

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

C. J. McLain of La Grande, Caught in Machinery and Severely Treated.
La Grande, Dec. 11.—C. J. McLain, manager of the Elevator & Machine Company, of this place, was severely injured yesterday evening, by being thrown violently against the wall of the engine room. His clothes were caught by a revolving shaft and he was whirled with it for several moments, when his clothing was torn from him and he was hurled a distance of 15 feet, striking the wall of the building with terrific force. His left leg was broken in two places below the knee and he was severely injured about the head and body.

EXPERTING BOOKS.

Baker County Records Are Being Overhauled by Accountants.
Baker City, Dec. 11.—Three expert accountants are engaged in experting the books of all officials of Baker county. At present they are working upon those of the sheriff and within a week or 10 days it is thought they will review the clerk's. This is the first time in years that the books of the county have been experted. The addition of the Panhandle to this county necessitated a rearrangement of the records and while the change was being made, it was thought by the county court that the entire records of the county should be experted.

Cleveland to Aid Negro School.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.—Former President Grover Cleveland is to be heard in this city tonight, when he will make an address at a meeting to be held in Witherspoon hall, in the interest of the Berean Manual Training and Industrial School, which is doing valuable work among colored people. The management is making strenuous efforts to extend the usefulness of the institution. Booker T. Washington, the noted colored educator, will also make an address, and others to be heard are Charles Emory Smith, Colonel A. K. McClure and Robert C. Ogden.

PLAGUE IN SAN FRANCISCO

REAL CONDITION HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED.
Reported that an Alarming Spread of the Disease is Taking Place—Health Officers to Investigate.
Dallas, Texas, Dec. 11.—State Health Officer Taber left hurriedly today for San Francisco. It is stated that he had just received news of the real bubonic plague condition in that city, which had been suppressed, and that an alarming spread of the disease is taking place. He is going to make a personal investigation.

DOESN'T LIKE JOHN BARRETT.

Japan Would Be Pleased to Have Another American Made Minister.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The appearance at the state department today of Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, in connection with rumors that there was to be opposition in the United States senate to the nomination of John Barrett to be minister to Japan, gave rise to the surmise that perhaps Minister Barrett was to be declared persona non grata to the Japanese government. It is believed, however, that the minister's representations to Secretary Hay went no further than an intimation that his government would be glad to see another choice, and that he lodged no formal objection.

ODDFELLOWS' REUNION.

Unique and Successful Ceremonies at Walla Walla Last Night.
Walla Walla, Dec. 11.—Last night was Odd Fellows' night in this city, and the ceremonies which made up the occasion were unique and successful to the utmost degree. It was a reunion of three-linkers and lodges in all parts of the southern section of Washington were represented. Enterprise lodge, one of three strong lodges of Odd Fellows in the city, acted as host, and as guests were gathered several hundred members of the order. Waltsburg, Prescott and Dixie were represented by degree teams, and the initiatory ceremony was divided among these in an unusual manner. Each team gave one degree to a large class of candidates.
At the conclusion of the ceremonies a spread was given the visitors, and a number of brief speeches were made.

WENT TO JAIL.

Walla Walla Youth Sent to Jail in Default of a Fine for Stealing a Bicycle.
Walla Walla, Dec. 11.—Edwin Aubin, a youth of tender years, with quite a police record, was fined \$99 and costs yesterday for the theft of a bicycle last summer. The wheel was taken from a prominent place of business, and disappeared entirely for months. Recently it was discovered in the possession of a young man who bought it of Aubin for \$12. Aubin went to jail, his father refusing to help him out of the scrape.

VENEZUELAN AND MARINES CLASH IN LAGUAYRA STREETS

Castro's Ships Sunk by Germans, the English Disclaiming Assistance to the Deed.

PRESIDENT CASTRO HAS RELEASED ALL THE GERMAN AND ENGLISH ARRESTED.

An Army Being Rapidly Raised in Venezuela to Defend the Capital From Foreign Invasion—The Troops of the Allies Attempt to Capture President Castro.

