

THE WEATHER  
Fair tonight and Wednesday; probably light frost tonight.

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## GAY MRS. WAGONER

### She Elopes With Dead Outlaw's Brother.

## LEFT LARGE FAMILY

### Finder of Dave Merrill's Body Causes Great Sensation—Went to Seattle.

CHEHALIS, Sept. 16.—A sensation has been created here by the elopement last Friday of Mrs. Mary Wagoner, of Napa-vine, and Ben Merrill, a brother of Dave Merrill, the escaped Oregon convict, who was killed near Chehalis, by Harry Tracy. Mrs. Wagoner found Merrill's body in some bushes while she was out berrying, and is seeking to recover the \$1500 reward from the state of Oregon. The couple purchased tickets for Seattle. Mrs. Wagoner is 45 years old, having three married daughters and several younger children. Ben Merrill has been working in a livery stable at Chehalis for the last two months.

## GENERAL DELAYED

### Miles Will Not Sail for the Philippines Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—General Nelson A. Miles was scheduled to sail for the Philippines today on the transport Thomas, but owing to the delay in finishing his report his departure necessarily has been deferred a few days. The Thomas will be held at San Francisco until the commander of the army, accompanied by his aides, Colonels Whitney and Maus, reaches that city.

## MERGER HEARING

### Testimony Taken Before Examiner Ingersoll.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The hearing of testimony in the Northern securities merger case began this morning before Special Examiner Ingersoll, appointed by the U. S. Circuit Court of Minnesota. M. L. Grover represented the Great Northern, Charles Dunn, the Northern Pacific, George Young, and John W. Griggs, the Northern Securities. Solicitor-General Richards represented the government. The latter submitted a large number of depositions which he succeeded in having entered on the record after the argument. Counsel agreed that the previously given testimony following be accepted as testimony to prevent the suit. Bill Morgan, Perkins, C. S. Mellon, J. S. Kennedy, J. H. Schiff, W. E. Clough, Chas. Steel.

## ARBITRATION BEGUN.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 16.—The International Court of Arbitration has begun its first case in the claims of the United States against Mexico, originating from the Pious Fund of California. The latter originated in 1897 and was to be used for the establishment of California missions. The properties of the fund were sold later to the Mexican Government which guaranteed the church six per cent interest. When California ceded Mexico defaulted in 1869 and paid nine hundred thousand dollars arrears. Since then nothing has been paid.

### WILHELMINA BETTER.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
THE HAGUE, Sept. 16.—Wilhelmina, accompanied by the Prince Consort, this morning opened the sessions of the states general. She has apparently entirely recovered.

### MOLASSES TRUST.

TRENTON, Sept. 16.—The American Molasses Company with a capitalization of three million dollars secured a charter here today and is looked on as a new trust.

## NO COMBINE.

### Davis Sewing Machine Company Don't Want One.

DAYTON, Ohio, Sept. 16.—Vice-President Huffman, of the Davis Sewing Machine Company, says that there is absolutely nothing in the story of a sewing machine combine so far as his company is concerned. He believes the story to be a canard.

## A CLEAN SWEEP.

### Broom Trust Being Formed by Philadelphia Capitalists.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Well known capitalists of Philadelphia are forming a broom trust. The capital stock of the new organization is to be \$5,000,000. If the project is successful all the big broom manufacturing plants in America will be gobbled up by the promoters of the enterprise which will eventually control the broom industry throughout the entire world.

## PLAN TO GET HELP

### Will Assess the American Federation of Labor.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 16.—President Gompers and Mitchell, and other mine workers and officials are today discussing a plan to raise funds to enable the continuance of the strike. It is understood that the plan is to assess every member of the American Federation of Labor, of which there are a million and a half.

### STARTS WITHOUT WARNING.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 16.—Considerable surprise is being expressed at the opening of the Conyngham Colliery here this morning. No intimation of this action on the part of the operators had been made and the opening of the colliery was entirely without warning. Although sorely disappointed, the strikers made an effort to prevent the new men going to work. They gathered around the colliery but made no demonstrations of any kind.

## MASSACRED

### A Thousand Chinese Converts Have Been Butchered.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A News Agency Dispatch from Peking says Catholics here understand that from 300 to 1000 converts have been killed by Boxers in the province of Ece Chuen.

## LIPTON AFTER IT

### He Will Issue a Challenge for America's Cup Soon.

GLASGOW, Sept. 16.—It is authoritatively announced today that Lipton will challenge for the America's cup before the end of the week. Denny's Brothers, builders of the new yacht, Fife, say that the design of the new racer is not so elaborate and costly. The final details will be settled tonight.

