

Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

The Sinslaw people are now figuring in a new road between Mapleton and Florence.

There are nearly 150 names on the roster of the Polk County Pioneer Association.

Enterprise is to have a new schoolhouse. The contract for the lumber has been let.

Rattlesnakes are more numerous this year in many parts of Grant county than they have been for years.

Farmers in Crook county are up to their ears haying. The alfalfa crop is excellent and the weather has been perfect.

Hay harvesting is now in full blast, and the song of the mower can be heard the length and breadth of the Willamette valley.

The Veterans' Association of Marion and Linn counties will hold its annual third reunion the first week of August, beginning Monday, August 3, and lasting five days.

J. R. Van Winkle, last week, brought to Grant's Pass, from Falls creek, a 64 nugget, found in his placer above the Siskiyou copper mines. It had considerable quartz adhering to it.

The amount of insurance carried by the Hilgard Lumber Company at La Grande was \$5,000. This amount will scarcely cover more than half of the actual loss. In the drying shed alone about \$5,000 worth of clear lumber was destroyed.

The weather in Grant county last week was oppressively hot, the mercury frequently running over the 100 mark, but the last of the week, some rain fell, cooling the atmosphere just right for the wheat crop, which could not look more promising at this time.

A little pamphlet has been issued from the office of W. H. Leeds, state printer, under the supervision of Superintendent Irwin, which contains an official list of all schoolteachers, who are licensed to teach in the public schools of the various counties of the state, together with their addresses.

John Miller, who went up on Rock creek, June 6, on a prospecting tour, after twenty days' work with a rocker, secured \$280 in gold dust from a placer claim which he located. The gold of Rock creek, a stream tributary to the Rogue river, is very coarse and heavy, and there is undoubtedly some fine placer grounds in that section not yet located.

A Pendleton man unloaded a train of sheep at Kalispel, Mont., to rest and feed. He placed them on the school section northwest of town. They began dying from some cause, and something over 200 died inside of two days.

It is uncertain what caused their death, but they are supposed to have been poisoned. There is talk that some of the neighboring ranchmen, who objected to having the pasturage destroyed by the sheep, strewed saltpeper on the ground, but that is merely a conjecture.

Washington. Some of the farmers around Kennebec are shipping new potatoes for \$50 a ton.

Whatcom county's third annual fair will be held from September 29 to October 2, inclusive.

The West & Slade mill at Aberdeen has just received an order for 2,000,000 feet of lumber from Guatemala.

Asotin City, opposite Lewiston, is having a building boom, caused by the investment of \$125,000 in an 18-mile irrigation ditch in that vicinity.

Franklin county contains 2,500 square miles, and has but one voter to every six square miles, or about an average of six voters to a township.

The Palouse country is troubled with the grasshopper pest. In some localities around Lacombe, Hay station and Pampa they are numerous, and are already cutting considerable grain and grass.

The Davenport merchants are already receiving some benefit from the building of the new road to the Cedar Canyon mines, says the Times. Almost every day freight teams can be seen loading up with goods for those fields.

The Waukegan Times says that one of the evidences of prosperity there is that office-seekers in that vicinity are conspicuous for their absence, and there will probably be no candidates from there before the county convention.

The body of Benewas' squaw was through Farmington the other day. She died while on her way horseback to Lapwai. En route her horse threw her, and she fell over a cliff, breaking her back and receiving other fatal injuries. She was placed on a stretcher and dragged for miles by horses. When near Farmington she was put into a wagon and hauled to her home on the reservation.

Wanted No Railroad. In Niles, Mich., workmen lately have been engaged in repairing the St. Joseph valley railroad, and putting it in running order, much against the wish of property-owners through which it runs. The latter, heavily armed, drove the workmen away and began tearing up the rails and leveling the roadbed, determined to destroy the railroad. The farmers retained possession and the railroad company's workmen feared to approach them. Several miles of the road were destroyed. The railroad company is powerless, but will endeavor to regain possession and complete the road.

