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TELEGRAPHIC.

Riot in Wenatchee.

SPOKANE, Dec. 9—A terrible riot occurred at Wenatchee last night, and for three hours the town was in the control of a mob of frenzied graders and Italians. Wenatchee is a town about 100 miles west of here, on the Great Northern. The trouble was started by a drunken railroad man and gambler, named Tom Guilland. He has worked on the road at different times during the year, coming to town to carouse every pay day. On these occasions he stopped with a woman known as Susette. This woman for a month past has been living with Guiseppe Vaco, a faro dealer, who is a sort of boss among the Italians, of whom there are a great number on the road. A week ago Guilland came to town, and after two days his money was all gone. Yesterday he was paid a small sum of money which was coming to him, and, starting at a crap game, wound up in the evening by breaking the faro bank, being over $5000 winner. Susette heard the news, and started for the place, saying she would go with the man who had luck.

Vaco stopped her, threatening to kill her. Guilland knocked him down and started off with the woman. Before they had gone a block Vaco and a dozen other Italians set upon them and a fierce fight ensued. The screams of the woman and the shouts of Guilland brought a gang of graders to the rescue. Thereupon Vaco summoned more Italians and a pitched battle ensued. The railway men gathered in a group, with Guilland and the woman in the center, and began to retreat slowly, firing as they went and calling for help as they fell back. Others joined them and finally they made a stand. The Italians pressed them closely and it seemed for a time as though the railroad men would be wiped out, but eventually their superior armament, most of them having revolvers, saved them. Many, however, were badly cut by knives and wounded by stones and other missiles thrown by the Italians. Both parties gradually broke up into small bands and scattered through the town. Guilland and the woman were spirited away to a place of safety. Fighting between small parties continued in different parts of the town until daylight. No definite statement as to the number of wounded in the fight has yet been obtained.

Evans and Sontag Again.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 9.—A report has reached here, by way of Lemoore, that Evans and Sontag have been seen in White Deer valley, a secluded region lying several miles back of Sampson's flat. Very few persons live in that locality, it being merely a stock range. It was suspected that Evans and Sontag had a winter camp among the hills somewhere near this place, and an effort was made to trace them to it. Among those owning cattle in that region is Edwin Dooley, who had an exciting adventure with the train robbers. Some sportsmen, among whom was Rev. Ledford, of Lemoore, were hunting in the White Deer valley, and left their horses with Dooley, who turned them into the pasture with his own animals. One of the horses escaped and Dooley was searching for it. While following a trail a short distance from the house, he heard a shot and felt a bullet whistle past him. He turned around and, looking up, saw Sontag and Evans standing not more than 30 yards away. They accosted him in a hard manner and asked what he was doing there, and whether or not he was taking care of pack horses belonging to the detectives. Dooley assured the bandits that he had nothing at all to do with the detectives, but in the meantime he put a convenient tree between the bandits and himself, as he was fearful lest the next time their aim might prove more accurate. He said that Sontag still carried his arm in a sling, due to the wound received in a fight with a posse at Young's cabin, and both men had their feet wrapped up in gunny sacks, presumably to prevent their making tracks.

Want to Rule or Ruin.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9—The bimetallist delegates to the international monetary conference are discussing whether or not they shall unite in signing a memorandum on the obstruction offered by Great Britain to a determination of the questions before the conference. If the conference resumes its sittings after a prolonged adjournment, such a protest, it is conceived, is likely to induce the British government to present to the conference a decided policy through its delegates acting in unison thereon. The present British delegation appears to have been sent purposely to muddle the proceedings. There is no cohesion among the British representatives either as to principle or procedure. Each delegate appears to act as an individual agent, except Sir C. Rivers Wilson and Sir Premantle, deputy master of the British mint, the latter of whom used his official position to declaim any responsibility for the proposals presented by Rothschild. Bertram Currie and Sir William Houldsworth have not a single idea in common, and have a strong mutual contempt for each other's views. Neither General Strachy nor Sir Guilford Molesworth, the Indian delegates, have official orders as to the course to take. It has been made clear the British government has purposely avoided giving any instructions tending to the common action of its delegates upon any point whatever. It is now obvious this course was designed to fool the conference in coming to any general or special solution of the silver question.