Laguayra, Dec. 11.—Reports from Caracas says that Castro is gathering an army to resist the aggression of the allies. Two thousand men and 18 guns have been sent from Caracas to reinforce the garrison here. The men are now encamped four miles from the town. Fort Laviga is being stocked with provisions and ammunition and great preparations are being made for resistance. Castro's position is very popular as volunteers are offering themselves in great numbers, nearly one thousand have been armed here.

FIGHTING AT LAGUAYRA.

Anglo-German Marines Attacked by Venezuelans.
London, Dec. 11.—Private information received here says that the Anglo-German allies have landed a force of blue jackets and marines at Laguayra and fighting has commenced in the streets.

The News in Parliament.

London, Dec. 11.—The Central News asserts that the allies in Venezuela are attempting to capture Castro himself. Cranborne in the house of commons today, took especial pains to make clear that the Germans and not the British had sunk the Venezuelan ships.
British Capture Troop Ship.
Kingstown, Dec. 11.—The British warship Alert captured the Venezuelan troop ship Zamora, and a coast guard vessel and convoyed them to the Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad.

CRAZED BY FOREST FIRES.

Aged Man Becomes Insane by Brooding Over Losses.
Vancouver, Dec. 11.—A pitiful sight in the superior court yesterday was that of John B. Pluss, an aged victim of the great forest fires of last summer, who was by the court adjudged insane and ordered taken to the Insane Asylum at Stellacoom. Pluss is 68 years of age, and has a wife and three children, the youngest of which is 21 years old. He lived at Fifth Plain, on La Camas creek, and when the great forest fire swept through that district last September, Pluss lost his house and goods. The shock was too much for the old man, and brooding over the event led to his derangement mentally. Complaint was entered against him by George Self, the constable at La Camas, and yesterday the old man was brought to Vancouver and examined before Judge Miller and two physicians. He was taken to Stellacoom today by Sheriff-elect Biesecker.

Negro Republicans Organizing.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Considerable interest is manifested by the leaders of both political parties in the movement started by the negroes of Alabama to become an independent factor in politics and which is expected to crystallize in the preliminary organization of a new republican party at a state conference to be held today at Selma. The leaders of the movement express the opinion that a new party in republicanism can be formed and they hope to attract into the organization some white men, relying on the belief that the Roosevelt administration is siding to a certain extent with negroes in the South. In other words, the primary object of the new movement is to oppose the so-called Lily Whites. The pose of the latter organization, leaders of the latter organization, however, declare that they do not fear the new movement and express the opinion that it will be but a flash in the pan.

Wooster's New Buildings.

Wooster, O., Dec. 11.—The new buildings of the University of Wooster were formally dedicated today with interesting exercises attended by the students, faculty, alumni and the many friends of the institution. The new structures, which are commodious and well equipped for educational purposes, replace the old buildings of the university which were destroyed by fire one year ago today. The good fortune of the university in being able to obtain a new and suitable home in such a short time is due to the munificence of Andrew Carnegie.

GRAIN MARKET.

Quotations Furnished by the Coe Commission House — I. G. Major, Local Manager.
Chicago, Dec. 11.—
Wheat— Opened, Closed.
December 76 3/4 @ 76 1/2 @ 75 1/2 @
May 76 3/4 @ 76 1/2 @ 75 1/2 @
Corn—
December 56 1/2 @ 56 1/2 @ 56 1/2 @
May 44 1/2 @ 44 1/2 @ 44 1/2 @
Oats—
December 33 @ 33 @ 33 @
May 33 @ 33 @ 33 @
Minneapolis, Dec. 11.—
Wheat— Opened, Closed.
December 73 1/2 @ 74 @ 74 @
May 74 1/2 @ 75 @ 75 @
New York, Dec. 11.—
Wheat— Opened, Closed.
May 81 1/2 @ 81 1/2 @ 81 1/2 @

Wheat in San Francisco.
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Wheat— \$1.39 1/2 @ 1.41 per cental.

RED CROSS ENTERS PROTEST.

