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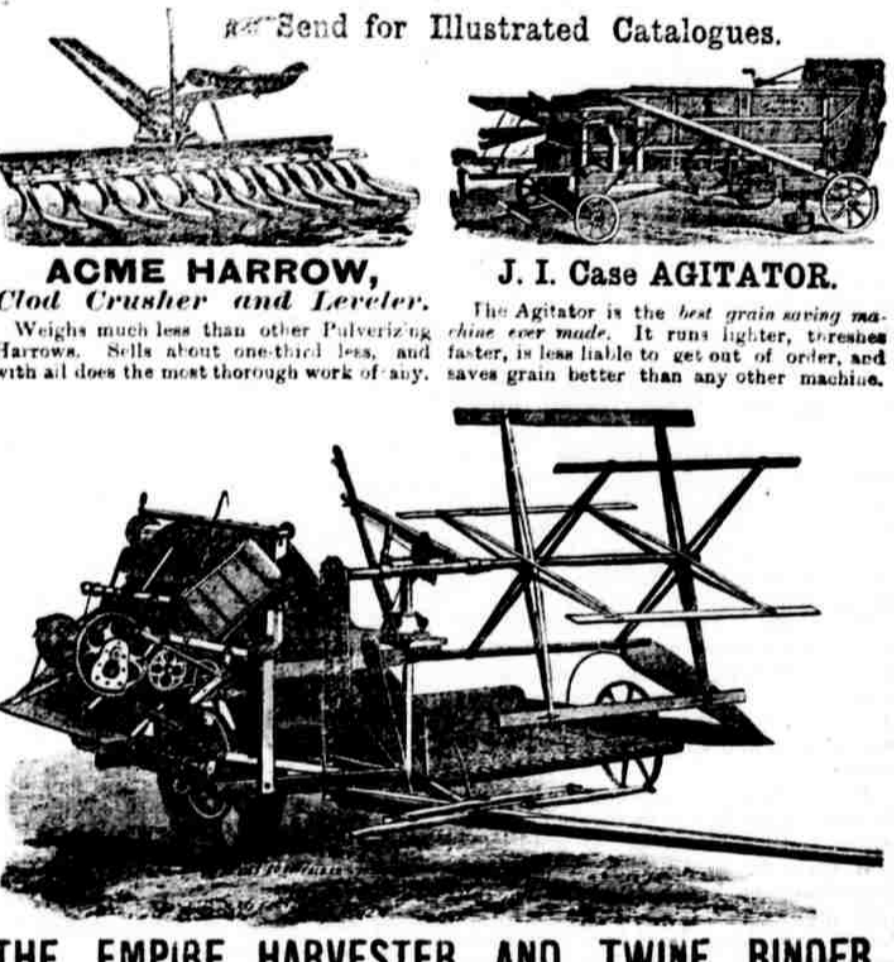
GENERAL NEWS.