A Sailor Detective.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9—George Richardson, a sailor in Grant Brothers' Liverpool house, on the water front, was beaten and stabbed this morning by some one, whom he partly recognized as a Chinaman. Richardson was acting in the capacity of detective for the collector of customs, and while watching the suspicious actions of a Chinaman under Kinney's wharf was struck on the head and stabbed in the breast. It is thought the opium, if such it was that the Chinaman was searching for, had been smuggled from the steamer *Haytian Republic*. The assailant disappeared and Richardson crawled to a house, where a physician was called.

The Mafia Again at Work.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9—Another crime, thought to be by the Mafia, a triple assassination, has been brought to light. A constable riding along the levee in a lonely spot in the St James parish came upon Stefano Areta, desperately wounded and near him two dead bodies. Areta said he and Antonio Paoli and another man, name unknown, were enticed to the spot by an offer of work by Luise Lagio, Sabbato Marew and two others, and were set upon without apparent cause. They killed the other two and left Areta for dead. He will die. The cause of the crime was not revealed. The police are searching for the assassins.

Kalama's Fourth Murder Trial.

KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 9—In the superior court this evening, Frank Le Quash was convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of his brother, Semire Le Quash, at Olequa, November 27. The trial lasted several days, the prosecution being very ably conducted by Prosecuting Attorney Beall and Attorney Joel F. Pearcy his assistant. This is the fourth murder trial at Kalama in a little over a year, there being one conviction of murder in the first, two for murder in the second degree and one for manslaughter. The court adjourns Monday afternoon.

A Painful Accident.

DIXIE, Wash., Dec. 9.—This morning D. Barnes accidently shot himself in the leg, inflicting a painful wound. Barnes was preparing to take a band of cattle up the country. After mounting his horse he thought he would fire his pistol to scare the animals and get them started. He had his gloves on and unconsciously touched the weapon off as he pulled it from his pocket, the ball entering the fleshy part of his right leg above the knee. He was brought to this city his afternoon and the ball extracted.

Mrs. Maybrick's Case.

LONDON, Dec. 11—There is a general feeling here, especially among statesmen and lawyers, that the home secretary should not go out of his way to release Mrs. Maybrick just to oblige the United States government. The only explanation is that they feel that England has been treated cavalierly in many ways by the United States. A politician to-day pointed out that at heart Englishmen are not pleased with the manner in which the British lion's tail was twisted during the recent presidential campaign. He said: "England is constantly held up to ridicule and contempt to please the Irish, yet your people ask us to release legally convicted criminals for no other reason than that they are Americans."

The question is one dealing with criminals only, but most people prefer to look at it as a political one. In the meantime Lord Rosebery has been asked to intercede for Mrs. Maybrick, but it will require all the eloquence at the command of Secretary White to win him over, for he has already shown that he regards Mrs. Maybrick's imprisonment as perfectly just. Reports of her illness are coming thicker and faster, and each succeeding bulletin places her nearer death's door. The home secretary is investigating the case, and if the convict is really as bad as is reported from outside her prison walls she will probably be released. Meanwhile the reports that she will not recover requires confirmation.

The Diamond Excitement.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Dec. 11—The diamond excitement is growing more intense. The New York lapidary, to whom specimens of the stones found on the south bank of the Snake river, in Owyhee county, were submitted, reported that they were closely allied to the diamond, adding that a little search in the soil whence the specimens came might result in unearthing genuine stones of real worth. In 1888 several geologists reported that they had found upon the shores of a low, vanished sea, that once rolled over the valley of the Snake, stones that were in every particular similar to diamonds, and these almost forgotten statements have led even conservative people to believe that diamond fields may exist within 30 miles of Boise.

Temperance Leader's Funeral.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10—A cable dispatch from Tokis, Japan, says that the funeral of Miss Mary Allen West, the noted temperance advocate, editor of the *Union Signal*, one of the mainstays of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in this country, took place to day. The services were unusually solemn and impressive. There was a large attendance of Americans, Europeans and natives, representatives of the various religious denominations and of the temperance movements. United States Minister Coombs, with members of the embassy, Consul General Phillipson, and other prominent Americans, were present. The remains will be placed in a vault, and will leave for this country from Yokohama about the middle of the month.