## JURY DISAGREED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The second jury in the trial of Walter N. Dimmick, who is charged with robbing the United States Mint here of large sums of money, has disagreed. Dimmick was arrested on the evidence of witnesses who had seen him at various times leaving the Mint building carrying a dress suit case. This led the officers to believe that he was using that method to remove the coins from the premises and consequently his arrest followed.

## CERTAIN DEATH.

NORTH FORK, Sept. 16.—A bulletin here says that a gas explosion followed by a powder explosion with Big Four Mine yesterday imprisoned James Lester, John Rokey and fifteen negro miners. There is no possible chance of their being rescued alive as the mine is wrecked.

# FOREST FIRES ARE SLOWLY SUBSIDING

## What the Roll of Dead Will Be None Can Foretell at the Present, But Hourly Reports Make It Certain That

## It Will Surely Reach Fifty and May Be One Hundred--The Work of Mercy Being Rushed at All Points--Portland People Are Giving Generously to the Sufferers.

From all reports received from the outlying districts it is evident that the fire has run its course. While it is anticipated that there will be more damage done, it will not be of the magnitude as that of the past. It is not likely that more lives will be lost, unless some settler is caught in the isolated sections.

The death roll is increasing. It has been ascertained to a certainty that half a hundred lives have been lost. Dozens of others are missing and but little hope is entertained for their safety. The greatest devastation is throughout the dense fir and cedar forests of Lewis County. Settlers in the number of several hundred have fled from their homes and are located in this wooded wilderness and are struggling to clear the land and establish homes. They were in the heart of the woods, and when the flames leaped over the country they had no opportunity to escape without the loss of their property, and many of them could not save their lives.

The fires in the suburbs of Portland are all under control. Gresham, Lewis, Oregon City, Oswego, Pulten and Milwaukie are safe. The fire is still fierce at different points in the Sandy Valley.

## RALLY NOBLY TO THE RELIEF

### Fund for the Fire Sufferers Growing Rapidly.

The subscriptions for the relief of the fire sufferers are rolling in. The manner in which the call for assistance is being responded to is extremely gratifying to those who have in charge the work of soliciting donations. The fund will reach in the neighborhood of \$10,000 before the day is over. This morning the committee composed of N. Fleischer and W. B. Roberts, succeeded in raising in the neighborhood of \$300 among the business people on whom many called. Some of the churches have come to the front and made liberal donations in cash, and are actively engaged in getting together food, clothing and things necessary for the comfort of the victims of the fire. Arrangements are also made to provide medical assistance for those who suffered physical injury by the flames.

It is anticipated that the Shields' benefit on Friday night, will be a well patronized affair, and a large sum will in this manner be secured to place into the fund. Committees will probably be appointed to dispose of the tickets, and they will also be on sale at all the leading cigar and drug stores.

## FIFTY HAVE MET DEATH

### In Clark County, Wash.--Terrible Suffering--Danger Now Past.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 16.—Reports from the fire-swept districts this morning indicate that all danger from forest fires is past. Yesterday afternoon the sun shone brightly and the sky was clear for the first time in several days.

### LICENSE REDUCTIONS.

The Union Stock Yards Company has petitioned the city to have its license reduced from \$50 per quarter to \$15, as the present rate is out of proportion to the amount of business done. The petitioners say that at the time the license was fixed there was considerable complaint as to the way the yards were conducted but that now all objections have been removed. An ordinance granting the relief asked will be introduced at the next council meeting.

The Ames Mercantile Agency who are taxed \$5 per quarter, petition to have its license reduced to \$10 and that they stand ready and willing to pay the \$5 for the five quarters they owe. They claim that it is preposterous to pay as much as Bradstreet and Dunns agencies which operate all over the country while Ames is simply a local concern.

## FLAMES RAGE IN THE SOUTH

### Grants Pass and Rogue River Valley Shrouded in Smoke.

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 16.—Bad forest fires are raging in the pine-clad mountains east and south of here. Never before has Rogue River Valley had such a dense cloud of smoke hanging over it as it has at the present time. The smoke is heavier and more dense than the heaviest fog of the winter months. The sun is completely obscured and darkness settles down early in the afternoon. At eight thirty yesterday morning it was yet dark. It is almost impossible for one to read or write during the day without artificial light, and the atmosphere is stifling and disagreeable.

