

CRASHED INTO AN OMNIBUS

Serious Wreck in a Pennsylvania Town.

FIFTEEN KILLED OUTRIGHT

Several More Were Seriously Injured—Accident Occurred at a Grade-Crossing With No Watchman.

Slatington, Pa., August 14.—Fifteen persons were instantly killed and 11 others, several of whom will die, were seriously injured tonight in a grade crossing, about three miles from this city, a passenger train on the Lehigh Valley & New England railroad crashing into an omnibus containing 25 persons. All the dead and injured were in the omnibus. But three of the occupants escaped injury.

The omnibus passengers were returning to Slatington from a funeral. The dead and injured were nearly all relatives of Sophia Schoeber, whose obsequies they had attended. The accident occurred at 5 o'clock at a sharp curve. The train was a special, and was running at a lively rate of speed.

The omnibus came along at a good rate of speed, the occupants unconscious of any impending danger. As the bus swung around the curve the engine came in sight. It was too late to stop either the omnibus or the train, and as the driver of the former whipped up the four horses to cross the track ahead of the train, the latter crashed into its middle. The occupants were thrown in all directions, bruised and bleeding. The 15 dead were killed outright. Physicians and a special train were sent from here and the injured were taken to South Bethlehem.

No watchman is employed to warn teams or pedestrians of any approaching train, and those living in the vicinity state it is impossible to hear an approaching train. The horses drawing the bus escaped unhurt.

DID DOUBLE CRIME.

Murdered His Friend and Robbed the Express.

Columbus, O., August 14.—Charles R. H. Ferrell, a former employe of the Adams Express Company, was arrested this afternoon in this city, and confessed to the killing of Messenger Lane and the robbery of the way safe of the Adams Express Company, on the Pennsylvania east-bound train Friday night. One thousand dollars of the money he stole was recovered.

Ferrell was to have been married Thursday next to Miss Lillian Costlow, daughter of an engineer on the Pennsylvania line. He had been discharged from the employ of the Adams Express Company, and confessed that the motive of the robbery was to secure money for the approaching wedding. The money recovered he had given to Miss Costlow to keep for him, saying he had saved it from his earnings. Ferrell is but 22 years of age. He was at the home of his affianced and in her company when placed under arrest.

When the officers took him into custody he assumed a nonchalant demeanor, but when he found that he could no longer carry out the deception, he made a full confession. After his statement had been taken by Chief of Police Tyler and he was led to a cell in the police station, he was in a state of nervous collapse, and orders were given that he be watched closely to prevent his doing himself bodily injury.

The confession of Ferrell disclosed a premeditated and blood curdling crime, almost impossible to believe. He said he had become desperate because of his inability to secure employment and a realization of the fact that he must have money to defray the expenses of his approaching marriage. The robbery, including the murder of Express Messenger Lane, had been planned carefully. Ferrell had no accomplices and no confidants. He knew Lane well. In fact, they were friends, and he relied upon Lane's confidence to help him execute the crime. He knew that considerable money was always carried by the messenger between St. Louis and Columbus, and that he was certain to secure a large sum if he robbed the way safe.

Nine Struck by Lightning.

New York, August 14.—Nine persons who sought shelter under trees in the woods in the Bronx section during a storm this evening, were struck by lightning. They were James Brown, a Hungarian tailor, of this city, his wife and five children, and Bertha Leschowitz and Bertha Silverman. They were taken to Fordham hospital. At a late hour tonight attending physicians said they thought Mrs. Brown, two of her children and Bertha Silverman could not possibly live. The physicians said Bertha Leschowitz would either die or become hopelessly insane. The party was camping out.

Plague Situation at Manila.

Washington, August 14.—Marine hospital service advices from Manila, just received, state that the number of plague cases there is diminishing. No information has been officially communicated here regarding the reported action of the Singapore health officer in quarantining against Manila.

FOUR KILLED BY A STORM.

Two Others Probably Fatally Injured—Wind and Lightning.