Bank Cashier's Disappearance.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11—There is a great deal of talk about the disappearance of J. W. Bixby, cashier of the North End bank. He left suddenly on the morning of December 2, saying that he was going to a ranch at Fir, on the Great Northern road, but he did not go there and it is now supposed that he has gone to some mines in which he is interested, in the Olympic mountains, above Lilliwaup Falls, and is either snow bound there or has been lost in the woods on the way. He was a man of good habits, married to a woman with whom he lived happily. His accounts were all right, and the only other theory to explain his continued absence is insanity.

A Narrow Escape.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 10—James O'Donnell, residing on Upper Dry creek, 10 miles from the city, had an unpleasant experience with giant powder. He was using the powder to dig a well. Thursday morning he found the powder was frozen up. Placing a stick on the stove to thaw, he sat down by the stove to read, when suddenly there was a terrific explosion, which knocked him off the chair onto the floor. When he recovered from his dazed condition he found the stove scattered all over a 10 acre field, no piece being larger than his hand, and the cabin almost as badly demolished. O'Donnell escaped injury.

Mr. Blaine's Condition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The *Post* will say to-morrow that ex Secretary Blaine, who was thought to be on the mend, was reported worse last night. The relapse from a more favorable condition a few days ago was gradual and the attendants felt too confident that is was only a temporary set back. No statement of his symptoms have been given out. Mr. Blaine has seen no callers for several days and nobody but members of the household are admitted to the sick room.

Found Dead in Bed.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 10—Mrs. Nancy Bennett, a sister of John A. Thayer, recently from the east, was found dead in bed this morning. Her little boy came out of the room crying after the family was up, and said that he was cold, and that his mother was cold, too, and he could not wake her up. Mr. Thayer went in and found her dead, the indications being that she had been dead several hours. Consumption is assigned as the primary cause.

The Miracles a Fraud.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 11—There is very little doubt that within a few days Archbishop Ireland will move in the matter of the alleged miracles at Canton, in this state. Father Conway, the secretary of the dignitary, said to night that the whole affair was a palpable fraud and must end, and his dictum is the same as the archbishop's in such a matter. He would not say what he thought of the case of Father Jones, but the inference is plain that if there is a fraud the priest is a party to it. No one places the slightest credence in the miracles.

Spokane & Northern Extension.

SPOKANE, Dec. 10—A contract was let to day for the extension of the Spokane & Northern railroad from Northport to the international boundary, a distance of 10 miles. The work will be completed by April 1, and will give employment to 600 or 800 men. Next summer the road will be pushed to a connection with the Canadian Pacific.

Brakeman Charged With Theft.

SPOKANE, Dec. 10—W. B. Moran, a brakeman on the Great Northern, was arrested here to day charged with stealing money and valuables amounting to $1753 from George McLane, an engineer on the same road. About $500 worth of valuables was found in his possession. He claims a stranger found them and gave him half.

Town of Wallula Burning.

UMATILLA, Or., Dec. 11—At 10:30 o'clock to-night the town of Wallula, Wash., 27 miles east of here, was reported on fire. Assistance was telegraped for, and an engine, with men, has just left for the scene. It is impossible to get details at present.

The Panama Scandal.

PARIS, Dec. 12—The Panama canal scandal continues to engross public attention. All the papers publish long articles on the scandal, the tenor of which depends entirely upon the political points of view of the journals. Le Figaro urges the government to get Herz, one of the partners in the banking house of which the late Baron Reinach was the head, to speak regarding the connection of that house with the affairs of the Panama Canal Company, the inference being that Herz will be able to explain many points about which doubts now exist. In the course of its article, *Le Figaro* recalls how, thanks to Clemenceau and Sarrien, Herz was enabled to bond the Electric Force Transmission Company with a capital of 12,500,000 francs, and that, through this and other transactions in which he was assisted by connection with men holding ministerial positions, he accumulated a considerable fortune. The paper further says Baron Reinach spent the greater part of the last hours of his life with Herz. Only a few minutes after leaving Herz, Reinach returned to his residence and shortly after died under circumstances that led the government to make an autopsy to determine whether he died from natural causes or committed suicide. On the same night Reinach died Herz started for London, and *Le Figaro* expresses a strong desire to have the public informed as to what caused his sudden departure.

BARON REINACH WAS POISONED.

PARIS, Dec. 12—*Le Temps* says the first examination of the remains of Baron Reinach proves he died from poison. The bourse is unsettled owing to rumors that prominent political personages, heretofore unnamed, are compromised in the Panama canal scandal.