New wheat 45c at Weston. Spokane county assesses \$1,507,988. Wheat is 60 cents in Jackson county. Whitman wool growers have organized at Colfax. Wheat in Umatilla county yields about 41 bushels to the acre. Bishop Paddock is building a \$6000 residence in Tacoma. Umatilla county has 110 school districts and a fund of over \$10,000. Indians are maneuvering in the low regions around the Sound waiting for a job. Owing to lack of water street sprinklers have stopped running. Gold is found on the Wynahchie, in Chehalis county. Recently the thermometer at Olympia was 95 degrees in the shade. The road from Yakima City is to be speedily built, from Ainsworth. The 11th infantry have taken the place of the 21st at Vancouver. A copper deposit has been found in the mountains north of the Chehalis river. A great Democratic ratification meeting was held last week in Faneuil Hall, Boston. Ben Miller, of Sardine creek, Jackson county, sold 600 pounds of plums from one tree. Cheap fares on the Sound are at an end. The O. R. & N. Co. has worn out competition. Spokane is infested with "vags" and thieves and they talk of having justice without law. Jake Mill, a well known old time stage man of Walla Walla, was killed at Otsville, New York. E. E. Mosler & Co. will require 550 pickers to gather their crop of 212 acres of hop vines. The first car load of wheat for the season left Blue Mountain station on Friday last for Portland. The railroad is now completed from Challis to Ketchum. Regular trains will run about August 20. The hop crop is good at Walla Walla. Fallon Rose, from 22 acres expect to realize \$12,000 clear profit. V. F. Fisk has purchased Bassett's interest in the Dallas Itemizer, and is now sole editor and proprietor. Food Bannenberg, Jackson county, Eden precinct, showed 3,375 pounds of wool from 375 merino grades. The Sumner, W. T., Lumber Co., has filed articles of incorporation; capital stock \$50,000, shares \$1,000 each. California will have a greater export surplus than last year but not so much as the large crop of three years ago. The residence of Mr. Savage, on the Dayton and Amity road, was burned to the ground last week. Loss \$1,000. A young man who fell from the J street bridge, East Portland, died in consequence of concussion of the brain. Geo. Oldridge, a 5-year man for stage robbery, at Colfax, has escaped from the Santee penitentiary. Fifty dollars is offered for him. Hendricks says one thing is certain, if the ticket is elected Cleveland and he will be inaugurated. There will be no Electoral Commission. John G. Whittier writes a letter and says he is not prepared to abandon the Republican party and hopes to see it roll up its usual majorities. Sexton & Ladd's saw mill and lumber yard at Palouse City, W. T., were totally destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$2,000. Harvesters are working day and night and Sundays, in Yamhill county, stopping only long enough to change horses and hands every five hours. A young man named Hayden, a brakeman on the O. R. & N. Co.'s road was so injured by being caught between cars that he died of his hurts. Felix Warren, a stage driver, was thrown from his coach by reason of a wheel running off while going down the Lewiston hill last week. The little Trotter, Jay Eye See, tried to lower his record the other day at Buffalo. He made a mile in 2:10, but his previous record was 2:10. In Montana of late cowboys have made war on horse and cattle thieves and have "dea lened" about thirty of them. Times are growing wholesome there. A telegram from Riparia says: A mile east of Moneken, on the Snake river branch, eight telegraph poles were struck by lightning, five destroyed. The wife of the freight clerk at Wal-lulu Junction, was drowned in the Walla Walla river recently. A brakeman who went to her rescue was also drowned. Business men of Seattle have held another meeting to devise ways and means to raise \$100,000 with which to complete the Cedar river extension; \$75,000 has been subscribed. At Joe Cannon's ranch, twenty miles north of Heppner, there is a well that can be lighted with a match and will burn a blue blaze, blue blazes in fact—all gas and no water as yet. Enormous wheat crops are found in Jackson county this year; some fields go fifty bushels to the acre. One three-acre field yielded 243 bushels of wheat. Frank Steward, aged 19, of West Chehalis, fell on a pitch fork last Monday, from a load of hay. One time passed through his left lung. His injury is considered fatal.

