

Resume of Events in the Northwest.

PRECEDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

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

Wool is being sold in Athena at a good price, and is scarce at that.

A number of proprietors of stores in Astoria have begun closing their places of business at 7 o'clock P. M.

W. H. Krause, of Company C, Pennington, says that the members of the company will soon qualify as sharpshooters. This will give the company the honor of showing at the encampment, and there be one next June.

The irrigating canal on the west side of the Hood river valley is nearing completion and will furnish water for irrigation of that entire section.

The first National bank of Heppner has been organized. It has a capital of \$27,000 and a surplus of \$10,000. One hundred shares of \$100 each are all of the stock that has been sold in Heppner.

A party of hunters on the Nehalem reported to have killed four elk the other day. When they returned to the elk out of the woods, they found two large black bears after the elk. In order to get the elk they had to kill the bears, which they did.

The Weston mills have completed a 100-ton order of flour for China. A shipment of five carloads was made last week. A car of flour and a car of feed were shipped to Portland.

The Astorian has the largest car ever used there, and held 350 barrels. An order has recently been received from San Francisco for two carloads.

A party of government engineers has been in Salem and began a survey of the Willamette river there, preparation to the work of building wharves above the city, which are to protect the point at the Polk county side, and to keep the river in the old channel.

It will also be determined what bars in the river are to be removed in order to keep the channel clear and protect the river banks. The work will be done moderately, though there was a noticeable improvement at the first of the week over the work during the closing days of last week, says the Astorian.

The run of the river has not yet commenced, but it is looked for within a few days, and which time the canners will not be any particular efforts to increase the daily packing.

The civil engineer who has been in charge of the Blue river mine surveying a route for a wagon road reports having selected a splendid route for a road up the creek to the Lucky Boy mine, and that the grade will be an easy one.

It is in the employ of the London Extension Company, which has recently purchased that property. This road will not be of benefit to Gold Hill.

Washington. The Pierce county fair has ended. The association will be nearly \$2,000 after all expenses are paid.

Citizens of Oakesdale have succeeded in establishing a free reading-room in the city for the use of workmen.

It is reported that some sort of worm eating the grasshoppers that have been so numerous in the vicinity of the river.

The lumber shipments of Washington this year are slightly over 20,000,000 feet larger than for a like period in 1895.

A VISIT TO PORTLAND.

Oregon Industrial Exposition a Complete Success.

Special Correspondence. Portland, Or., Sept. 23.—The trip to this place was pleasant as the weather was fine. We arrived safe Saturday morning; and that evening we attended the Portland Exposition.

The music hall is a revelation of beauty this year. Over the stage is a large Old Glory in electric lights; and every ten feet a row of incandescents around the concave roof illuminates the hall softly and beautifully.

The fruit exhibits are not so large this year as last; nor is the art gallery quite so full. The first floor exhibits, however, surpass in artistic taste those of '95.

Saturday night, the 26th, was Elks' night, and the biggest crowd of the season was present. There really was not room enough for comfort.

Ten thousand people occupy a great deal of space; and I have an idea that over that number was present. Governor Lord presided over the Elks' ceremonies. The lower floor was given up to the Elks, who, as Gypsies, had tents, before each of which was an elegant spieler.

Monday night, the 28th, was the Merchants' carnival, or Mardi Gras. This was a real panorama of the manufacturing and commerce of this neck of the woods. A full account of that, however, must go over till my next letter.

On entering, the first exhibit is that of Olds & King, greatest dry goods and housefurnishings store of the Northwest. Cut glass, exquisite table china and bric-a-brac occupy a large space.

You know, I always liked this house. Last Fourth, it was the only big retail house shut all day. It gave twice as much to the celebration fund as competitors who kept open half day to "recoup."

Olds & King's fall catalogue is out, free to all by mail on request. With it one may shop as well by mail as in person. Olds and I are old friends, and his house's word is as good as any government bond.

There are many novelties at the Exposition. Every afternoon and evening there is excellent music, besides special features in the evenings. When you think that all this wealth of amusement, entertainment and instruction may be had for twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children, it is easy to see that in spite of hard times, the hall presents an animated scene every night.

