

FOUR PERSONS DROWNED

Sad Ending to a Vancouver Picnic Party.

THE BOAT UPSET IN AN EDDY

Corporal Edson, Private Morris, Miss Laura Guard and Miss Emma Young Lost Their Lives—Bodies Were Found.

Vancouver, Wash., July 27.—Corporal Edson, of the Fourteenth infantry; Private Charles Morris, of the Fourteenth infantry band; Laura Guard and Emma Young, two girls of this city, while out on a boating excursion on the Washougal river, in this county, all drowned this forenoon near Fleming's mill, by their boat upsetting in an eddy.

The details of the drowning were learned from Private Irvin, Fourteenth infantry, who reached here about 4 P. M. A party of young people crossed the Washougal this morning, and went blackberrying. They started to return about 10 o'clock. Four got into the boat, which dipped water, frightening the inmates, and in some way the boat upset. Mrs. Lipscomb, the only witness of the accident, heard the screams of those upset all the way from the camp. She rushed out and saw Morris and Miss Guard clinging to the upturned boat. The others had already sunk. Before she could reach the bank, Morris and Miss Guard too had gone down.

The bodies were in the water over an hour before the other members of the party returned to camp. The bodies were plainly seen on the bottom, through the clear water.

Young Morris and Miss Guard left yesterday to join the campers.

Washougal creek is not over forty feet wide where the drowning took place, and about sixteen feet deep in the eddy at the foot of the falls.

All were well known here. Henry L. Edson enlisted in the Fourteenth infantry four years ago at Seattle. He was a member of Harmony lodge, A. O. U. W., and of the Regular Army and Navy Union. Charles Morris, son of William T. Morris, a musician in the Fourteenth infantry band, was a member of the Fourteenth infantry band, and was 21 years old. Laura Guard was the daughter of Mrs. Peter Guard, whose husband died here a few weeks ago. Emma Young was the daughter of Henry Young, a prominent farmer in this county.

The news was telegraphed to Colonel E. P. Edson, a prominent Seattle attorney, who is a brother of Corporal Edson, and the parents of Young Morris at Fort Sherman. The hospital ambulance and an escort wagon were dispatched to the scene tonight, to bring the bodies to this city.

ANOTHER JAPAN LINE.

Agents of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Will Visit Portland.

Seattle, Wash., July 27.—Following closely in the wake of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which announced Seattle as its American terminus only a few days ago, comes the accredited representatives to this city of another Oriental steamship line, the Toyo Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha, which is also seeking American connections. The party consists of Sochira Asano, president of the company; H. Okawa, director in the Oji Paper Company, near Tokio; Shunjiro Tomika, a captain in the service of the steamship company, and Hirouki Kobayashi, interpreter for Mr. Asano.

The visitors, who represents great wealth, came to the city quietly, spent the day in making an investigation, and left this evening for Tacoma. Thence they go to Portland for a day, thence to San Francisco. From the latter point Asano will proceed to London and place contracts for the construction of twelve 5,000-ton vessels, to be used on the line, which will run from the American terminus to Tokio and Hong Kong.

The result of the day's investigation, while nothing definite has been announced, leads to a belief that the terminus will be either Seattle or Portland.

Terrible Spanish Brutality.

Key West, July 27.—Private letters from Matanzas, Cuba, to responsible merchants in this city, give shocking details connected with the capture by the Spanish of rebel hospitals located in that province. Dr. Izquierdo, surgeon of the Cuban army, with assistants and corps of nurses, were all, it is alleged, put to the machete while the helpless sick and wounded were assassinated in their cots and the buildings were burned over their heads to cover up the crimes. Rios and Montanera, the two men who were imprisoned on account of the discovery of arms in San Rafael street at Havana yesterday, have been barbarously whipped by the Spanish police. The first one was tortured. A woman was arrested who has been confined for three days in a cell.

A Fatal Accident.