Oysterville, W. T., has been denied a daily mail route. The harvest in Nez Perce county, Idaho, is abundant. Spokane river is abundantly supplied with trout this season. Harvesting is proceeding satisfactorily in British Columbia. The late fire at Palouse City destroyed \$20,000 worth of lumber. Good bituminous coal is worth \$10 per ton at the Cle-elum mines. The Umatilla is still unfloatable. Large pumps have been sent for to the collieries. Albany Engine Co. No. 1 elected C. H. Stewart, W. Milles and C. W. Watts delegates to the State Firemen's Association. The vessels of the relief expedition having reached New York, we hear of funerals of the dead of the Greely party, who are buried at their respective homes. Many criticisms are made adverse to the Panama canal, but DeLespess asserts that he has all the money he needs and the work is going on as fast as he expected. Portland water works are not adequate to the supply of the city and there is not water for sprinkling streets or lawn bathing, as the water is shut off in the evening. The city of San Francisco has just sent home to China nineteen lepers. They were put in a pen and boxed up by the ship carpenter and will be well cared for on the trip. A week ago Saturday the dwellings on a good win farm, at La Camas, above Vancouver, were burned. Burning brush set fire by sparks thrown on the prevailing high wind. Loss, \$1500. Oliver, son of George Johns, near Dillee, in Washington county, was shot in the arm by a comrade when out hunting on Scoggin creek. The arm will probably have to be amputated. A \$25,000 band of blooded horses and mules driven from California, passed through Harrington, W. T., for Lake Creek, seven miles west. They left Yolo county, on June 3. There were 300. All the Eastern coast suffered a severe earthquake shock recently that lasted ten seconds and scared them worse than it shook them. It caused intense fear and wild alarm far and near. It was felt for a thousand miles. During a heavy thunder storm in Damascus, Penn., a merchant who had been struck by paralysis was completely restored by the effects of a stroke of electricity that hurried him across the room. The magnificent new hotel, Tacoma, on the bay in that city, was lately opened under very gratifying circumstances. It has cost \$200,000. The great grand hotel Villard started at Portland is open all the time, never having been enclosed. At a war veteran's meeting at Old Orchard, Maine, Mr. Blaine made a very eloquent address that was very well received. He viewed Maine's part in the war and paid a touching tribute to the dead. Cholera steadily spreads on the sea coast of France and in Northern Italy. Panic seizes small towns as the disease appears. Observation shows the presence of myriads of myriopic life in the water of infected districts. The Mountaineer learns from Wasco farmers that spring grain is much benefited by late rains and fall grain is not over half a crop. When summer-fallowed it yielded very great crops, but stubble plowed and sowed in the fall is light. Four Nookta Sound Indians were poisoned by eating raw clams at Port Discovery last week. They narrowly escaped death. The remedy used by them was the bark of cedar, from the tender shoots near the leaves, which was chewed and the juice swallowed. A cyclone struck the town of Wasco, Oregon, Tuesday week, from the southwest, blowing down the new Methodist church, Wisbeck's mill and other buildings. W. M. Barnett, merchant, was severely injured in the spine. It is said that 5000 people will be required this season to pick the hop crops of the Puyallup and White river valleys. The crop will be the largest on record, being double that of 1883. The picking season will commence about September 1 and continue twenty-five days. Several leading Japanese, who represent the commerce of that empire, are now visiting the United States to see about building up more intimate commerce between the countries. Their visit attracts much attention of Eastern business men as they are very prominent and highly educated in Japan. Service was held in a Pennsylvania church when the earthquake occurred and caused a fearful panic. There was panic all over Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and New England, but not as far south as Washington. There were services held in some places and prayers offered for safety. Payne, who has for years back been deluding people with the idea of taking up homesteads in the Indian Territory, has tried it again, leading in a party who had built several small towns. They were forcibly ejected by the government and their towns and all improvements and goods burned. Payne is both disgusted and arrested. Terrible scandal in the life of Grover Cleveland is made public lately concerning matters of thirteen years ago. Beecher and Schurz have examined them and the eloquent preacher and Schurz both agree that they are satisfied with the explanation. One New York paper intimates that Beecher had a little scandal of his own to explain about thirteen years ago.