In the vicinity of Table Rock, south of this city, bad fires are burning, and on Steerling Mountain, farther south, heavy fires are raging through the pine woods. The only damage reported to be done up to the present time is the loss of timber. The fires are confined mainly to tracts owned by private parties. The government tracts over which the rangers are keeping vigil, are being kept free of fire.

## ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS

### Of Forest Fires Being Sent Out Generously From Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 16.—That the stricken people of the burned regions, especially those around Springfield, will soon have their bodily sufferings attended to, is made certain by the generous donations which are being received. One great pile of clothing and household goods is continually being added to at Burmeister & Anderson's by members of the Rebekah Lodge and others, while at the house of Rev. Bollinger another large pile is building. Everything asked for from money to hair pins is being given, all seeming to be only too eager to get their share there first. The money will be used to buy bread stuff and other wholesome foods unless the actual coin is needed.

If arrangements can be made in time Mrs. Robert Wilson will leave this afternoon for Springfield with the FIRST LOAD OF SUPPLIES.

She is a member of the Congregational Church and is well known to many of the sufferers so her judgment will be valuable in distributing the supplies. A second wagon load will leave the church on Friday or Saturday.

The Rebekahs will send their collections out on Wednesday and on Friday in charge of some cool person.

Although several tents have been received a few more are desired for many of the families are sleeping on the ground during these cold nights. Also those having food which they can spare a little of will greatly relieve the committee by leaving it at either of the receiving places. Enough food is being received to supply the present wants but these people will have to be cared for during the coming winter. The merchants are giving generously. One woman who managed to reach town clad only in a wrapper was rescued out entirely and sent home.

Reports which only add to the awfulness of the first accounts are received from every person coming from the burned district. In one case the husband was compelled to take his wife from her sick bed and run with her in his arms across the stubble fields before the flames. The most

### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

reported from anywhere was effected at this fire. The caretakers of Frank Bush's ranch whom everyone thought dead are still alive. It was this old couple who had to be driven from the burning house by a man with a drawn revolver and then refused to go another step after they had left the house a few rods. The whole place where they were last seen was soon a roaring furnace and it was believed that they were dead. Even Mr. Bush, their employer, went out Sunday morning prepared to bury their remains. This is their story: When the flames actually reached them and began their deadly work, they tried to escape but both fell into a narrow ditch partly filled with water and there they stayed for one whole day and a half. The water grew hot but the flames overhead were hotter so they stayed there until long after the flames had passed over until driven out by hunger. They are in a bad condition now as a result of their terrible experience.

## WILL ELECT COMMISSIONERS

### The Port of Portland Commission Will Meet This Afternoon.

The Port of Portland Commission will hold an important meeting late this afternoon. The principal business to be transacted is the election of a Commissioner to take the place left vacant by the death of Bernard S. Reilly.

## LEOPOLD COMING.

### BRUSSELS, Sept. 16.—Despite the denial that King Leopold would not visit America, it is positively stated that His Majesty expects to make the visit as soon as his affairs will permit.

## BODIES RECOVERED.

NORTH FORK, W. Va., Sept. 16.—The last of the 17 miners who were imprisoned by the explosion of the Algona mine, were recovered this morning. All were dead, notwithstanding the heroic efforts that were made to rescue them.

## WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Wheat—\$1.184 @ 1.174.

## FIRE TOPICS.

### Large Meeting of International Fire Engineers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Fire fighting in all its phases is to be discussed at the convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers which began its sessions at the Grand Central Palace today. From every point of view the convention is the largest and most representative gathering of its kind ever held in America, or probably in the world. The fire chiefs of Berlin, Hamburg and several other European cities are here to exchange ideas with the chiefs of the leading cities of Canada and the United States. The sessions will continue all week in conjunction with the gathering there is an elaborate exhibition of methods and apparatus.

## STRONG ACTION

### Government to Prosecute Merger Case of Northern Securities Co.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—That the government intends to take positive and strong action in the prosecution of its suit against the Northern Securities Merger is shown by the early presence here of Solicitor General John K. Richards, who has arrived from Washington. Testimony will be taken today before Frederick Ingraham, of St. Paul. Testimony similar to that in the Power case will be brought out. Morgan and Hill will be witnesses.

## TO PREVENT FIGHT

### Injunction Filed to Prohibit Corbett-McGovern Match.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 16.—An injunction suit was filed here this morning to prevent the Corbett-McGovern fight. There will be a hearing tomorrow.

