

NOTES AND NEWS.

The fact that Samuel J. Randall, son of the famous democratic statesman, was a delegate to the recent republican state convention of Pennsylvania has attracted considerable comment but a shrewd newspaper writer remarks there is little significance in it; that Randall was a pretty good man, but he was not a very good democrat on economic questions.

The United States came out ahead in the great international yacht race off New York harbor Saturday, the Defender beating the English yacht, Valkyrie III, eight minutes in the thirty mile course. The second race will occur tomorrow and continue on alternate days until one boat or the other has won three times, which will quiet the title to the America cup until the next challenger comes along.

Since the days when "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" the expression, for joking purposes only, of "give Johnny a leather gun" has often been used, supposedly because no more ridiculous idea could be invented than that of a leather gun. It may not be so used any longer as there has been invented a veritable rawhide cannon, which after the severest tests at the U. S. proving grounds at Sandy Hook, July 23d, came out cool and unimpaired, under a pressure of 30,000 pounds to the square inch. The Yankee can lick the world with a leather gun.

In the U. S. district court at Portland Friday Judge Bellinger disposed of the Chinese conspiracy charges against Jas. Lotan and Seid Back, upon which they were convicted, by sentencing Lotan to pay a fine of \$8000 and the type Chinaman \$5000. Mr. Lotan immediately wrote out his check for the \$8000 fine, deposited it with the clerk of the court, and walked forth relieved of the charge which has been hanging over him so long but which those who know him best prefer to believe he is innocent of. Seid Back, the Chinaman, was unable to raise the amount of his fine at last report but it will probably be forthcoming to release him too of the charge.

Railroad Vicissitudes.

The last volume of Poor's "Manual of Railways" contains some very striking data, from which conclusions of value might be drawn by persons possessing the necessary collateral knowledge. Apparently, some of these conclusions would be opposed to existing theories. For example, it has been supposed that the consolidation of lines contributed to economy of management and increase of earnings. The reverse would appear to be true. There are only two well-known roads in Poor's list whose mileage has not been increased materially in the fifteen years between the Boston & Albany and the Chicago & Alton. The one had 382 miles in 1880, and 389 in 1895; the Alton had 840 in 1880, and 843 in 1895. The Albany has paid 8 per cent every year of the fifteen without a thought of reduction. The Alton advanced its dividend to 8 per cent in 1881, and has kept that rate ever since.

No such showing can be made by the great roads whose mileage is given in the introduction to the manual now as compared with 1880. In the latter year the only lines in the country having more than 2700 miles of road were the Pennsylvania with 6421 miles, the Union Pacific with 3758, and the St. Paul with 3803. Now we have the Atchafalaya with 5621 miles, Northwestern with 7940, Southern Pacific 7362, Pennsylvania 7431, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 7208, St. Paul 6148, Missouri Pacific 5447, Great Northern 4904, Northern Pacific 4688, Great Northern 4828, and so on. Nearly half of these are in hands of receivers, and not more than two of the others pay dividends upon all their stock.

The explanation undoubtedly is that increase of mileage has been accompanied with enormous and often reckless increase of interest charges. The statistics for 1894 show the same rapid increase of bonded debt which has been the feature of all recent volumes of this manual. The bonded debt per mile of completed roads stands for that year at \$32,141, against \$31,119 in 1893, \$30,178 in 1892, and \$28,321 in 1891. In the last named year the stock exceeded slightly the debt per mile. Now the stock averages \$28,141. Stockholders are being crowded to one side by the prior liens. This is why so few of the lines pay dividends. The payments of interest by the roads altogether averaged 4.7 per cent in 1892, and now average 4.1 per cent. Dividend payments averaged 2.9 per cent in 1892, and have been falling steadily to 1.8 per cent in 1893, 1.6 per cent in 1894. Reductions of freight charges have been extensive—on tariff from an average per ton per mile in 1882 of 1.2 cents to 0.8 cents in 1894; on passengers from 2.4 cents per passenger mile in 1882 to 2.03 cents in 1894; and nearly all the losses from this source seem to have come out of stock.