Chicago, July 27.—By the falling of a portion of the interior dome of the old postoffice building N. B. Smith, a workman, was instantly killed, and Amos Stringer perhaps fatally crushed.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Two young people were killed in a railroad crossing accident in Lancaster, Pa.

The Republican national committee has decided to open the campaign this week.

William Henry Smith, late general manager of the Associated Press, died at Lake Forest, Ill.

Three people were drowned near Wheeling, W. Va., while trying to cross the Ohio in a scull.

The Northwest has again been visited by a disastrous storm. Much damage was done to crops in Michigan and Ohio.

It is reported that a race war has occurred about 15 miles east of Jasper, Fla., in which six men were killed and seven seriously injured.

A London dispatch from Constantinople says the latest news received is that the prosperous villages around Van have been destroyed and every male over 8 years of age killed. The total killed is placed at 12,800.

The strike at the Brown hoisting and conveying works, at Cleveland, O., inaugurated nine weeks ago, which caused several bloody riots, has ended, a settlement between the company and the employes having been reached.

The present outlook for hoppers is not encouraging. Reports from Silverton say that growers expect to receive only about 5 or 5½ cents a pound for this year's crop, at which price many will not go the expense of having their hops picked.

Among the speakers who will take the stump for the Populist ticket will be Senator Butler and ex-Chairman Taubeneck, E. V. Debs, Robert Schilling, of Milwaukee; Senator Allen, of Nebraska; Senator Peffer, Mrs. Roberts, of Georgia, and many others, including Coxe and Carl Brown.

In New York two young men had a discussion as to the relative merits of two actresses of their acquaintance. To decide their controversy they fought a battle-royal on the roof of a handsome Riverside residence. The referee declared it a draw after they had pummeled each other to their satisfaction.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: Information received from Stanley under date of June 9, proves conclusively that the ship which foundered off that locality May 14 last was the Philadelphia clipper, City of Philadelphia, and that Captain Johnson, his wife and family, one passenger and a crew numbering in all twenty-five men, perished.

SWEPT ON TO DEATH.

Fifty Lives Lost in Cloudburst in Colorado.

Denver, July 28.—The torrents of water which rushed down the canyons upon Morrison, Golden and other mountain towns of Colorado last night, were caused by a terrific mountain storm, which extended hundreds of miles or more from Boulder, where the damage was slight. All down the range west of Denver, almost to Pueblo, the storm swept its destructive way.

It has been impossible, thus far, to fully explore the devastated district, but it is believed that when a full investigation has been made at least fifty lives will be found to have gone out during the progress of the storm.

At Morrison and Golden the torrent tore away buildings, uprooted trees, washed out long stretches of railroad tracks, swept away bridges and spread annihilation through the towns. Its work was as brief as the warnings it gave were inadequate, and almost before the citizens knew what had happened the floods had passed, leaving only deadly silence and signs of devastation everywhere.

All that could be done in the darkness and confusion was done by the rescuers. Men, women and children were extricated from dangerous predicaments, let down from the roofs of floating houses, helped out of trees and drawn out of the very whirl and death of the torrent.

As far as ascertained, the following is a full list of persons whose lives were lost in the great floods that swept down upon the towns of Morrison and Golden, in the foothills near Denver last night:

The dead at Morrison are: Mrs. Moses Miller and three children, and child of J. C. Longnecker, of Morrison; Mrs. A. S. Proctor; Robert James Proctor, 5 years; Grace Proctor, 7 years; Edith Proctor; Mrs. T. F. Casey; James Casey, 10 years; Edith Casey, 8 years; Mamie Casey, 7 years; Anna Casey, 5 years; Clara Casey, 3 years; Mrs. Anthony Heress; Eugene Heress, 7 years; Mabel Heress, 2 years; Josephine Heress, 8 years; Carroll Heress, 4 years; Thomas McGaugh, 21 years old. At Dayton, a cousin of Mrs. Casey and Annie Hansen, 20 years old, a servant of the Proctors, were killed.