The Fire at Wallula.

UMATILLA, Or., Dec. 12—The fire which threatened destruction to the town of Wallula last night was gotten under control after four hours' heroic work. Had the wind been blowing the town could not have been saved. The buildings destroyed were all Union Pacific property. The large freighthouse, containing valuable freight and three box cars loaded with merchandise constitute the principal loss. It is supposed tramps set the fire for the purpose of robbery. Two strangers, who were seen carrying away a lot of tobacco, sugar and other plunder, were arrested on suspicion of being the incendiaries. They gave their names as Doe and Edwards, but from papers found in their possession, it was learned their names were Dell and Terwilliger, and that they were discharged soldiers.

A Speech was Expected.

NEW YORK, Dec 12—In connection with the failure of Toastmaster Ellery Anderson, at the Reform Club dinner on Saturday night, to call on Speaker Crisp for a speech, it might be added that Anderson, Charles Fairchild and McFarland, of the Reform Club, knew in advance that Crisp expected to be called upon, and had a speech prepared. Anderson was so informed by an Associated Press representative. He expressed some surprise, but said he was very glad to hear it, as Crisp was sure to make an interesting speech. McFarland, who has the distribution of the tickets in charge, was seen at the office of the Reform Club Saturday before noon, and was told by an Associated Press reporter that type written copies of Crisp's speech had already been sent out to the papers.

Panic in Palouse City.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 12—Almost a panic reigns in Palouse City, owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever there. Three deaths have occurred during the past three days, two of them being the only children of Banker McCornack. They were aged 4 and 2 years. There are many other cases. It is claimed by some physicians that diphtheria also exists, but this is denied by others. The schools and churches have been closed, children driven from the streets, and all houses containing the disease are quarantined. At the theater, a company billed to play to night was denied the privilege. It is thought the disease is under control. If it spreads further the town will be quarantined.

Senator Jones on the Conference.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12—To a correspondent senator Jones said: "I have not given up hope that some plan may be evolved from the discussion now in progress, and that before the end of the coming week. If not, the conference may adjourn for the holidays. In the latter event the governments now opposed to us may see the danger in which they stand, and come to an arrangement. They will discover that they cannot maintain the present system, but may want time to find a way out of the difficulty. I will speak on Tuesday. My speech will be academic, for I have been asked to discuss the question thoroughly."

Germany Favors the Gold Standard.

BERLIN, Dec. 12—In the reichstag, Count Meirbach, conservative, asked the government to assist the bimetalists in the Brussels monetary conference. Chancellor Caprivi replied that the German delegates were instructed not to give assent to any proposals that restricted Germany's right to decide what should constitute her own currency, and to declare Germany is content with her present system and would not change it. Caprivi concluded his remarks by declaring Germany would continue to adhere to the gold standard.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Saturday's Daily.

There is about one inch of snow on Dutch Flat.

Mr. M. J. Anderson, of Dufur, is rusticating in the city.

Burglaries are quite frequent in the Willamette valley towns.

Mr. P. P. Underwood, of Dufur, gave us a pleasant call this morning.

Hon. Geo. W. Johnston, of Dufur, of the firm of Johnston Bros., is in the city.

Mr. J. M. Cummins, editor of the Centerville *Leader*, was in the city yesterday.

The weather continues very agreeable notwithstanding the near approach of Christmas.

A telephone system in The Dalles and to neighboring towns in the county would be a paying investment.

At Dufur there is a dance at the hall every Saturday night, and a large number of citizens and ladies participate.

Two fine residences have just been completed at Dufur, and are occupied by Mr. Jos. Wingfield and Mr. John Doyle.

Dufur claims to have the largest and best hall in the county. It is 100x40 feet, and has every convenience for public meetings.

Our streets present a very deplorable condition by reason of mud; but this may be changed in a few days by a covering of snow.

There was a bean supper at the armory at Centerville, Wash., last Saturday night, and a rare feast was enjoyed by the citizens for a time.

On December 23d there will be a masquerade ball given by the members of Mt. Adam lodge, K. of P., at Centerville. A good time is expected.

Mr. T. J. Drips, of Hartland, is in the city to-day. He says the weather has been quite cold in Klickitat county, and the ground is frozen to a considerable depth.