It appears, however, that this reckless accumulation of debt and destruction of dividend-yielding capacity has been confined mainly to railroads in the South and West. Only 48 per cent was productive in 1892, and only 35 per cent in 1894. But in New England the productive percentage increased from 70 to 81 in the same time, and in the Northern Central group of states, containing the trunk lines, it increased from 50 to 56. In the Middle Eastern states the reduction of productive percentage was from 60 to 47. In the other five groups, covering all the Southern, Gulf, Southwestern, Northwestern and Pacific coast states, the percentage of productive stock has been reduced from an average of 5 per cent. This difference represents recklessness of management more than loss of earnings.—Oregonian.

And This is Morbid Curiosity.

The Durrant trial is dragging along drearily through detailed testimony before Judge Murphy at San Francisco. The following from the dispatches a few days ago tells the tale of each day's proceedings to a large extent:

Much that was told in court can only be hinted at; the full testimony can only be published in a medical journal or in some anatomical text-book. Dreadful were the details, they were listened to by a court room full of men and women, and those whom the inflexible rule of the court barred from the room complained in the corridor of their ill fortune, and stopped everybody who came from the courtroom to gain at second hand a hint of what was going on within the doors, from which they were kept by police and sheriff's men.

When the medical testimony was at its most delicate point, one woman arose, and with a frightened, flushed face crowded past the people on the row and left the court room. The other women, whose draperies she crushed as she pushed by them, looked at her indignantly. Not one followed her example. The nature of the case compelled an exhaustive cross-examination on these points, and nothing was softened or omitted, but the woman sat through it all.

We are now selling screen doors as low as \$1.25 each in order to clear up our stock. Norris & Co.

Jacksonville Items.

Mr. Frank Ennis has returned from the Evans creek soda springs.

Mrs. D. N. Birdseye, of Rock Point, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Colvig.

Mr. T. K. Bolton, Mr. Adolph Eddy and Mr. C. Mingo, of Ashland, and Mr. Geo. Brown and daughters, Misses Cora and Lottie, attended the funeral of Lewis Bilger in Jacksonville Thursday.

Mrs. E. B. Watson and her daughter, Miss Gertrude, and Miss Valene Kubli left for their home at Portland Saturday evening and will spend a short time visiting relatives in Roseburg en route.

Mrs. Dean and Miss Kittie Thornton of Grants Pass, came up on Friday and assisted Grand Master Colvig in the institution of Madrona Degree of Honor Lodge No. 12 of Jacksonville, on that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. N. went to Portland last week to be present at the marriage of Mr. W. L. Miller and Miss Matilda Ganong, which took place at the home of the bride's parents at Canemah, Sept. 5, 1895.

Mrs. A. H. Maegley and children and Miss Pauline Karewski, arrived from Portland on Monday. Mrs. Maegley will spend some time visiting her mother Mrs. G. Karewski and Miss Karewski will remain in Southern Oregon.

Grand Master Wm. Colvig assisted by Mrs. Dean and Miss Thornton of Grants Pass, and Dr. DeFarr of Jacksonville, instituted Madrona Lodge No. 12, Degree of Honor of Jacksonville and installed the officers. The new lodge starts out with the largest charter list ever recorded in the valley, and it will doubtless soon become one of the brightest stars in the constellation of fraternal organizations in the valley.

The funeral of Mr. Lewis Bilger who was drowned during the regatta at Astoria, took place in Jacksonville Thursday afternoon. Mrs. W. T. Moore and Mr. John Bilger, sister and brother of the deceased, accompanied the remains, and the interment was in the family burying place in Masonic cemetery. Rev. M. A. Williams was officiating. Friends of the deceased family from all parts attended the funeral. Many very beautiful floral tributes were placed upon the grave. The sincere sympathy of a host of old time friends is tendered to Mrs. Bilger and her family in their sudden bereavement.

MILLER-GANONG WEDDINGS.