Fatally injured: A child of J. C. Longnecker.

The dead at Golden are: C. A. Johnson; Mrs. A. A. Johnson; Mrs. J. F. Edwards.

All the Denver people who perished were campers at Bear Creek canyon. There were many more campers in that vicinity. Some reports say that when Bear creek canyon is fully explored it will possibly be found that no less than fifty people perished in the flood.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

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

The smoke from forest fires in the Cascades is so thick around Pendleton that the Blue mountains can no longer be seen.

Assessor Howell, of Lincoln county, has completed the field work of assessing, and is now at work making up the assessment roll.

Seven-year locusts are numerous about Canyon City, in Grant county, and the merry music of their wings can be heard all day.

Mrs. Catharine Irvine, who died at Salem last week, was one of the first women married at The Dalles, having gone there from Indiana in 1858.

The high water of last month in Union county is said to have destroyed many young prairie chickens, as the breeding grounds were in many places overflowed.

Elmer Hansen, of Adams, brought into Pendleton last week the first of this year's wheat crop in this county, and sold it to Mr. Byers for 40 cents a bushel. It ran 58½ pounds to the bushel.

A carload of fat hogs was shipped from Elgin last week. This is the first shipment of hogs made from there for some time, because of the dull market. Most shipped last week sold for two cents per pound.

J. McCarty, in attempting to board an out-going freight train in Baker City last week, fell across the rail, and several cars passed over his left foot, which was so badly mangled that it had to be cut off.

The unusual drought has killed all the salmon berries, raspberries, and other wild berries along the Necanicum, in Clatsop county, so that the bears, which in the summer time live principally upon these berries, have been induced by hunger to come very close to men's habitations, looking for food.

The Grant's Pass Courier says: "The scarlet fever, which carried off three patients on the Anton Rose ranch on Williams creek, has been corralled, and the danger of spreading the virulent disease is now almost past. The citizens petitioned the county court to appoint quarantine officers, but no law could be found justifying the measure.

Superintendent Risque, of the Virtue mine, in Baker county, has let a contract for supplying the mine with 5,000 cords of wood. The contractors are P. Basche and Cato J. Johns. The contract price is about \$20,000. The wood is to be delivered by January 1, 1896, and Basche & Johns will put a force of men to work in the timber without loss of time.

The Willamette Hoppers' Association met in Independence recently, and decided that at the next regular meeting, which comes on the 1st day of August, the members would consider the advisability of picking hops and also the price to be paid this year. They also extend an invitation to all hoppers of Dallas, Buena Vista and surrounding country to be present at that time, and join with them in discussing all matters of interest.

Washington. G. W. Corning, of Olympia, died in that city last week at the age of 81. He was born in New York.

The Populist party of the state of Washington will hold its state convention at Ellensburg August 12.

A. B. Weed, of North Yakima, says the Yakima hop crop will probably not be more than 5,000 bales this year.

The cost of "exporting" the books of King county will be not less than \$6,000, and the highest estimate is \$21,000.

The county treasurer and auditor of Thurston county have been directed by the commissioners to invest the sinking fund of \$8,000 in state warrants.

The county commissioners of Lincoln county will this fall submit to the voters a proposition to move the county seat from Sprague to Davenport.

The farmers of the Kennewick valley are busy cutting their second crop of alfalfa, and the yield is good. They find a good market for their hay among the sheepraisers.

The Ocoosa mill is no more. All the machinery has been taken out and shipped to Cosmopolis. Over \$75,000 has been lost in attempting to operate the mill at Ocoosa.

The total loss by fire in the city of Spokane has been less during the last twelve months than during any previous similar period since the paid fire department was established.

The eldest son of H. H. Spaulding, of Almota, was dragged by a runaway team through a barbed wire fence the other day and his clothing completely torn from him. He was scratched from head to foot, but not so deeply but that his wounds will soon heal.

A POOL TO SUPPLY GOLD

Plan of New York Bankers to Check Exports.

