va., badly scalded about the face and upper part of body and the hands.

Street Orator.

Miss Mary Robertson Squire made a very zealous talk Friday evening on the Josephson corner to quite a crowd of listeners. She is a fluent talker and showed up the evils of the day without any of the good. She is a regular calamity howler. If what she said of this government is true the fate of Sodom is too good for it. She is a regular pessimist. Every thing is bad, getting worse and soon will be worst.

Let the citizens of Roseburg irrespectively of party affiliations turn out at the court house next Monday evening and take a hand in nominating a ticket to be supported by the voters at the coming election. See to it that men identified with the interest of the city, men of honesty and integrity are nominated. This is a time in our city affairs that requires officials who will perform the duties incumbent upon them with strict impartiality, and with an eye directed alone to the advancement and prosperity of the city's interests. Let no personal or party feeling control the action of the called meeting, but let every voter attend and put forth his best efforts to nominate a ticket worthy the support of the people. Don't fail to attend and by your voice and vote give evidence that you are interested in the city's welfare.

The New York democracy is split wide open. The Tammany tiger growls, wags his caudal appendage and leaps upon the country democracy with greedy fangs. He must be satiated. He demands four-fifths representation in the convention and allows one fifth to the county delegates. The county delegates refuse such unequal representation but the Tammany tiger will be satisfied with anything less than four-fifths.

Senator Allison hit the key of the tariff legislation of the coming session when he declared that both president and house of representatives must consent to a compromise which would provide the needed revenue, without too aggressive assertion of the principle of protection.—Oregonian.

BRIEF MENTION.

From Friday's Daily.

J. W. Most of Lee is at the Van Houten.

L. V. Diestelhorst of Kansas City is in town today.

C. Reichsdorf of Nebraska, is at the Van Houten.

C. L. Moon of Marshfield is at the Van Houten.

J. B. McClelland of Looking Glass is in town today.

Thos. White of Oakland was in the city yesterday.

B. F. Curtis of Nebraska is stopping at the Van Houten.

James Flett of Corvallis is visiting friends in this city.

Harmon Conn of French Settlement is in the city today on business.

Dr. E. J. Page of Oakland came over on professional business yesterday.

Parrott Bros. have just received a large and extensive invoice of boots and shoes.

Born, September 15th, to J. E. Fitzgerald and wife, of Flourney valley, a ten pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pease of Clatsop Plains are visiting Thos. Colburn and family of this city.

The board of directors of district number 2 (Roseburg) will meet at the clerk's office, Saturday, October 5th.

Mr. Wells of Polk county was in town yesterday. He is on the lookout for a place in Douglas on which to settle.

R. A. Graham of the Coos Bay railroad came in from Marshfield yesterday, and left this morning for San Francisco.

Joseph Haines of Eckley, Curry county is in the city on business today. Mr. Haines is one of the pioneers of Oregon.

Congressman Hermann left on the local this morning for a visit to the Willamette valley towns. He will be absent several days.

As an offset to the stories about her mosquitoes, New Jersey claims to have more miles of thoroughly improved roadway than any other state in the Union.

Shelley Bowen, who has been absent from Roseburg about seven years, returned last week. Since leaving here he has visited almost every country on the globe. A sailor's life seems to agree with him.

At a special election held by Co. A last night to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Lieutenant Luerssen and Lieutenant Sykes, Sergeant Hilderbrand was chosen 1st lieutenant and F. W. Haines 2nd lieutenant.

The county court of Multnomah county has decided that the Stark street ferry is not of such importance to the public as to justify taxing the whole people to support it for the advantage of a few. So Stark street ferry is a thing of the past.

Died, in this city, September 27th, of inflammation of the bowels, Etta Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Rice, aged 6 years and 1 month. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, attended by a large number of sympathizing friends.