It felt like receiving old friends when I looked at Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.'s great display of farm wagons, wood carts, and agricultural machinery. The wagon I bought of this house four years ago has never cost me one dollar for repairs.

The firm has removed to immense quarters at First and Taylor, where in spite of dull times, its enormous business has grown. This comes from selling only best goods on guarantee, and, as far as my experience goes, at less dollars than elsewhere.

Monday I took a walk through the new city hall here. It is truly a magnificent structure. In years to come the wisdom of having such municipal accommodations will be justified in public approval at the outlay which at one time caused no inconsiderable difference of opinion among members of all parties.

The biggest clothing store I ever saw is the Famous, Second and Morrison. What's more, the great business was built on the one price system, with best \$10 men's suits and \$10 overcoats as leaders. They perhaps sell more \$6.50 macintoshes than all Portland put together.

mail orders coming from farmers and logging camps all over the Northwest. Visitors are always welcome. The vast establishment is worth as much to see as any feature of the Exposition.

Our little party will be here for a week or two longer. Tell the boys we are having a pretty good time, but will be home to vote. EZEKIEL.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

Confidence is Being Restored in Business Circles.

New York, Sept. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: A very moderate and distinct improvement is seen, no longer only in the buying of materials, which continues at stiffer prices, but also in orders for products of some industries.

Continuing arrivals of gold have raised the treasury reserve above \$125,000,000, strengthened the banks and relaxed the stringency in commercial loans, so that at about 1 per cent lower rates more business was done than in three previous weeks.

Hoarding is no longer reported, but some hoards are being unlocked. The movement of crops continues large, and purchases for exports have advanced prices or prevented depression.

While the gains in working force is not great, it seems clear that, for the first time in many months, there is some gain. An important change is the general advance in produce, and especially in wheat, which rose sharply, closing 5 1-8c higher for the week, with much buying, apparently for foreign account.

RAN AWAY TO GET MARRIED.

Sensational Elopement of Two Ohio Young People.

Oberlin, O., Sept. 28.—Miss Alice Price, formerly an Oberlin student, and Henry C. Fritchler, of Los Angeles, have eloped from Oberlin.

Miss Price is but 17 years old and was visiting her aunt there, Mrs. Wood. She is a beautiful girl, and her parents are missionaries in the Micronesian islands. They are so many thousand miles away that they can only communicate with the daughter at intervals of many months.

The groom is 22 years old, and says that his father is a wealthy business man. The couple disappeared last night, and after they were safely out of reach Mrs. Wood received a letter from young Fritchler in which he said: "We will be, by the time you receive this, married, either in Cleveland or Detroit."

After the departure of the couple a student named Adenbrook, with whom Fritchler roomed here, missed \$30 and a dress suit.

Trouble Brewing in South America.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 28.—There are fears here of another invasion from the Peruvian force, which was recently repulsed. The invading force consisted of 100 rebels, of whom twenty-seven were killed and seventeen were made prisoners.

All the arms, ammunition and stores of the rebels were captured. All the political prisoners at Guayaquil have been released by order of Alfaro, commanding the loyal forces. A correspondent at Bogota telegraphs that El Centenal, a newspaper, has been suspended by the government for printing an article entitled "Weyer and Carr," stigmatizing both as being notorious throughout the world for their ferocious and bloodthirsty instincts.

A Boom in Pugilism.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—From present appearances, San Francisco is about to experience another boom in pugilism. This morning the health and police commissioners of the board of supervisors recommended the issuance of permits to five different clubs for fistic contests, and two or three have already been granted.

When the applications came up for consideration Supervisor Benjamin said they might as well report favorably on all of them, so the Eureka Athletic Club, which is trying to get the Corbett-Sharkey fight, will get a permit to give a boxing contest on November 26.

Advance in Wheat at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Wheat prices are up, and the indications are that they will remain so. Within the last three weeks they have advanced \$3 a ton, and as the surplus crop of the state is estimated at 700,000 tons, this means a profit of over \$2,900,000 for California farmers.

The cause of the rise in price is the decrease of the world's supply of wheat. The surplus has been exhausted, and England, having been cut off from several sources of supply, is looking to this country for wheat.