Killed by a Posse. Ed Murphy, alias George Mooney, alias Burdette Wolf, who killed Andrew Artman, at a sheep camp in Grant county recently, was run down and killed by a posse on the John Day river, near Dayville. It is generally believed that Murphy or Mooney, is none other than Burdette Wolf, who killed Birdie Morton, his betrothed sweetheart, near Mount Taber, Or., October 12, 1892. It is said he admitted his identity to the sheepherders, and then afterward fearing his secret would be told, went back and tried to kill them. He murdered Artman, but the other escaped.

Vault Blown Open. An unsuccessful attempt was made in Bakersfield, Cal., to blow open the vault of the county treasury. Three holes were drilled in the front combination of the outer door, but none reached the vital part of the lock. Had the outer door been opened there would still have been an inner door to the vault, and a heavy steel safe inside to open before the money was reached.

Laborers Crushed. Four laborers were buried by the caving-in of a trench in Kansas City, Kan. Two of the men, Frank Scantifele and Donnie Holton, had their lives crushed out. Charles Jacobson was fatally injured. J. W. Callahan escaped practically unhurt. The trench was being built to lay a gas main.

Killed in a Quarrel. Isaac Swering was shot and killed by Harry Campbell at the house of the former, near Prineville, Or. The two men quarreled over the fact that Campbell persisted in visiting Swering's daughter after having been forbidden the house, and during the fight which ensued the old man was killed.

Robbed the Mail. Advice from Barranquilla, United States of Colombia, tell of the theft of \$250,000 by two young men of high social standing. One is a nephew of a high official. The money was in course of transmission through the mail. The robbery was accomplished by breaking into the postoffice at night. The next day, the deed being discovered, inquiry was set on foot and a large part of the stolen money was found in the possession of the two young men. The balance was unrecovered, but will probably be reimbursed by relatives of the young men, to save them from the consequences of their crime.

Killed in the Act. W. Lemrisce, postmaster of the suburb of Forest Park, near Chicago, was sitting in his parlor in company with his son, his two daughters and two women visitors, when the front door opened and a negro carrying a big revolver walked in. He ordered young Lemrisce to stand, and when he did so, told one of the girls to search the boy's pockets and hand over the money she found. While this was going on Mr. Lemrisce quietly slipped into the next room, and getting his revolver, blew out the negro's brains. It is thought the man intended to rob the postoffice.

Must Pay Postage. Railroad companies no longer may carry their business letters over their own roads without paying postage to the government. An order has been received from Postmaster-General Wilson by Major Stewart and Postmaster Hering, insisting upon the enforcement of the postal laws against railways carrying their own letters. An exception is made in favor of letters that have to do with the business of the train carrying them. But all letters to station agents and officials are forbidden to be carried without postage, and the inspectors are directed to enforce the law.

A Tent Collapsed. A serious mishap that will disarrange the Christian Endeavor meeting, which is now in session in Washington, occurred Thursday evening. The tent "Williston," one of the largest stretches of canvas on the white lot, blew down and appears to be wrecked. It is feared it will be impossible to raise it again, as it is water-soaked and torn. This tent was calculated to hold about 10,000 people.

Reputed by the Sun. The New York Sun in an editorial formally repudiates the national Democratic platform, and supports McKinley for the presidency.

Three Buildings Burned. The Central hotel and two buildings belonging to the C. P. K. Paint Co. at San Luis Obispo, Cal., were destroyed by fire.

A HEAD-END COLLISION.

Twenty-Eight People Killed in an Iowa Train Wreck.

Omaha, July 14.—A head-end collision that resulted in an appalling loss of life occurred on the Chicago & Northwestern road, between Logan and Missouri valley, at 6:30 tonight.

The best information indicates that twenty-eight are dead and fifty-one injured, many of whom will die.