## PROBING COMBINE

### The Meat Trust Scored by a Witness at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—Attorney General Crowe opened the meat trust investigation this morning by calling Thomas O'Sullivan, who has been identified with meat packing for 40 years, as a witness. He said he had been told by salesmen of the various coolers that a combine existed to hold up prices and that they knew weeks in advance when a raise was coming, regardless of the price of cattle. He also testified to the use of a chemical wash to restore the color of deteriorated meats and sausage. He said that the meats in sausage were not fit to eat, diseased hog kidneys, etc., being used. The cheaper grades were not smoked, but dipped in a chemical wash to give them a smoked appearance. They are believed to be decidedly pernicious to health.

## WILL ADJOURN TODAY.

When the United States Court of Appeals assembled this morning the case of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company, appellants, vs. Ginder Kettleton, was taken up. The case came up from the District Court in which Kettleton won judgment. This will be the last case heard by the Court of Appeals, after which it will adjourn to San Francisco.

Yesterday two cases were heard, that of Charles Sweeney, F. Lewis Clark and the Empire State-Idaho Mining & Developing Company, appellants, vs. Kennedy J. Hanley; and that of George W. Moore et al., appellants, vs. A. B. Hammond et al. The last case grew out of the Astoria railroad project and has been in court for three years. Moore & Moore, the appellants, complain that A. B. Hammond did not carry out his contract and by doing so they were deprived of their share of the profits which amounted to \$1,000,000. They allege that the agreement was that all the parties should raise the money with which to build the road and Moore & Moore should receive a four-fifths interest in the road, while Mr. Hammond claims there was no such agreement but Moore & Moore were to raise all the funds, and in their failing to do so he went ahead with the project.

## SALOON BURGLARIZED.

At an early hour this morning the saloon on Washington street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, was entered by breaking in the back door, and about 200 cigars and some whisky stolen.

## DEAL IN LUMBER

### Big Transaction in Eastern Oregon.

## THE LARGEST MADE

### Grande Ronde Company Sells Its Entire System to Nibley & Stoddard.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 16.—The Grande Ronde Lumber Company has sold its entire system of mills, timber lands and all property in Eastern Oregon, to Nibley & Stoddard, for approximately \$500,000. This is the largest deal ever made in Eastern Oregon, and one of the largest ever consummated in Oregon. Details of the transaction are not available at this time, but that the deal is actually made and closed is the assertion of persons who are in a position to know. The Grande Ronde Lumber Company has a fine plant at Perry, on the main line of the O. R. & N., between here and Pendleton in the Blue Mountains. It also holds immense tracts of timber land in the country tributary, and has done an enormous business.

Messrs. Nibley & Stoddard have been in the lumber business for years. Mr. Nibley being also connected with the Sumpter Valley Railroad Company, and with the best sugar factory at La Grande. Geo. Stoddard has been associated with him in the milling business at Baker City, and is also of the Amalgamated Sugar Company.

The purchase combines the two most extensive lumbering concerns east of the mountains under the control of Nibley & Stoddard.

## RECORD BROKEN

### Kron Prinz Wilhelm Beats Time of Deutschland.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The Kron Prinz Wilhelm broke the western trans-Atlantic record, arriving here this morning after a voyage from Cherbourg of 367 miles, in five days 11 hours and 57 minutes. The record was previously held by the Deutschland, which was 28 minutes longer.

## PLENTY OF CASH

### New York Primaries Are Exciting--Fight Is Bitter.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The bitterest primary fight in the history of the city is being waged here today between the several political factions which are struggling for control. The polls are to be open from 2 o'clock till 9 and surging masses of voters are struggling to deposit their ballots. Money is being lavishly distributed by the friends and supporters of Croker and Carroll in an effort to secure a majority for their leaders. A conservative estimate this morning places the amount of money spent by the opposing Tammany forces at at least a quarter of a million dollars. For the past month a bitter war has been fought by both factions and money has been generously distributed by leaders on both sides in the struggle for supremacy.

## COMPLIMENTS NAVY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford arrived on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm today. Commenting on the recent maneuvers he said the American Navy was in excellent fighting trim and is bound to maintain the respect of every other country on the face of the globe.

## THESE WON CIGARS.

The prizes for the guessing contest conducted by the Central Club here as to the number of paid admissions to the Elks' Carnival are ready for the winners. The holder of ticket 1066 gets first prize, 100 cigars; 1065 takes 75 cigars as second, while 337 and 1187 captured third and fourth place, respectively winning 50 and 25 cigars.