A burning chimney in the Cosmopolitan hotel this morning created considerable excitement for a few minutes; but the flames soon died down and no damage was done.

Several attempts have recently been made to wreck trains on the Southern Pacific railroad. This is cowardly work, and there is no punishment too severe for the culprits.

A heavy blizzard near Green river delayed the through train—west bound—this morning seven hours, and the passengers took breakfast about 10 o'clock in this city.

Our nimrods are supplying the market with a plentiful supply of wild game. Geese are quite numerous along the river banks, and these furnish amusement for our shootists.

Passengers on the west-bound train this morning report a heavy snow storm in the Blue mountains. If this continued during the day snowplows will be in requisition to open the blockade.

In the vicinity of Dufur there is a great deal of plowing being done, and farmers are busy putting in crops. The rains have not been as bountiful as in this vicinity; but sufficient moisture has fallen to plow.

The three destitute children of David Graham was sent to the orphan's home in Portland to-day. They have been cared for by the society of young ladies known as the King's Daughters for some time past.

There is not a city in the northwest that has met with such reverses by fire and flood during the last fifteen years and survived them as The Dalles. She still shows signs of growth and prosperity, and the future is bright and glorious.

An aboriginal maiden, somewhat past the meridian of life, attempted to *Kapswallow* an axe in the backyard in the rear of this office this morning. She complacently walked in, shouldered the axe, and was contentedly walking away when hailed and made to give up the stolen property.

A telegram numerously signed by prominent citizens was sent to the Oregon delegation at Washington City this morning, making inquiry regarding the truth of the report of the withdrawal of the bid of Day & Co. for the construction of the locks at the Cascades, and the status of the work at present. This will receive an immediate answer, and the anxiety of our people will be relieved.

Arlington *Record:* Considerable excitement was recently occasioned by the rather mysterious departure of W. F. Forwood, former manager of the Portland Sheep and Wool growing company. Mr. F. was well known in business circles here, hence these late developments causes Mr. Reed and others to feel at this time a practical interest in his welfare. He is largely behind with this company.

The cheering news was found in the columns of the *Oregonian* to-day that "the secretary of war has accepted the bid of Messrs. J. G. and I. N. Day, of San Francisco, for completing the canal and locks at the Cascades of the Columbia. It now only remains for the successful bidders to file satisfactory bonds and begin operations." This will be the most welcome intelligence that our people has heard for a long time.

Prominent officers of the army on duty in the east, are receiving alarming private advices from the Indian territory, which point to an early uprising of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes. The reports say that the tribes within the past quarter have been suffering greatly for want of sufficient food, and the immediate cause of the threatened uprising is due to the recent order of the Indian department directing a reduction in rations.

The report of Postmaster-General Wanamaker shows that the lowest per cent. of expenses for postoffices of any state in the union is for Oregon, being 33 per cent. of the postoffice receipts. The highest is for the District of Columbia, which is 76 per cent. The average for the whole country is about 50 per cent. This includes the free delivery systems, but not the mail routes. This is certainly a good showing for the Oregon postmasters—indicating also that they are doing more work for the money than those of any other state in the union.

Exchange: Monday next is the day set for hearing in the Klickitat county election contest at Goldendale. The contest was instituted by D. E. Brooks, a populist candidate for county clerk, who fell behind two votes on the official count. Subsequently all of the defeated candidates in that county joined in the contest. We learn that there will be an effort to throw out the Goldendale precinct because Isaac Darling had made a bet of a hat upon the result of the election. This may disqualify him as an elector and thereby invalidate his proceedings as election judge, yet we don't think Ike would frustrate any elector's honest intent for all the hats in Goldendale.

Albany *Herald:* It is a cold day when Oregon gets left on any product of this sublunary sphere. An Ashland report says that in February and March of each year, a kind of fish sometimes called suckers, but more properly a species of mullet, run up Lost river from Tule lake in Klamath county, in great quantities. For years Indians from the adjacent reservation have caught and dried great quantities of them each season. Within a few days a number of men from this county have formed a company, and propose to go into the business of canning, drying, salting and placing these fish on the market, and will call them lake pike, claiming that they are a species of pike.