New York, August 15.—In the storm which passed over this section this afternoon, four persons were killed in Brooklyn, and two others stand very little chance of recovery from injuries received. Thomas Dunn, 16 years of age, was killed by lightning while sheltering under a tree.

Frank Valentine was crushed in the wreck of his barn that had been set on fire by lightning and Clarence Weeks, a farmhand, who was in the barn before the lightning struck it, is missing. Chauncey Lay, 16 years of age, became entangled in an electric wire and was burned to death.

Fannie Bryne, 17 years old, was badly burned and shocked in alighting from a Brooklyn Heights trolley car during the storm. The arm of the trolley car broke and fell upon Miss Bryne's shoulder. She tried to push it from her and was badly shocked. Her life is despaired of.

Angelina Rosa, 30 years of age, stepped upon a live electric wire and was burned and shocked so badly that she may die.

At Tenafly, N. J., Lizzie North was killed and her mother and two sisters were severely injured by a bolt of lightning that they will probably die.

DEATH RATE IN HONOLULU

Alarming High, Especially Among Natives and Japanese.

Honolulu, August 6.—The health reports for the months of June and July show an alarming increase in the death rate, especially among native Hawaiians and Japanese of the Island of Oahu, which has the only complete records. In June the number of deaths per thousand was 45; in July 49.68. The increase for the past few years, as shown by tables just compiled, has aroused a great deal of discussion. In 1896 the July deaths numbered 48. Since then the figures have jumped to 59, 75, 93 and this year 114.

Consumption heads the list of diseases, causing deaths in almost every month, and there is agitation for strict measures to quarantine patients. The board of health is discussing a quarantine against consumption, as many people come here from other places to enjoy the mild climate, and it is believed that they are a source of danger to the population.

Typoid fever has also claimed a good many victims lately, a slight epidemic having developed in one district of Honolulu.

The United States courts in Hawaii were formally inaugurated today by Judge M. M. Estee.

Strike at Marseilles.

Marseilles, August 15.—The strike of the firemen of the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, which began this morning, seriously interfered with the arrangements for the departure of the transports, only one, the Polynesian, getting away. The strikers of the others left the vessels. This afternoon the strikers tried to prevent the Polynesian leaving the harbor, by blocking the entrance with a number of barges. Ten strikers entered by the scuttles and threatened the firemen with death. They were placed under arrest. It was only with great difficulty that the company's tugs succeeded in driving the barges toward the quays, where all the manifestants, some 50, were arrested.

Filipinos Surrender.

Washington, August 14.—The war department received today the following dispatch containing cheerful news from General MacArthur:

"Manila, August 14.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Colonel Grassa, August 11, in the vicinity of Taug, surrendered command to Colonel Freeman, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, consisting of one major, six captains, six lieutenants, 169 men, 100 rifles and 50 bolos.

"MacARTHUR."

Two Fatally Shot by Robbers.

St. Joseph, Mo., August 14.—Joseph Phelpot and Frank Craig, both wealthy stockmen, were fatally shot, near their homes, three miles from Nodaway, Mo., early this morning by two men who attempted a hold-up. The stockmen had visited the St. Joseph market with cattle, and the robbers doubtless expected to secure a large sum of money, which had already been deposited in a bank here.

Still Fighting in Columbia.

Kingston, Jamaica, August 15.—There was heavy fighting last week south of Carthagena, Colombia. The rebels lost heavily, and retreated. Writers describe the suffering of the people as very great. One says that a disorder resembling bubonic plague has developed at Panama. So many were killed in the last battle at Panama that some of the bodies had to be burned.

Suicide of an Indian Family.

Burns, Or., August 14.—A few days ago, Snowdie, a Piute Indian of this county, committed suicide by eating wild parsnips. Last week, his child, a 14-year-old girl, on account of bad health, ended her life in the same way. Her mother, upon finding the child dead, procured some parsnips, and, eating them, also ended her life. It is unusual for Indians to commit suicide.