Objects to Changing Transport Service From Government to Private Control.
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—A number of prominent members, including officials of the Red Cross Society, have protested against the proposed relinquishment by the government of the management of the transport service. They base their argument on the ground that the soldiers receive better treatment on government vessels than on those under private control.

OCEANIC ARRIVES.

Had Stormy Passage—Picked Up Shipwrecked Crew of a Sailing Schooner in Mid-ocean.
New York, Dec. 11.—The steamer Oceanic arrived this morning, after an exceptionally stormy passage. She had on board the survivors of a sailing schooner picked up in mid-ocean. Andrew Carnegie and family are among the passengers.

AFTER TRANSPORT SERVICE

CALIFORNIANS CLAIM THAT SEATTLE HAS NO FACILITIES.
Offer to Charter or Buy Army Transports at a Price to Be Fixed by Department—Would Conduct Business at Present Cost.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Perkins, ex-Mayor Phelan, Schweerlin and Duckerman, of the Southern Pacific, called at the White House and talked with the president and Secretary Root about the proposed transfer of the transport service from San Francisco to Seattle.
The Californians claim that Seattle has no facilities for handling the great volume of business. They offered to charter or buy all the army transports from the government at a price to be fixed by the war department and to conduct the business from San Francisco at the same price per soldier and per ton freight as it cost the government under the present system.

LAND BRIBERY.

The Real Offenders Are the Persons Who Are Behind the Illegal Deals.
That public lands are in demand is a fact capable of more than one construction, says the Tacoma Ledger.
It might indicate that settlers were pouring in, that the lands were being put under cultivation. It might indicate that a lot of soulless corporations were getting a grip on the vast domain, and that in order to do so there was made necessary the crime of perjury, and the incidental one of bribery.

Historic Prison Ship Found.

In building the ways for the construction of the new battleship Connecticut, at the Brooklyn navy yard, the remains of the old British prison ship Jersey were found. This was the most infamous of the six prison ships the British maintained in this country during the revolutionary war. In her noisome hulk hundreds of the colonial prisoners died for want of the simplest attentions. After the war she was burned to the water and it was forgotten where she had lain.

William, the Linguist.

Emperor William, of Germany, talks fluently in six languages—English better than any other except his own. Indeed, it has been said, that he actually speaks German with just a trace of English accent. In the case of his august uncle of England, this condition is just reversed, and he speaks a precisely similar reason. William's mother was English; Edward's father was German.

Commercial intercourse promotes social intercourse, social intercourse promotes friendship, and the friendship of peoples does more than all we diplomatists to bring countries together.—Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador at Washington.

BEN TILLMAN GETS EXCITED

Brings Up the Constitutionality of the Appointment of the Anthracite Commission.

LOST HIS TEMPER AND RIDICULED ALLISON.

The Commission, He Declared, Was a Poulitice, a Result of Our Inability to Prevent the Monopolies From Robbing the People.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Quay submitted a resolution passed by five civilized Indian tribes objecting to the merging of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Jones, of Arkansas, also submitted a protest from the Indian Territory.
Could Also Lie.

Quay, in urging action on the omnibus statehood bill this afternoon, said if the republicans could afford to lie on their national platforms the senate republicans could also lie. An amicable agreement was reached that the debate on the measure proceed Monday.
Commission Bill Amended.

The anthracite commission bill was amended so that the members are allowed \$15 daily, assistant recorders \$10, and all others in the employment of the government \$8 in lieu of traveling and other expenses. The house occupied the forenoon in consideration of the election contests.
Senator Benjamin Tillman, of South Carolina, brought up the constitutionality of the president's action in appointing an anthracite commission.

He lost his temper and shouted: "It is nothing but a poulitice and all comes from our inability to prevent the robbery of the people by monopolies. We encourage them because we are afraid to rout them."
Allison paid a high tribute to the president for his action.
Tillman interrupted and wanted to know whether the senator from Iowa could tell whether or not the operators had mined coal contrary to the statutes of Pennsylvania. He asked several other questions without waiting for a reply. Allison dignifiedly said the questions were not pertinent and if they were he would not trust his memory to make an answer.