Caro Bros. will receive from South Abington, Mass., this week a large invoice of men's and boys' shoes, which they propose selling at bed rock prices, notwithstanding the general rise in the price of those articles. Call early and inspect their immense stock.

R. L. Morris of Woodburn is visiting his son, Albert, one of our townsmen this week. Mr. Morris is a bridge contractor and builder and is largely engaged in hop culture in that section. He reports that he has harvested a fine crop of hops and fitted them for market, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather for that business.

There will be an Elks' day at the Portland Exposition, on which excursions will be run on all railroads. Fully 5000 Elks and their friends will visit the city on that day, which has been set for the 12th of October. The Red Men will have a similar day, October 19; Workmen of the World, October 26; Workmen, October 28, and the United Artisans, November 1.

Rosco Oaks of Portland made a surprise visit in this city today. Mr. Oaks left here ten years ago "a kid" with his parents, to reside at Baker City. He returned today so changed that but few of his old associates knew him. Such is the work of time. He left here a beardless boy. He returned a well developed young man with unmistakable evidences that his physiognomy had been subjected to a tonsorial artist.

A series of athletic nights will be given at the exposition at Portland. Two of these, October 8 and 29, will consist of athletic contests under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union; one night,

October 15, will be devoted to bicycles, and the fourth, October 22, will be under the management of the Turn Verein. The latter will be also German day, and will be participated in by the Arion Society and the Sons of Herman.

From Saturday's Daily.

A. E. Ozoff of Scottsburg is in the city today.

G. W. Grubbe of Wilbur is in the city today.

S. C. Miller of Dillard came down to the city today.

Dr. L. A. Kent of Portland is visiting friends in this city.

G. W. Cox of Deer Creek is in the city today on business.

D. Lenox of Brockway is in the city today on business.

Hardin Davis of Wilbur is in the city today on business.

Arthur and John Hancock of Elkton are in the city today.

Dr. N. J. Ozias went to Portland last night to take in the sights there for a week.

S. D. Evans of Coles Valley, the enterprising prune culturist, is in the city today.

J. L. Grimes of Looking Glass is in the city today. He brought in a load of potatoes for which he got 40 cents a bushel.

E. B. Conley of Elkton, one of Douglas county's hop growers, is in the city today. He reports his crop was good and quality excellent.

C. W. Hess has sold his tonsorial parlors to Isaac Davenport and Jesse Jones. Mr. Hess and family leave next Monday for Bandon to reside.

Mrs. Edmundson of Portland is visiting her son John C. Mullen of this city. Mrs. Edmundson formerly resided in this city and made many friends while here.

W. C. Aylesworth, a teacher of music, is in the city and will probably locate here permanently. He is now making arrangements to form a class in vocal music.

The sidewalks through the city are generally in need of repair. Property owners should look to this and see that they are placed in repair before there is an accident.

District Attorney George M. Brown returned yesterday evening from attendance at court in Curry county, having secured the conviction of J. S. Striker for burglary.

A little girl, a stranger, arrived at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isador Wollenberg last night, and appealed so piteously for parental care, that the little stranger has been provided for, and all is well.

W. C. Connor editor of the Riddle Enterprise and his wife are in the city today on their way to Cottage Grove on a visit to friends and relatives there for a week or two. The Enterprise is one of the spiciest exchanges on our list.

Mr. Arthur Munter and the Misses Wollenberg neices of Hyman Wollenberg from Eb'ing, West Prussia, Germany, arrived yesterday evening on the local. They made a very quick passage, only four weeks from Hamburg to Roseburg, with a layover in New York of five days.

Sheriff Turner of Curry county came out yesterday evening with J. S. Striker who was convicted of burglary at the late term of court, on his way to the Salem pen. Judge Fullerton gave Striker four years in which to meditate upon the crime of forcible entrance into other people's houses.