Germany will land troops to protect her interests in the Yangtze valley.

MINING NEWS OF NEARBY STATES

BIG PLANT FOR HECLA.

Twenty Drill Compressor and Large Hoist Going In.

Burke, Idaho, August 9.—The Hecla mine, near here, on Canyon creek, in the Coeur d'Alenes, which recently paid its first dividend of \$20,000, has under way extensive improvements. The company is putting in a plant for its eventual operation at 2,500 feet depth. This plant would include two 400-horse power boilers a compressor plant with a capacity of 20 drills and a hoist that could operate the mine to the 2500-foot level. The installation of these improvements has been under way for some time. The large buildings for the reception of the plant are practically completed the boilers and compressor are on the ground and the work of putting them in place is going on rapidly. It is expected that the entire new plant will be in operation by September 1. In the meantime the work of developing the mine is going forward rapidly and about 1,000 tons of concentrates a month are being shipped. The main shaft in which the big hoist will be operated is to be sunk to the full 2,500 feet, though operations will not be confined to this work. The ore bodies will be opened and mined at the successive levels as depth is attained.

TO OPERATE THE HEADLIGHT.

Coeur d'Alene Property of Remarkable Promise to Be Worked.

Wallace, Idaho, August 9.—The Headlight Mining Company will soon let a contract for the running of a 600-foot crosscut tunnel to tap its vein 400 feet below the surface. The property lies immediately west of the Mammoth and covers the same vein. It will be opened by a crosscut tunnel half way up the mountain side from Canyon creek to the cropping of the ledge, cutting about 1,500 feet west of the Mammoth where there is a blow-out, indicating ore below. No work of consequence has ever been done on it, although ore has been found near the surface in two or three different places. It has been held for years by some prospectors who were not willing to part with it at any price which mining men were willing to pay.

Iowa Capital in Hoodoo.

Palouse, Wash., August 9.—W. J. Springer, of New Hampton, Ia., writes from there that he has secured capital to work the Blue Bird and eight claims in the Hoodoo district. He has employed M. W. Truax as manager of the mine and authorized him to begin work at once and push development.

Mr. Truax put a double shift to work and the property will be thoroughly developed. The Blue Bird is a copper property showing high values, and now that capital has been secured to develop it is expected to become a valuable producer.

James Malone reports a rich strike in the Elk creek district in Idaho on Breakfast creek. The rock carries good values in gold and copper.

STRIKE ON SILVER MOUNTAIN.

Another "More Chance" Fortune Stumbled Onto in Canada.

Spokane, August 9.—The Thompson boys have made a good strike on the Silver Mountain claims, in the Slocan district. After long prospecting, Russ Thompson stumbled upon a very fine looking ledge. This was exploited further with the result that one of the finest surface showings of galena ore ever shown in the camp was uncovered. It is from six to 18 inches across and chunks of ore weighing hundreds of pounds can be taken out with a pick. Three claims are embraced in the group, the Sini, Atwood and World.

PRESTON PEAK COPPER MINE.

Development Work Is Being Pushed on That Property.

Ashland, Or., August 9.—The Ashland Tidings says that Schoonover & Young, New York capitalists, represented by Henry Phillips, have spent \$150,000 in the development of the Preston Peak copper mines. Work is being pushed on a 200-foot drift. The rock is very hard. Some of the ore assays 22 per cent in copper, \$4 in gold and a trace in sulphur.

OREGON WONDER TO START.

Contract to Run a Tunnel Will Be Let at Once.

Prairie City, Or., August 9.—P. J. Morey and Elmer Cleaver have gone to the Oregon Wonder mine and will at once let a contract for running 300 feet of tunnel on the mine, to be completed with all possible haste.

New Company at Wallace.

Wallace, Idaho, August 9.—The Cathalia Mining and Milling Company has filed articles of incorporation at Wallace. G. A. Cunningham, Patrick Sullivan, Adam O'Donnell, J. W. Weyer and Joseph F. Whelan are the incorporators and directors. Wallace is the principal place of business and the capital stock of \$50,000 is divided into 1,000,000 shares.