The wreck occurred as a result of Engineer Montgomery, of the excursion train, mistaking orders. He was ordered to wait at Logan until the fast mail and the east-bound passenger had passed. He waited for the passenger and then started out, having forgotten about the mail. The trains were going at the rate of fifty miles an hour, when they met three miles west of Logan. Engineer Montgomery jumped and escaped with a broken arm.

The officials of the road positively refused to give any information concerning the matter, stating it is something that concerns them, and not the public. They even refuse to handle the Western Union business, and all the information secured comes by the Omaha Bee's courier service and by telephone.

This morning the Union Pacific Pioneers' picnic was taken out over the Northwestern to spend the day at Logan, and tonight, as the excursion train loaded with 1,200 persons, all residing in and about this city, was moving out of Logan, it was struck by a fast train going east. The two engines crashed into each other, and in an instant freight and passenger coaches were piled one upon the other.

Word was at once sent to this city, and in a short time a special with doctors and officers of the road on board was sent out from Council Bluffs. Reporters were detailed to accompany the train, but, instead of allowing them to board the train, they were ejected with the remark that "We don't want any d—d reporters."

The two engines were completely demolished and the first two cars of each train telescoped. Both crews escaped by jumping. The dead were mostly in the first coach of the excursion train.

The list of the injured is a lengthy one. It contains at least twenty-eight or more names of persons who were seriously hurt, dangerously so to a greater or less degree. In addition, there were at least fifty, if not a greater number, who received injuries of a minor nature. These consisted of bruises and cuts or slight disfigurements, which will practically amount to nothing. A considerable number were also shaken up but not injured. This was especially the case among the passengers who occupied the cars immediately behind the one which was demolished.

All the dead and injured were brought to Omaha today.

The train which carried the dead arrived at the Union depot at 8:30 o'clock. It had been given out that it would not arrive until noon, and this was responsible for the fact that only a few of the relatives of the lost were there to receive their bodies. But even then, there was enough of heart-breaking woe to touch the sympathies of those who saw the pitiful spectacle.

The police had stretched ropes across the platform to keep back the crowd, and the trainmen, assisted by a posse of police, tenderly lifted the bodies from the train and deposited them in a long, ghastly row on the floor in the baggage-room. Each was covered by a sheet, and when the line was complete, a passage was cleared and those who had friends among the dead were allowed to pass through the improvised morgue.

One by one they passed down the line, lifting the coverings from each bruised and blackened face as they went along. Some of them failed to find the face they carried in their hearts. Others found it but too soon, and their sufferings, as they beheld the terrible certainty that killed all hope, was pitiful to see.

One father bent over the sheeted form that lay near the middle of the row. The light that filtered through the breathless crowd fell on the still smiling features of his little boy. The body was terribly crushed, but the face was untouched. Involuntarily, he lifted the shroud a little further until the mangled body was disclosed, and then uttered a cry of agony that brought tears to the eyes of many an onlooker who had looked on death before. The fact that several of the dead were children added not a little to the pathos of the scene.

At the end of the row lay the body of Mrs. Maggie Bradley, while her babe slept between two strong men at the other. Finally the body of the child was laid beside that of its mother, and they were taken away together.

The train brought over twenty bodies altogether. Only a part of them were identified during the half hour they lay at the depot, and then they were taken away to various undertaking establishments to be prepared for burial.

Wife Murder and Suicide. Aurora, Neb., July 14.—Hayden Roberts, a farmer, shot his wife to death and committed suicide today. No cause is known for the crime. Roberts was a wealthy and eccentric individual. The murderer attempted to escape, and, finding himself surrounded, blew out his brains.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Villages upon the island of Crete are being pillaged by Turks.

James Stansbury, the Australian, won the sculling match with "Wag" Harding the English champion, on the Thames.

The new searchlight at Barnegat, N. J., near New York harbor, throws a light which can be seen nearly 100 miles at sea.