Oregon City Enterprise: A very pleasant wedding ceremony took place at the residence of C. W. Ganong in Canemah Thursday at high noon. The eventful occasion was the marriage of Mr. Will Miller and Miss Matilda Ganong at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Dr. Charles Edward Locke, officiating. During the ceremony the bride and bridegroom stood under a canopy of roses and lilies, and the bride was attended in white and held a bouquet of white roses. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present, among whom were Col. and Mrs. R. A. Miller, Mr. W. and Mrs. Ganong, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howard and Mrs. Joseph Hedges. The young people are both native Oregonians, and held in popular esteem. The bride is one of Oregon City's most estimable young ladies, and the groom is a son of Hon. John Miller, of Jacksonville, and holds the position of his brother in the U. S. land office. They will reside in Canemah.

From Nebraska by Team.

The party of Nebraska emigrants referred to in a recent issue as en route to this section arrived several days ago and are now stopping temporarily south of Ashland until they can buy or rent farms upon which they propose to settle permanently. The party numbers 25 all told, comprising seven families, and among the heads of families are four who left behind their official positions in Hooker county.

A NEW KIND OF PINE.

Oregonian: Mr. A. J. Johnson, agent for the forestry department, is in the city again. For the past two months he has been roaming the country from California to British Columbia. He has not stayed long in any one place, and has been looking to see in what localities the forest trees are bearing the best crops, with a view of collecting seeds, principally of the conifers. He has also collected small specimens of different varieties of conifers, to be used as a miniature forestry exhibit, to be made by the forestry department at the Atlanta exposition. Something over a hundred specimens of the different varieties have been collected. He finds certain varieties of coniferous trees loaded with cones along the coast of the Great Northern. The extreme cold and large fall of snow in the southern part of the state, especially on the south slope of the Siskiyou, has caused the trees there to bear but very few cones this year, while the large crop in northern sections is owing to the milder winters there.

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know that the cranberry flourished at such an altitude, and within a hundred yards of eternal ice. He found on several occasions, while on the mountain for a week, patches of red snow, but has been unable to preserve it.

Circuit Court.

Circuit court for Jackson county convened this morning at Jacksonville, Judge Hanna presiding. The following is the grand jury, empaneled: Merritt Bellinger, John Devlin, Thomas Riley, I. A. Pruetz, W. R. Dickinson, Jas. Elliott, Henry Stauchli. As our report closed, the case of Fields vs. Fields, suit for divorce, had been called and set for trial afternoon.

R. R. Baptist Association.

Program of the Rogue River Baptist Association to be held with the First Baptist Church, Ashland, Oregon, beginning Friday, Sept. 13th:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13. 10:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, led by A. J. Wilcox. 10:30—Opening address, by the moderator. Adjournment. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. S. B. Chastain. 2:00—Address of welcome, by the pastor. 1:15—Preaching of the Introductory Sermon, by Rev. E. Russ. 3:00—Reading of letters and election of officers for ensuing year. 4:00—Report on Education and address by Rev. W. C. Jenkins. 5:00—Adjournment. 7:00—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. A. Brown. 7:30—Report on Home Missions and sermon by Rev. G. W. Gunn, Pastor, General Missionary for Oregon. Discussion.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14. 9:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. J. A. Slover. 9:30—Report on state paper and Christian literature, address by Rev. J. Merely of Medford. 10:30—Report on Temperance and address by Rev. F. S. Dulin, Grants Pass. Discussion, and any time, general business. Adjournment. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional Exercises, led by Bro. Hayes. 2:00—General business. 3:00—Report on Sabbath Observance. Discussion. 4:00—Sermon by Rev. A. M. Russell, of San Francisco, on "The Future of Missions." Adjournment. 7:00 p. m.—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. Dulin. 7:30—Report on Foreign Missions, with sermon by Rev. James Sunderland, of Oakland, Cal. Discussion and adjournment.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15.

9:00 a. m.—Prayer service for our persecuted brethren in China. 10:00—Sunday School, led by Bro. Farr of Grants Pass. 11:00—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Jenkins of Medford. 3:00 p. m.—Home Mission Rally. 6:00—Prayer and song service. 7:30—Sermon by Rev. James Sunderland. GEO. W. BLACK, Com. on Program.