The cholera still rages in France. Wheat is 50 cents at Goldendale, W. T. The Wall Street Bank has failed. It will pay in full. Cole gathered in upwards of \$6000 at Spokane Falls, W. T. Emancipation Day was duly celebrated in New York on August 12. Sheep men are fined \$50 in Klickitat county for bringing sheep from Oregon in violation of law. One of the cables near Victoria has broken, which prevents direct telegraphic communication. Indians going from Kittitas valley to the hop fields, avoid the Snoqualmie road, as the toll is too high. The mail contract for the route from Ellensburg to Seattle is going begging. Who wants a chance to bid? A cloud burst in a mining gulch near Alkali Lake, Kamboog, a day or two ago, carried a Chinaman out into the Fraser river. Mr. McMullen of Garfield county, W. T., had \$2000 in coin cached on his ranch, which the recent flood washed away. A public meeting in Victoria, denouncing the Chinese Commission as an invasion of the Dominion Government and a plot to beat restrictive legislation. The firemen of Albany are working with a vim to make the coming tournament a big success. Several new companies will join the association this year. Efforts are being made to organize for a county fair at McMinnville this fall, beginning September 30th and holding four days. The driving track is to be remodeled and a pavilion built. The Presbytery of Puget Sound held a short but pleasant and active session at Sumner, Pierce county, W. T. The questions mainly dealt with were the supply of vacant and new fields, and the But little is said lately about the Cour d'Alene mines, especially of a flattering nature. The majority of those who went there have returned without accomplishing their purpose, and to-day the camps are nearly deserted. J. S. Morgan threshed ten acres of wheat this week in Umatilla county, which yielded 475 bushels. Corn was cultivated upon the ground last year, which goes to show that corn ground will raise big wheat. Prof. W. S. Smith, teacher in the Oregon school for deaf mutes, in looking for pupils, he has been through Multnomah, Yamhill and Polk, and in those counties found nine. He will extend his travels through Southern Oregon. granting of aid for the erection of places of worship. There was also a brief discussion of the projected Sumner Academy. The hope is entertained that a handsome building for higher education will soon adorn that prosperous neighborhood. The Walla Walla Council has elected the following city officers: Police Judge, E. B. Whitman; Clerk, L. F. A. Shaw; Attorney, W. G. Langford; Treasurer, O. P. Lucy; Health Officer, W. G. Allan; Surveyor, J. B. Wilson; Street Commissioner, J. B. Brooks; Sexton, John McNeil. District Attorney Hyde, of Spokane county, W. T., has given the County Assessor an official opinion that the law passed by our last Legislative Assembly, providing for the taxation of all railroad property according to gross earnings of the road, is unconstitutional. There has been laid out and recorded the plat of a new town in Walla Walla county, to be called Touchet. The town is situated on the line of the O. R. & N. Co. and consists of five blocks, and at present contains two stores, a blacksmith shop, Postoffice, telegraph office and no saloon. Wilson and Hawkins, of Yakima, have bonded their copper mine in the Cle-elum district to a San Francisco party, for whom Mr. H. C. Walters, of Kittitas, is acting as agent, for the sum of \$6000. Of this amount it is said that \$1500 is to be put up for forfeiture in case the San Francisco parties fail to pay the remainder and take the mine. A telegram from Helena, Montana, giving the work of cowboys, says: A courier just arrived from near the mouth of the Mussel Shell river says that Granville Stuart's cows boys—a large band of horse thieves surrounded. The band is strong to be taken, but can be held until help comes. Reinforcements left Cottonwood Sunday and hot times are expected. The following is the wheat yield in Yamhill county: W. F. Coulter, Amity, 45 bushels per acre; C. N. Castee, 50, 40 bushels per acre; A. J. Baker, near Bellevue, 100 acres 45 per acre; J. R. Derby, McMinnville, 80 acres, 38 per acre; Wm. Goodrich, Dayton Prairie, 42 per acre; J. C. Baley, one field 30 and another 42 per acre; Jeff Davis, near Bellevue, 45 per acre. Hon. Wm. Galloway thinks that the average in his neighborhood will be between 35 and 40 bushels per acre for fall wheat; in many fields the yield is often 20 per cent. more than the owners estimate it. The above figures are "machine measure," actual weight will make about 8 per cent. more. The grain is large and plump.

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