Patrick Carney, 60 years of age, was kicked to death in Chicago by James Wilson. The killing was a most brutal affair, the result of a family row.

English bimetalists convened in London. They declared for the remonetization of silver, and think it should be accomplished by international agreement.

The Northern Pacific receivers were given judgment in the federal court in Seattle by default against the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad for \$1,258,690.63.

For the restoration of sight to his rapidly failing eyes, Charles Broadway Rouse, a millionaire of New York, will pay \$100,000. This offer is open to any one who may wish to try, man, woman or child.

The city authorities of Tacoma indulged in another wire cutting party, during the progress of which the wires of the Commercial Electric Light & Power Company were again removed, the company having replaced the wires during the day.

The boathouse in connection with George & Baker's cannery, near Astoria, was burned, together with a two-masted plunger and a barge. Prompt work saved the cannery proper from destruction. The fire was of incendiary origin. Loss not stated.

In the federal court in Seattle, Judge Hanford, made an order dismissing Oakes, Rouse and Payne, the old receivers of the Northern Pacific, excusing them and their sureties from further liability, and wiping out the charges of contempt of court, which have been pending against them because of their failure to show up in court when they were under the fire-box, as the court directed.

WERE MURDERED AT NIGHT

Chris Vejin and F. O. Nelson Killed Near Astoria.

Astoria, Or., July 14.—Chris Vejin and F. O. Nelson were murdered on the Washington side of the Columbia river, near Point Ellis, about 2 o'clock this morning, and as yet no information has been obtained that points to the identity of the assassins. Vejin owned a whisky scow, which he had anchored near the scene of the murder since the fishing season opened, and was also engaged in fishing. Nelson attended J. G. Megler's fish station a short distance above Point Ellis, and started out from the whisky scow in company with Vejin shortly after 1 o'clock. This was the last seen of them alive. Several shots were heard near by about 2 o'clock, and at day-break the body of Vejin was found in his boat and that of his companion among the rocks on the shore, a short distance away. Vejin's breast had been pierced by a revolver bullet, and a similar messenger of death had penetrated the side of Nelson's head. Both shots had been fired at close range, the faces of the murdered men being powder-burned.

At noon today Sheriff Hare and Coroner Pohl proceeded to the scene and brought the bodies to this city.

The Point Ellice Disaster.

Victoria, July 14.—An action has been commenced by Martha Kane James against the city of Victoria for damages caused by the death of Francis Thomas James, which was brought by the negligence of the defendant in and about Point Ellice bridge. The plaintiff brings the action for the benefit of herself and Maria Louise Langdon, Maud, Willie and Charles Thomas, children of the deceased. In this action the tramway company is not made the defendant, for the probable reason that the deceased was not on the car, but was crossing the bridge on his bicycle at the time that the ill-fated car went through the bridge May 26 last. So far there is only one other case pending for damages arising out of the accident. It is brought by A. S. Potts against both the city and the company. He alleges that the city was negligent in allowing the bridge to become out of repair, and the company also negligent in allowing the car to be overloaded. The damages are named at \$30,000.

Havana, July 9.—It is reported from Santiago de Cuba that Jose Maceo, the well-known insurgent leader, and brother of Antonio Maceo, has been killed. Insistent rumors have been circulated that Jose Maceo died in the last engagement in which he took part in Santiago de Cuba.

A Two Hours' Fight.

Havana, July 14.—A fight between Colonel Pinera's forces and men under General Capeta in the San Lorenzo hills, near Moscanas, in the Holguin district, lasted two hours and resulted in the defeat of the insurgents. They left seven killed and carried off seventy killed and wounded. The troops had four killed and fifteen wounded.

MAHER-CHOYNSKI FIGHT.

It Will Be Fought Off in San Francisco.