Medford News.

Prof. G. A. Gregory, the new principal of the public school, has arrived from Neligh, Neb.

The school board advertise to receive bids until Sept. 16 for the construction of the new brick school building, building to be completed on or before the 15th day of December next.

Mrs. N. Hosmer and daughter, Miss Alice Mathews, of Gold Hill, are stopping at Hotel Nash for a few weeks. Mrs. Hosmer is here for medical treatment. Dr. P. Geary is the attending physician. Miss Alice is assistant station agent at Gold Hill.

The city council has offered \$1000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who set fire to the Medford public school building, and \$300 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons setting fire to any building in the town of Medford.

The city council on account of economy has declined to renew the contract with the electric light company for street lights and the streets are in darkness except for the two free lights which the company's franchise provide shall be furnished for two years. The city has paid \$40 per month for the street light service of four lamps the past year.

Thursday night as Harry Bosson was coming into town, and when near the Rogue River Valley railway depot, a man crawled from under the sidewalk, grabbed him and threw him to the ground, then relieved him of \$120, all the change he had. Bosson is a young man, about 18, and the robber is described as a large man. There is no clew to the highwayman's identity.

While people are talking about a short campaign it would be well to bear in mind that the pops are arranging to have speakers in the field in Oregon from henceforth. The first installment is expected at Salem fair time and others are booked for dates later on. This should encourage us to a more thorough organization of republican clubs throughout the state. Organization is the thing—and keep organized.—Statesman.

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County S. S. Convention. Central Point, Or., Sept. 4.—The Jackson county Sunday school convention closed its fifth annual session this evening. The attendance has been large and the session an interesting and important one. Dr. Dennis entertained the convention this afternoon with a fine illustration of normal Sunday school work. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, the Rev. F. G. Strange; vice-president, J. C. Whipp; secretary, Mrs. W. J. Pymale; treasurer, Mrs. K. C. Gibson; assistant secretary, R. A. Ork; executive committee, the Rev. F. G. Strange, Mrs. W. J. Pymale, F. T. Downing, G. L. Webb and the Rev. Robert Eanis. Jacksonville was selected as the place for holding the next annual convention.

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RACING PROGRAM. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

RACE NO. 1.—Trotting—Horses without a record; best three in five; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 2.—Running—Two-year-olds; one half mile; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 3.—Trotting and Pacing—Yearling's race; one half mile; two in three; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 4.—Running—Pony race; one half mile; best two in three; five to enter and three to start; purse \$25.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

RACE NO. 4.—Trotting—2:40 class; best three in five; five to enter and three to start; purse \$150. RACE NO. 5.—Running—Novelty race; one mile; best two in three; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 6.—Running—Pony race; one half mile; best two in three; five to enter and three to start; purse \$25.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

RACE NO. 7.—Trotting—Two-year-olds; one mile; best two in three; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 8.—Running—Three-year-olds; one half mile; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 9.—Running—Umbrella race; one mile; four to enter and three to start; purse \$25.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

RACE NO. 10.—Trotting—Three-year-olds; best three in five; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 11.—Pacing—Three-year-olds and under; best three in five; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 12.—Riding—Best lads equestrian; five to enter and three to start; purse \$25; \$15 to first and \$10 to second.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12.

RACE NO. 13.—Trotting—Free for all; best three in five; five to enter and three to start; purse \$250. RACE NO. 14.—Running—Free for all; handicap; one mile; five to enter and three to start; purse \$100. RACE NO. 15.—Trotting—Double team; for horses that have never trotted previous to this meeting for money; best two in three; three to enter and two to start; purse \$50. RACE NO. 16.—Walking—Horses under saddle; one mile; five to enter and three to start; purse \$25; \$15 to first money, and \$10 second money.

Records made by horses at Roseburg this year, and records made at this meeting, will not be a bar in any race named in this program.

BICYCLE RACE. A silver medal for bicycle race for boys 16 years old and under. Also a special bicycle race, free for all will be given. For further information, and premium list containing awards for 1894, address J. H. DOWNING, Secretary, Central Point, Oregon.

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