New York, July 27.—The Evening Post says the committee of foreign bankers appointed at the meeting yesterday to formulate a plan for the checking of the exports of gold during the next two months is not expected to report for two or three days. It is the intention to arrange a pool by which all demands for exporting may be supplied during that time. This morning there was a decline of one-half cent in the posted rates for sterling exchange.

The bankers present at yesterday's meeting today referred all questions to J. P. Morgan. An associate of those present said, in speaking of the result of the meeting:

"The report that foreign bankers have agreed to sell exchange not to exceed \$15,000,000, and have promised not to ship gold for two months, is hardly correct. We have, however, been assured \$15,000,000 in the next two months, to be provided by a syndicate comprising powerful local and international interests, at a price lower than the cost of exporting gold to Europe. The details of this agreement have not been arranged."

Seventeen Millions Deposited.

New York, July 27.—The subtreasury officials and staff were rushed today receiving and keeping tally of the deposits of gold made by the New York banks in exchange for greenbacks. All indications point to an aggregate accumulation of the precious metal from banks and institutions in this city and from outside financial centers fully up to the estimates made in these dispatches, \$25,000,000. The corrected official total of deposits at the subtreasury from the inception of the movement to the close of business today was \$17,755,000, the deposits bringing the treasury guarantee in the reserve up to approximately \$102,564,525.

AFTER ORIENTAL TRADE.

Chicago is Now Working for a Trans-Pacific Line.

Chicago, July 27.—The publication of the negotiations between President Hill, of the Great Northern, and Mr. Masujima, of Tokio, for a steamship line between Puget sound and Japan has developed the fact that Chicago men already have practically completed arrangements for such a line of steamers, which it is expected, will give them almost complete control of the business between the United States and the Orient.

In the venture of the Chicago men, it is understood the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad has an interest and the company is ready, if necessary, to break its alliance with the Southern Pacific and the Huntington interests in order to carry out the new scheme. The value of the trade with the Orient is appreciated fully by all the transportation and commercial interests of the country, and there is no fear that there will not be traffic enough to make the new line profitable. San Diego is the present terminus of the Santa Fe road, and if it could carry freight to the docks of a trans-Pacific steamship company there its tonnage would be vastly increased.

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE MOUTH

Suicide in Athena of Judge Edward Depaest.

Pendleton, Or., July 27.—Judge Edward Depaest was found dead in his office in Athena at 1 P. M. today, having committed suicide. He was missed at home Tuesday night, and his family thought he had come to Pendleton. They telephoned here Wednesday, and, learning nothing of his whereabouts, commenced search. Today L. D. Leavelly and Deputy Marshal Dhalson entered his office through a window, and found him lying on a lounge. His arms were across his chest, the right hand holding a revolver, the muzzle of which was in his mouth, the bullet having passed through the roof of the mouth and lodged in the brain. The room was quite dark, the curtains being drawn.

At the inquest it was found that the cause of his death was a gunshot wound inflicted by his own hand on or about the night of July 21. He was known to have threatened to commit suicide several times, and had been drinking heavily.

He was 50 years old. He leaves a widow and three children. The deceased had been six years in Athena, having gone there from Southern Oregon.

A Deathbed Marriage.

New York, July 27.—Howard F. Benedict, a young Wall-street broker, the son of James H. Benedict and a nephew of F. C. Benedict, the banker and personal friend of President Cleveland, died yesterday, a few hours after he had married Miss Margaret Lloyd, a society belle of Cincinnati. Mr. Benedict had become engaged to Miss Lloyd in March. When it became known a few days ago that Mr. Benedict's condition was critical, a telegram was sent to Miss Lloyd. She reached the city yesterday. Soon after, in company with a physician, she went to the bedside of Mr. Benedict. He was sinking fast, and it was at his earnest request that the marriage ceremony was performed.

Sheriff's Commutation.

