

Today Contractor A. Anderson turned over to Willard F. Cobart a hand some cottage he has just completed on the bluff. This is the eleventh building Mr. Anderson has completed this year.

H. Hahn, of the firm of Wadsworth & Co., is in the city en route to More to receive two carloads of thorough bred cattle which he is taking to his stock farm at Muddy.

The prettiest display made at the carnival last night was that of the electric light company. Mr. McArthur had his little girl covered with incandescent lights that were turned on when she appeared on the stage.

Deputy Sheriff Otto J. of Prineville, sustained a serious injury one day last week by being kicked in the mouth by a horse. His jaw was broken and 13 teeth knocked out or broken off. Singular as it seems, neither his lips nor any part of his face was so much as scratched.

As a regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star held last night the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. D. Clifton, W. M.; Dr. J. H. Hudson, W. P.; Mrs. A. S. MacAllister, Asso. P.; Mrs. W. S. Myer, Sec. Mrs. J. B. Croesen, Treas.; Miss Edna Echeart, Com.; Mrs. C. W. Deltz, Asso. Com.

The Walla Walla Statesman concludes that The Dalles is not dead yet, although it published the city's obituary some time since. Because we are to have a fire alarm system it thinks we are alive. If the Statesman will just watch The Dalles for a year it will discover a whole lot of life left here.

The cause of the explosion in the Carbonado mine is supposed to be a cave in thereby allowing the accumulated gas to escape. Governor Rogers will conduct the most searching examination and examine witnesses himself. Particular attention will be given to the question of inefficient ventilation in accordance with the state law.

It is reported as Pendleton that a railroad project is on foot for the connection of a line from Hildard, on the R. & N. main line, to the upper waters of the John Day river, and on to Granite. Hildard is beyond the summit of Blue mountains, east of Pendleton, and is but a way station, no town being there.

Freight train No. 33, west off the track about seven miles from here at 1:30 this afternoon, and it is reported that about half the cars and the engine are in the ditch. As far as known nobody was injured. The wrecking train left here at 2:30 for the scene of the accident, and it is expected the track will be cleared by midnight.

Last week, Missie, the 15-year-old child of Michael Brien, of the city, drank three ounces of carbolic acid with suicidal intent, and died within 30 minutes, suffering great agony. Her parents say they are unable to account for the deed, except on the theory that her mind was unbalanced at the time. She had been an invalid for several months.

A fire in Portland yesterday morning in a two story frame building at 123 to 128 Sixth street, caused a loss estimated at \$10,000, with small insurance. The building was completely destroyed. The fire was caused by the Electric laundry office, Unique Tailoring company, Abel & Herin Photograph company, Phillips Trunk factory, Courson Commercial Scale company, Lee's bicycle repair shop, Economy Gas Lamp company and a small restaurant. The building was owned by Drs. S. A. and R. C. Brown.

E. A. Porschback was killed at the Northern Pacific depot at Centralia, Wash., Monday afternoon by a south-bound overland train. He was a passenger for Portland on No. 1. He got off the train at Centralia and went to a store across the street. The train started before he got back, and he ran to catch it. While trying to get on board he fell under the wheels. He was mangled terribly and died in a short time. His former home was in St. Cloud, Minn. He was a member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

The state has rested its case in the trial of Frank McDaniel for the murder of Charlie Fitch in Portland, all the evidence for the prosecution having been finished yesterday. The state has failed to make a very strong case against the accused, and it is doubtful if a verdict of guilty can be had. All the evidence is circumstantial, and unless McDaniel can prove his whereabouts at all hours during the night of the murder, strong suspicions will rest on him, but the chain of circumstances is hardly sufficiently strong to fit the guilty upon him.

The case of Harvey Kottzman, who is accused of passing forged checks, was called up in Justice Bayard's court yesterday afternoon, and owing to the absence of Mr. Kuck, the principal witness for the state, the case was continued until December 27. Kottzman be-

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ing up under \$500 bonds to appear at that time for preliminary examination. The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney Menefee and the defense by Judge Hayes, of Oregon City. Kattzman's attorney expects to get bonds for his client at Gresham where the young man is well known.

Three million pounds of freight reach Sumpter every month, and the volume is rapidly increasing, says the Sumpter American.

The meeting of the Dufur Teachers' Association that was to have been held on the 16th has been postponed until after the holidays.