The Riddle Enterprise wasted a column and a half of valuable space in arguing that it is entitled to the publication of certain land office notices. Its no use, Bro. Connor. However just your claims may be, you can never convince the present incumbents of that office that a republican paper is entitled to any consideration whatever in the way of patronage. You will have to wait for a change of administration before you will be allowed even a smell at the homestead notices.

Local editors will agree with the following from the quill of one of 'em. "Newspaper men are blamed with a lot of things they can't help; such as using partiality in mentioning visitors, giving the news about some folks and leaving out others, etc. He simply prints the news he can find. Some people inform him about such things and others do not. An editor should not be expected to know the name and residence of all your uncles, aunts and consins, even if he should see them get off and on the train. Tell us about it. Its news that makes a newspaper, and every man, woman and child can be an associate editor if they would."

Now is the time to subscribe.

THE BAWNGORE.

The Supposed Cause of Her Being so Close to Shore.

From a resident of Curry county, recently in this city, we learn with reference to the wreck of the Bawngore, that it is strongly supposed that the reason the vessel came in so close to shore was because it had a small cargo of opium it wished to land, and the captain's story of a defective compass is a delusion that will do to the tell to the marines. Certain it is that a box of that high-priced drug was washed ashore, and the actions of the officers in not allowing the life saving crew to go on board and rescue what they could, preferring to let it be devoured by flames and flood were highly suspicious, at least to the "pirate wreckers" of the coast.

The sensational account telegraphed to the press concerning the stealing of everything in sight by the wreckers is emphatically denied. He also denies the story circulated, in the region of the wreck, that one of the coast farmers came down with a six-horse team, prepared to take what was left of the wreck home with him, and that if he had not forgotten to bring a cold chisel and sledge with him he would have done it.

Our informant also states that most of the clothing and other articles stolen, were stolen by the crew of the wrecked vessel and not by the natives.

WEATHER BUREAU.

The Chief of the Weather Bureau directs the publication of the following data, compiled from the record of observations for the month of October, taken at this station for a period of 17 years.

It is believed that the facts thus set forth will prove of interest to the public, as well as the special student, showing as they do the average and extreme conditions of the more important meteorological elements and the range within which such variations may be expected to keep during any corresponding month.

Mean or normal temperature, 54.

The warmest October was that of 1888, with an average of 57.

The coldest October was that of 1881, with an average of 48.

The highest temperature during any October was 91 on 2nd, 1885.

The lowest temperature during any October was 23 on 14th, 1881.

Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred (in autumn), October 13th.

Average precipitation for the month, 2.98 inches.

Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 12.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 5.96 inches in 1881.

The least monthly precipitation was 0.77 inches in 1880.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.43 inches on the 29th, 1888.

Average number of cloudless days, 8.

Average number of partly cloudy days, 13.

Average number of cloudy days, 10.

The prevailing winds have been from the northwest.

The highest velocity of the wind during any October was 28 miles on the 4th, 1879.

Tros. Gussos, Observer, Weather Bureau.

Programme.

The following programme will be rendered at the W. C. T. U. entertainment Monday evening, September 30th:

- Song service.
- Scripture reading, Mrs. Berry.
- Prayer.
- Singing.
- Children and the School, Mrs. Rapp.
- Singing.
- Boys of America, Amata Smith.
- Duet, Mrs. Woolley and Mrs. Estes.
- Purity, (by special request) Mrs. Ames.
- Singing.
- Sunday and the Home, Mrs. Bingham.
- Singing.
- The Deacon's Match, Fisher.
- Singing.
- Benediction.

We trust that the citizens will turn out en masse Monday evening and see that the proper men are placed in nomination for mayor, recorder, marshal, treasurer and two councilmen from each of the four wards. This is now your opportunity to get such men as you want and if you do not get such men as suits you it will be your own fault. Remember the meeting is at the court house Monday evening at 7.30. Every taxpayer should be on hand.

The question involved in the Nicaragua canal, the affairs of Venezuela and Cuban independence will give congress a great deal of Pan-American politics to attend to this winter.