The judgment of the lower court was reversed by the supreme court of Washington in Olympia, in the case of Walter H. Soderburg, appellant, vs. King county, respondent. This action was brought by the plaintiff as assignee of divers persons, judgment debtors in various foreclosure proceedings, claiming to be entitled to the surplus arising from each foreclosure sale. There was no redemption in any case and the plaintiff in each action became the purchaser. It appears that the amount claimed as surplus was the sum claimed by the sheriff as fees and commission. In conducting sales the sheriff paid into the county treasury several amounts under the mistaken belief that it was his duty to deduct a commission from the amount bid in each instance. There were thirty-four causes and the aggregate amount claimed \$2,004.84.

How a Quarrel Ended.

In Cincinnati, shots were heard at the residence of William T. Wiley, a ladies' tailor and furrier, on West Fifth street. Mrs. Wiley was found bleeding from six bullet wounds, and her husband was unconscious with a bullet hole in his temple. The woman died on the way to the hospital. Wiley's wound was superficial, the ball glancing off the skull. The couple, after frequent quarrels, had separated, but began to live together again about three months ago. Wiley says his wife shot him. He then seized the weapon and fired at her.

An 11-Year-Old Boy Murderer.

In Chicago, Harry Rudolph, aged 11, struck two blows with his puny fists, and his opponent, Grover Hansen, aged 9, fell dead at his feet. The lads were having a boyish quarrel, and young Hansen started to run. Rudolph followed in swift pursuit, catching the lad near the curb, and struck him in the face and abdomen. Little Hansen covered his face with his hands, fell backward, and expired. Young Rudolph was locked up.

The Ballot Thieves.

The city council of Tacoma, in special session, offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves who stole the ballots of four precincts from the vault at the city hall. Mayor Fawcett has offered a reward of \$300. The evidence thus far secured indicates that the breaking into the vault was started about two weeks ago, and finished between last Saturday night and Tuesday morning.

General George W. Jones Dead.

General George W. Jones, the oldest surviving ex-United States senator, died at his home in Dubuque, Ia., aged 92. He represented as a delegate to congress the territory now included in Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and the West, except the Pacific coast. He was the state's first senator, and was prominent in national affairs, especially of the Northwest.

Cripple Creek Stage Held Up.

The Cripple Creek stage was held up near Grassy, five miles east of there, by three masked men, who obtained twelve gold watches and \$500 in cash. The passengers included thirteen men and two or three women. The latter were unmolested by the robbers. A posse with bloodhounds is on the trail of the highwaymen.

Franchise Granted.

The council of the town of Castle Rock has granted to H. Orchard a thirty-year franchise for the construction of a water and sewer system. The water will be taken from a mountain stream about two miles below town, and carried to a reservoir on the rock south of town, to an elevation of about ninety feet above the town.

Consumptive Milk Cows.

Milk Inspector Dockery, of San Francisco, says fifty per cent of the cows which supply milk for San Francisco are consumptive, and will have to be killed. There are 6,700 cows owned by the dairies of the city, and of these fully 3,000 are diseased, and the milk from them is unfit for use.

For A Second Convention.

At a meeting of the gold-standard Democrats, held in Chicago, it was decided to hold another national convention not later than September 2. A meeting will soon be held in Indianapolis to decide on the place.

Two Bodies Found.

Skamokawa, July 27.—The body of Frank Peterson, one of the unfortunates who, with Mrs. A. R. Crosby and Charles Newell, drowned May 12 last, near this point, was picked up by the seine at T. K. Johnson's seining ground yesterday morning. The remains were naturally very much decomposed, and were only recognized by the clothing and shoes. This is the first appearance of any of the ill-fated young people. They were supposed to have been washed out to sea by the heavy freshets. Another body was also picked up near Brookfield, about the same time, but those who saw it say it is not that of young Newell, but that of a man who had not been in the water more than a week. The remains of young Peterson were buried here today.

Glass in oven doors is a new contrivance. It enables cooks to watch the food without opening the doors.