Robbed a Foundry.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Two men, disguised, committed a daring robbery at the Union Foundry Company's office at Brighton Park this afternoon, robbing the company of \$1,600. They then escaped by means of a buggy, but not before they had shot one man and fired several shots into a crowd of people who were chasing them.

Nihilists Were Making Ready.

London, Sept. 25.—It transpired today that enough cordite to blow up a house was discovered on Monday, hidden in a hollow pillar on Stamford street, which is inhabited by Russian Hebrews, suspected of nihilism.

GUITEAU OF BAD MEMORY.

Display in Salem of a Collection of Gruesome Relics.

Salem, Or., Sept. 28.—The memory of Charles J. Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, has been revived here by a display of relics by a business house. The collection is the property of F. S. Lull, nephew of John C. Crocker, who was warden of the Washington city jail during the time of Guiteau's incarceration.

Among the collection is a piece of the hemp rope with which the assassin was hanged, and also a piece of the cotton rope that his hands were tied with. Each is about 1 1/2 inches long.

Warden Crocker died two years ago, but Mr. Lull has a certificate in his uncle's handwriting that the hemp memento was cut from the rope that hanged Guiteau. The collection also contains a bottle of the sand used in testing the strength of the hangman's rope.

A relic among the collection that attracts special attention is a facsimile of the bullet that was aimed at the prisoner by a jail guard. The bullet, after passing through Guiteau's coat and a photograph in his pocket, struck the brick wall and flattened out. The shape of the lead when picked up bore such a marked resemblance to the bust of Guiteau that it was preserved, and facsimiles have since been made.

During a part of the time of the assassin's confinement in jail, his mail matter was two to three wagonloads a day. It consisted mostly of letters denouncing Guiteau, often accompanied with hideous drawings and pictures, and the contribution of a bouquet by one person, Edward Dickey, a Washington florist.

The collection secured from Mr. Lull contains a preserved leaf from the bouquet and the card which accompanied it. On the card is inscribed: "We meet in paradise. Farewell." Another neatly written card of the collection reads: "You call yourself Git-tow, You villainous, murdering imp; But we are glad to know You surely will get hemp."

A pen-and-ink drawing pictures a jail with an empty cell and a scaffold in the rear. Below the empty cell is written: "Empty is the cradle, Charles Guiteau is gone." Another represents Guiteau in agony just after the trapdoor has been sprung. The picture is designated as "the irresistible impulse."

A pin, the head representing the assassinated president, is accompanied with the instructions that it be worn June 30, 1882, the date of the execution. The Lull collection contains a vast amount of Confederate money. One bill for \$50 is made payable two years after secession has triumphed.

AN OLD MAN'S BRIDE.

Pioneer Sanborn's Honeymoon Has an Unpleasant Ending.

Jackson, Cal., Sept. 28.—A few days ago B. S. Sanborn, an 82-year-old pioneer, was introduced to Mrs. Julia Hughes, a recent arrival from Oakland. It was a case of love at first sight, and Sanborn proposed marriage immediately.

Next day the two were married and started off on a wedding tour, followed by the good-natured congratulations of the townspeople. The following day they returned and settled down in Sanborn's house. The couple seemed very happy, but today Sanborn's little romance came to a sudden end.

The old man took his customary nap today, and when he awoke he missed his wife, also \$400. He investigated and found that Mrs. Sanborn had hired a horse and departed with her trunk to some point outside of the county. Sanborn swore out a warrant charging his bride with grand larceny, and the sheriff is now pursuing her.

A Mayor's Novel Idea.

San Diego, Sept. 28.—Mayor Carlson sent a novel communication to the council last night. A resolution had been introduced strongly criticizing the mayor "for cavorting around the country," and the mayor replied to it by setting forth his plans if elected congressman.

He bases his plea for support on a bill he proposes to introduce in congress, providing for the expenditure of \$500,000,000 in the erection of government buildings in every county seat in the nation. To pay for this, the government is to issue "public improvement scrip," which will be met with money saved from rental. The resolution criticizing the mayor has not yet come to a vote.

Turks Desecrate a Cemetery.

Canea, Sept. 25.—The Turks have desecrated and profaned the cemetery at Suda bay under the eyes of the officers of the British and Austrian men-of-war. During negotiations for the Cretan settlement Great Britain and Russia agreed to permit Greece to annex Crete at the first opportunity presenting itself.