The completion of the Great Northern railroad will be celebrated at both ends of the line with feasting and rejoicing, and the two cities of Seattle and St. Paul, which will be joined by the bands of steel 1,823 miles long, will exchange friendly greetings. It is probable that the damage caused by the recent floods will delay the laying of track through until about January 1, 1893. The time for the celebration may be expected to come in the first two weeks of January. Freight service on the Great Northern railroad from Puget Sound will begin about February 1st, or thirty days after the last rail shall have been laid. Through passenger service will begin about a month later.

Representatives of a syndicate, presumably backed by British capital, are now in Idaho to determine the advisability of securing by purchase or otherwise, 80,000 acres of the sage brush lands of the great Snake-river plain. If they decide to make the venture they will first place the land under irrigation, drawing the necessary water from the Snake river, and will then put in an enormous acreage of wheat. They will use steam plows and steam harvesters and will conduct their elphantine farm on a scale that has never been equalled in the history of the world. The operations of Dalrymple of the Dakotas and of Glenn of California will by comparison dwindle into insignificance. The reclaimed sage-brush land of Idaho is said to be the best on earth for wheat.

From Monday's Daily.

Mr. S. Price and wife, of Biggs, are in the city.

Hon. J. B. Eddy, of Pendleton, passed through the city yesterday, en route from Portland.

The hills surrounding the city were covered with the mantle of winter this morning.

Three inches of snow fell at Fossil one day last week, but it soon disappeared in the sun's rays.

A heavy fog enveloped the city last night, and this morning a light covering of ice was on the sidewalks.

The boys had considerable fun this morning coasting on the sidewalks; but the piercing rays of the sun soon made the ice disappear.

Our stores have very attractive displays of holiday goods, and the small and large boy spend considerable time viewing the pretty articles.

The winter season is opening very briskly in the matter of evening parties, and several social clubs have been formed for passing away the time.

Last Wednesday evening Col. Jay P. Lucas inspected D Co. at Hood River. The *Glacier* says the inspection was not particularly creditable to that town.

The Fossil *Journal* says: Daisy Downing, from St. Mary's Academy at The Dalles, is visiting her parents in Condon, and will remain until the holidays are over.

Preparations are being made for the Christmas holidays, and nearly all the Sunday schools will have trees hung with gifts for the children on that occasion.

The distillery and milling plant at Grant will begin operations about Christmas. We are informed the machinery is very excellent and first-class in every particular.

Mr. Neil McLeod, of Grant, was in the city yesterday. He was en route to Portland, where his daughter has been recently graduated from the commercial college.

There were two men arrested Saturday for selling whisky to Indians by Deputy Jameson. They are in the county jail, awaiting examination by the U. S. commissioner.

Hon. J. A. Smith, the joint-senator from Wasco and Sherman counties, was married last Wednesday to Miss Rebecca Mitchell, of Wasco. The TIMES MOUNTAINEER extends congratulations.

About two inches of snow fell at Dufur last night, and a person who came in town this morning said there was considerable of the congealed element on the ground until he arrived at Eight Mile.

On Wednesday the real estate belonging to the estate of Alex. Finlayson, on Crooked river twenty miles above Prineville, was sold to A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, for $3500, says the Ochoco *Review*.

E. M. Shutt, Esq., editor of the Antelope *Herald*, has been appointed U. S. commissioner for that vicinity. This is a good appointment, and the violaters of U. S. law in that town will find a magistrate that will not wink at the commission of crime.

A little altercation occurred last night in the city, as a result of which an arrest was made. This morning, on making inquiry the recorder could find nothing on which to base an action, and no complaining witness appearing the party was given his liberty.

Mr. H. McCoy, of Dufur, fell from a ladder this morning and received some bruises, but nothing of a serious nature. It gave him a "black eye," but as every person knows Mr. McCoy never indulges in pugilistic encounters, it may be necessary for him to explain matters.

The public schools, under the present corps of teachers, are doing excellent work this year, and the attendance is much larger than ever before. There is an urgent necessity for greater facilities as regards rooms, and the directors should enlarge the present or erect new buildings.

Died, at Rock Creek, says the Fossil *Journal*, Saturday, Dec. 3, 1892, Gracie Schott, aged 13 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Shott. Deceased was dearly beloved by all who knew her, and the relatives who are known and respected throughout this and adjoining counties, have the deepest sympathy of many people.

Fossil *Journal:* The two horse thieves captured last week near Haystack