San Francisco, July 10.—San Francisco is to have another big glove contest. By the general run of sports it is considered about equal in importance to the Corbett-Sharkey four-round affair, for though neither of the principals occupies as exalted a position in the world of pugilism as Pompadour Jim, their average of excellence as fighters is superior to any that might have been struck from the combined reputations of Corbett and the sailor prior to their recent meeting.

The men who will figure in the coming contest are Joe Choynski and Peter Maher. They had almost arranged to settle the question of superiority in New York, when J. J. Groom, of the National Club, of this city, stepped in with an offer that was liberal enough to turn the thoughts of the rival heavyweights toward San Francisco.

Groom has agreed to furnish a purse of \$6,000 for an eight-round match, to take place on the evening of August 5. The arrangements hung fire some days owing to Groom's absence at Glen Ellen, and in the meantime John J. Quinn, of Pittsburg, who handles Maher, and Parson Davies, of Chicago, who directs the fortunes of Choynski, kept the wires tingling in a vain endeavor to locate the enterprising sport promoter who had unfolded such visions of wealth to their managerial eyes.

For a short while yesterday matters looked desperate. Quinn, who had sent several telegrams in this direction and received no answer, wired Davies in Chicago that he considered that the National Club was amusing itself at the expense of the fighters. Davies thereupon sent a dispatch here saying that if arrangements were not concluded forthwith New York would get the mill.

Groom arrived from Glen Ellen in the midst of the long-distance turmoil, and immediately hunted up Eddy Greeny, the local representative of Choynski. Groom stated his offer of \$6,000 still held, and that he would deposit two sums of \$1,000 each in the bank to remunerate Choynski and Maher respectively in case he failed to put the men into the ring. This was deemed satisfactory, and it is understood that Maher and his manager will take the train for this city without delay. Choynski is already here, and his manager, Parson Davies, will arrive in the course of a week.

The match is considered a top-notch affair, as the men are dashing fighters, and are about on a par as regards their fistio ability.

IT WAS GRANGE DAY.

Papers of Interest to Farmers at Gladstone Park.

Oregon City, July 10.—This was Grange day at the Chautauqua assembly, and the Grangers had a very entertaining programme, though not a very attractive one to denizens of the city. On the platform in the main auditorium were a number of prominent members of the Grange organization, among whom were W. M. Hillery, of Turner, master; Hon. Jacob Voorhees, of Woodburn, past master, and Judge R. P. Boise, of Salem, ex-master of the Oregon State Grange, and Hon. Augustus High, of Vancouver, master of the Washington Grange.

After the opening song, Hon. John Minto, of Salem, made a brief address, in which he made a pleasing comparison of the natural tastes of men and women in horticulture and floriculture. Hon. Henry E. Dosch read an interesting paper on "Some Horticultural Problems," prefacing it with a short dissertation on the dignity of labor, alleging it to be the freest and most healthful of employments, and the most independent and ennobling of vocations. The chief horticultural problem he considered was that of getting a big price for the products of the orchards, and his remedy for low prices applied as well to other products of the farm as to the fruits. It was to produce the very best, and thereby make a reputation, that would counteract the depressing influences of hard-times markets. He mentioned by way of example two raisers of potatoes on a large scale near Canby, who always receive more than the market price for their product because their brand assures an article of superior quality and most careful selection.

In the afternoon Hon. Mortimer Whitehead gave a lecture on "Organization of Farmers." He said the first man was a farmer, and that all the great movements that had resulted in the permanent benefit of the human race had been started by men close to the soil. Among the pending reforms which he claimed to have been suggested and urged by the Grange organization, he mentioned the proposition to elect United States senators by popular vote, and he said the postal savings banks, the income tax and the idea of requiring a foreigner to reside in this country twenty-one years before he could become a citizen had their origin with the farmers in the Grange.

Cut Up Dido's Plates.

Glasgow, July 10.—The Allen line steamer State of Nebraska, Captain Brown, from New York, had an accident today, colliding with the warship Dido at the latter's mooring. Both vessels had several plates shattered.