Klondike Gold Shipments.

Seattle, August 9.—Gold shipments through Skagway from the great Klondike camp to the outside world this season have reached in round numbers more than \$7,000,000.

SLOCAN IS ON THE JUMP.

Nearly All the Mines Are Again Shipping Ore.

Sandon, B. C., August 9.—Nerly all the mines around Sandon are shipping again. The Idaho sent out 500 tons in July of high grade ore, and will do better in August.

The Payne shipped about 1,200 tons in July, and has paid its quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. The Truth, Queen Bess, Whitewater, Slocan Star and Rambler-Cariboo are regular shippers.

The Ruth mill in Sandon is running double shift and the company is putting in two more Whiffey tables, these doing better work than the round tables. It is shipping about 200 tons of good grade concentrates per month.

Sandon is building up rapidly. About 900 men are on pay rolls in and around Sandon.

PLANS FOR GOLDEN ZONE.

Capacity Will Soon Be 100 Tons of Ore Daily.

Loomis, Wash., August 9.—At the Golden Zone plans have been completed for increasing the capacity of the mill to 100 tons daily. The necessary machinery has been ordered and the work of adding to the present mill structure for its accommodation begins at once. The Golden Zone is so thoroughly opened up that it will be able to supply the daily mill run with a minimum force. Continuous development of the ore bodies will go steadily forward though there is more than 100,000 tons of ore in sight.

The management proposes to increase the capacity of the mill from its profits until it can treat 500 tons daily. That a mine of this character could in three years be brought to such a high stage of development, show quantities of ore and be scarcely known outside of the district tells the story of the quality of work being done at a dozen properties in the Palmer Mountain district. Mill runs up to date have averaged about \$10 per ton, and this is probably a good average of the mine.

Silver King Again Going.

Seattle, August 9.—Captain Gifford, who has been appointed mine manager of the reorganized Hall Mining and Smelting Company, proposes to justify the faith which he has had in the Silver King as one of the great mines of British Columbia. He has an extensive programme of development mapped out and within a short time he expects to have 500 men at work in the company's property. A small force will go to the mine and get things in shape. Electric power instead of steam power may operate the mine machinery and possibly the smelter.

Kellam's Camp Is Next.

Helena, Mont., August 9.—W. Kellam and J. D. Bone, two Montana prospectors, own a group of six claims on the eastern slope of Eureka mountain, two and one half miles from Grand Forks, B. C., that are attracting considerable attention, and are regarded as of considerable promise. There is a well-defined quartz ledge on the Lacionia. It averages about 20 inches wide. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 25 feet. The foot wall is in granite. Assay returns gave small values in gold and copper and it is expected that they will improve with depth.

FAMOUS MONUMENTAL MINE.

Likely to Start Up With a Good Force of Men.

Baker City, Or., August 9.—It is currently reported that the once famous Monumental mine, eight miles north of Granite, now idle for five years, is to be started up shortly with a force of 100 men. C. S. Miller, the principal owner of this property, will neither confirm nor deny the report.

Northwest Notes.

John P. Vollmer is erecting a large grain warehouse at Genessee, Idaho.

A hail storm is reported to have shattered 5,000 bushels of grain near Oxford, Idaho.

The people of Genessee, Idaho, have asked for a special election to vote on the subject of a waterworks system.

Forest fires are still raging in the White Pine district, Idaho, although a large force of men is at work trying to check the flames.

B. Gieda, a sheepman of Condon, Or., died recently in Texas, from consumption. He leaves considerable property.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s gang of track-layers has completed its job of putting down heavy rails on the branch from La Grande to Elgin, Or.

The Albany, Or., ice factory, although running night and day, is unable to supply the demand, and a carload of ice was brought up from Oregon City on the 5th.