Tillman shouted a tirade against Allison and said he had long admired the agility with which he evaded everything he didn't want to answer. He held up two fingers, declaring he had two prongs up, and asked whether any one wanted to get on and ride. He said they were prongs of the dilemma and sarcastically added that he would await the response of the assembled wisdom of this body.

Mad Mullah Killed.

Aden, Egypt, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Somaliland states that reports have been received there that the Mad Mullah has been assassinated by a follower, who gave him a spear thrust while praying.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Many Wheat Farms Being Sold at Good Prices—240 Acres Sold for \$13,000.

That some of the largest and most fertile farms in Umatilla county are changing hands can be seen every day by a glance over the records in the county recorder's office.

Very seldom a day passes that from one to a half dozen instruments are not filed which represent several hundred acres of the best wheat land in the county and several thousand dollars in money. Many of the extensive pioneer farmers are selling off all or a part of their holdings and are moving to the cities while the younger generation and new comers are buying up their land and preparing to branch out into wheat growing extensively.

The only large transaction filed today, however, was that of E. S. Waterman and wife to Warren W. Raymond. The transfer represents 240 acres of wheat land lying in the east end of the county and the purchase price was \$13,000.

CRACKER CREEK FACTS

The value of the Company's operating on the mother lode is as follows, based on the same capital as South Pole

Columbia \$1 per share
E. and E. 90c per share
North Pole \$5 per share
Golconda started at 10c now selling at 50c and worth more
South Pole is starting at 15c

The time to buy is on the first offering of stock and profit by all advances. Gahagan at Hartman's abstract office.

BARONS ARE INHUMAN

and Their Children Less Considered Slaves.

WHY GOT NO WHILE RECOVERING.

Testimony Produced by the Anthracite Miners, Showing Miners Have Been Underfed and Killed.

Pa., Dec. 11.—Attorney bringing a surprise this morning John Crawford, an Inspector, to the stand as he attempted to compel to give a statement of the coal during the Crawford objected to answer.

Gray sustained him. prices under such extra-conditions could not be for fixing the miners' A 12-year-old boy was stand. He said he lost the mines, and got no pay recovering. He returned and got no money, his wages by the company for a debt by his father.

Close This Week.

formed the commission mon that he would close side this week.

CONTINUES IN ERUPTION.

ria Still Devastating the Plantations of Guatemala. San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Steamer from the volcanic district of says that Santa Maria con-

Russell, of the steamer saw the whole side of the flame and three distinct the devastation of the con- tions 30 miles around con-

TEXAS DEPARTS.

Preparations Made and the Enter Starts for Scene of

Dec. 11.—After an all- of the Texas, the big of lines this morning and away for Culebra under or-

Wiley's fleet with all the anxiety to have seeme quickly is evidenced tional hurry orders re-

Dakota Extension.

Min. Dec. 11.—General of the road, the Bis- and Great Falls, is extended farther This will mean ment of a rich agri- of new lig- that section of the as produc- now operating in Wilton, N. D., where, that in one quarter of land alone there are 3- of lignite in sight. Just north the line will be extend- been determined, but it far enough to open up a which is conceded to be as agricultural purposes as any Dakota, and with the combi- coal and agriculture the fu- road extending into that is claimed, is assured.

Put's House Bought.

Conn., Dec. 11.—Putnam Daughters of the Amer- coal has secured \$7,000 the old cottage where Putnam made his head- in the revolution. The house, of its age, was to be torn make room for a modern It did not take the mem- chapter long to raise the when they began soliciting the wealthy New Yorkers and the summer here. Put- the hero of Greenwich and his attached to the step hill on were the steps down which he to have ridden in escaping from of British cavalry. It is to keep the house open for

Civil Service Reform.

Delphia, Pa., Dec. 11.—The an- of the National Civil Reform League opened here with a fair attendance of re- formers. A number of on reform and government road this evening and tomor- of the substitution of the merit for the spoils system in mu- and state government will be advocated.