Massacre of Armenians Continue.

Constantinople, Sept. 24.—Disturbances occurred September 18 at Gushmaden, villayet of Karpoot, owing to an incursion of Kurds. No details have been received. Troops have been dispatched to the scene. The Armenians were murdered at Angora, September 19, on account of an outbreak of fire.

WRECK OF THE ILTIS.

Particulars of the Sad Drowning of Her Crew.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—While the story of the loss of the German gunboat Iltis has already been told, the Doric, which arrived from the Orient yesterday, brought additional particulars as to the death of all but eight of her crew.

After the vessel struck on the reef near Southeast promontory and began to break up, it was realized by the officers and men that no human efforts could save them. The majority of the crew were gathered aft, where Commander Lieutenant-Captain Braun and the officers of the watch and Lieutenant Prasse were standing on the bridge.

At the moment of the gravest danger the captain gathered the doomed crew about him and called upon them to give three cheers for the emperor. They were given with a will, and, waving their hats at the flag that floated over them, the brave sailors showed their fidelity to the fatherland and took a farewell of life.

When the cheering was going on the ship broke in two near the foremast. The masts toppled and fell, and as they went down they crashed through the bridge and swept several men into the sea with their tangle of rigging.

Just as a big wave came curling toward the lost vessel, Gunner Raehn requested the men to join in singing the national hymn. They grasped each other's hands, and with their voices mingled with the howling of the storm, they went down to their death in the sea.

EMMA WAS DERANGED.

Not Responsible When She Tried to Kill "Lucky" Baldwin.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—It took just two minutes for a jury to decide today that Miss Emma Ashley was insane when she fired a shot at E. J. Baldwin in Judge Slack's court a few months ago. Miss Ashley's sister, Lillian, sued Baldwin for damages for seduction, and the trial of that case was in progress when the shooting occurred.

Emma Ashley sat behind Baldwin, and, holding a pistol close to his head, fired. The bullet grazed the scalp of the lucky man, but did no further damage. Miss Ashley was seized, and in the excitement that followed there came near being another shooting affray between Baldwin's manager, Unruh, and Attorney Crittenden. The testimony in the trial of Emma Ashley showed that she had become deranged through worry over her sister's case, and because of insufficient nourishment.

Taxing Foreign Vessels.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—The chamber of commerce does not approve of the state taxing ships engaged in foreign trade. Certain sections of the constitution of the United States, it is claimed, expressly provide that taxation of foreign trading ships be regulated by congress. In this harbor ships are taxed in the same manner as other property, and for that reason many of the owners register at the other ports, where there is little or no taxation.

In most of the Atlantic states all taxation of this class is withheld. The chamber of commerce intends to do away with the present system if possible, and to that end it will endeavor to get the matter before the United States courts.

Bold Daylight Robbery.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 25.—The most daring daylight robbery this year was perpetrated today, when four men entered Baptista & Thomas' grocery and saloon and walked off with a tin treasure box containing over \$150. The robbers were pursued by Thomas through the railroad yards, and about fifty others joined in the chase. Finally the robbers threw the box containing the money under a passenger car, where it was found by the owners. The thieves escaped.

Extending Steamship Trade.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—It is understood here that United States capitalists are negotiating with the Russian government for the establishment of a rapid steamship service between San Francisco and Vladivostok. It is also said that a French company is being formed, supported by the minister of commerce, to run a regular steamship service between Dunkirk and Vladivostok.

Rescued Sailors Brought In.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 25.—The banking schooner Charlie Mayo has brought in eight men who were rescued from the sinking French vessel Jessie on the grand banks Saturday, when the ship had broken apart in the heavy seas. A blue and white flag picked up recently near Wadham island is believed to mean another marine disaster.

A Mining Engineer's Suicide.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 25.—Today the body of a man apparently two weeks dead was found at a lonely spot south of the levee. A bullet hole in the temple and a pistol with one empty chamber showed the manner of the man's death. Papers on the remains indicate that he was Walker Henry Howard, a Madagascar mining engineer, who had come here recently from Portland.