The Toledo, Or., Leader reports a sample of "pieplant" or rhubarb, grown in that town, whose leaf is 21 feet in circumference, and whose stalk is seven inches in diameter.

Forest fires are raging near Medical Lake, Wash.

Colfax, Wash., is threatened with a water famine.

BUYING FOR FALL TRADE.

An Immense Business in Steel Reported From the West.

Bradstreet's says: Trade is still exhibiting many of the irregularities incident to the transition period between mid-summer and early fall trade. Despite the hot wave, with its effect on the growing distributive demand, and also because of the reports of damage to the corn crop which it has incited, a more cheerful feeling is perceptible in general trade, and the booking of fall orders for dry goods, clothing and hardware at leading Western centers, and heavy engagements in iron and steel products, though at lower prices, are encouraging proportions. Prices are not showing the precipitate declines noted some time ago, and among the really encouraging features is the advance in wheat, mainly based on improved export inquiry.

Wool is rather firmer than of late because of the better inquiry, though it must be admitted that this steadiness is somewhat at the expense of new business.

Cotton goods partake of the strength of raw material, and while weakness is still perceptible, brown cottons, print cloths and wide sheetings, the natural corrective of reduced production, are being increasingly sought.

While the dry goods demand as a whole is still classed as backward for the season, hot weather is credited with some of the responsibility and trade attitude as a rule is one of hopeful expectancy.

An immense business in steel products is reported booked at Pittsburg and Chicago, and steel bars are really firmer with an advance of \$4 per ton announced by Western manufacturers who have sold their output up to the close of the year.

Failures for the week were 177 in the United States, against 136 last year, and 23 in Canada, against 29 last year.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, new, 1 1/4c.
Lettuce, hot house, \$1 per crate.
Potatoes, new, \$15.
Beets, per sack, 85c @ \$1.
Turnips, per sack, 75c.
Carrots, per sack, \$1.00.
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.25.
Cauliflower, native, 75c.
Cucumbers—10 @ 20c.
Cabbage, native and California, 2c per pounds.
Tomatoes—40 @ 50c.
Butter—Creamery, 25c; Eastern 22c; dairy, 15 @ 18c; ranch, 14c pound.
Eggs—24c.
Cheese—12c.
Poultry—14c; dressed, 14 @ 15c; spring, \$3.50.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$11.00 @ 12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$16.00.
Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$25; feed meal, \$25.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$8.50; blended straight, \$8.25; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; graham, per barrel, \$3.00; whole wheat flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80 @ 4.00.
Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$12.00; shorts, per ton, \$14.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$20; oil cake meal, per ton, \$30.00.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 7 1/2c; cows, 7c; mutton 7 1/2c; pork, 8c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 9 @ 11c.
Hams—Large, 13c; small, 13 1/4c; breakfast bacon, 12c; dry salt sides, 8 1/2c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55c; Valley, 55c; Eldestem, 58c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.10; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.10 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 37c; choice gray, 35c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$14.00 @ 15.00; brewing, \$16.00 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$13.00 ton; middlings, \$20; shorts, \$14; chop, \$15 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$11 @ 12; clover, \$7 @ 7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6 @ 7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 45 @ 50c; store, 27 1/2c.
Eggs—17c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00 @ 3.50 per dozen; hens, \$5.00; springs, \$2.50 @ 4.00; geese, \$4.00 @ 5.00 for old; \$4.50 @ 6.50; ducks, \$3.00 @ 4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 16 @ 17c per pound.
Potatoes—40 @ 50c per sack; sweets, 2 @ 2 1/4c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; parsnips, \$1; onions, 1 1/2c per pound; carrots, 90c.
Hops—2 @ 8c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 15 @ 16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15 @ 16c; mohair, 25 per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3 1/2c; dressed mutton, 7 @ 7 1/2c per pound; lambs, 5 1/2c.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.00 @ 6.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.00 @ 4.50; cows, \$3.50 @ 4.00; dressed beef, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2c per pound.
Veal—Large, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2c; small, 8 @ 8 1/2c per pound.