The great reservoir of Eastern Oregon, the Cascade and Blue mountains, are filling up with snow that will next year supply the streams with abundant water.

The Lakewick Examiner reports a sale of 112 head of beef cattle at 3 cents per pound, and that the seller "has a special lot of beef Christmas cows that he is holding at 6 cents."

J. O. Mack, chief clerk in the post-office, has tendered his resignation to take effect January 1, and Forest Fisher will be selected as his successor.

An electric light plant and water works system are two improvements that are always a necessity in Burns, and the News thinks steps will be taken early in the spring to inaugurate the two systems.

Salmon pays over \$300 a day interest on city bonds. Albany pays over \$10 a day interest money on its debts. That sounds big but it stinks into smallness beside Portland's \$1,000 a day interest.

One of the Baker City banks has resources of \$1,235,000, and the other also doing a good business. The Democratic party before another year the town's banking resources will pass the \$2,000,000 mark.

The weather forecast for tonight is fair and snow is predicted tomorrow. The weather bureau announces this is the commencement of the cold period, and advises stockmen that heavy storms are expected.

A Marion county blacksmith is going through the bankruptcy court with liabilities amounting to \$2412, and assets, tools exempt from execution, \$120. It is not often that a mechanic travels the bankruptcy road.—Eurene Guard.

A party of Portland capitalists who had been examining Sumpter properties, were passengers on No. 1 yesterday, returning to Portland. They spoke very encouragingly of the prospects of Oregon's biggest mining camp.

The state board of agriculture has elected the following officers: President, W. H. Wehrung, of Hillsboro; vice-president, J. H. Sestler, of Woodburn; secretary, M. D. Widom, of Portland; treasurer, A. Bush, of Salem.

Parties who came in on No. 1, yesterday from the upper country said there was a foot of snow at Baker City and about two feet on the summit of the Blue mountains. The snow reached nearly to Pendleton, but from that point west the ground is bare.

The accident which occurred to train No. 23 near town yesterday afternoon was caused by the spreading of the rails, which caused one rail to turn over and let the engine and five cars slip off the track. The wrecking crew near Rowena last night, Charles Johnson, a machinist's helper, got one of his thumbs badly crushed, and was brought to town by Mr. DeHuff, who was in charge of the work, and had the injured member dressed by Dr. Logan.

Walla Walla is asking for a \$250,000 federal building, and Oregon City wants one to cost \$50,000. There is no need for either. The government can better afford to rent than pay out such sums for buildings. The conditions as to the box office of the work, and in the town in Walla Walla for postoffice, land office, federal court room and weather bureau amount to \$2520 a year. Interest at 3 per cent, on the \$250,000 building asked for would be \$7500 a year. The conditions as to Oregon City are about the same.

The man J. W. Collins, who is held by the Portland police on several charges of forgery, and who succeeded in passing one forged check on the Columbia brewery, tried to victimize J. F. McInerney for \$37.50, but failed. On October 5th he bought \$15 worth of goods and offered a check on the First National bank in payment, signed by Sam James and drawn in favor of P. R. Johnson. Mr. McInerney took the check and informed Collins, who was going under the name of Johnson, that he would ascertain if the check

was all right, and if so he could have the goods the next morning. Collins never called for either the goods or the check.

A man who said he was one of Roosevelt's rough riders, J. G. Hughes, died at Granite the other day. A. G. Anseny has written to a gentleman in Pendleton to look up the whereabouts of Mrs. Bridget Hughes, his wife. Hughes said he was a packer and interpreter with the rough riders. He was wounded at Santiago, Cuba, and he had had correspondence with Colonel Roosevelt, he said with reference to procuring a pension from the federal government, based upon his service and wound. Hughes has a small estate, of which a life insurance policy of \$600 is chief. Hughes was one of the men who were confined in the "bull pen" at Warden last spring.

In the city election at Astoria Wednesday, the non-partisan ticket was elected by majorities ranging from 36 to 250.

Billy Ketchum left this morning for Portland, and from there will go over the Northern Pacific to Chicago, where he expects to stay all winter.

Ex-Senator W. T. Allen has been appointed senator by the governor of Nebraska, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hayward.

F. Lonke never changes the quality of the goods he carries. He keeps a stock of Anchorage whisky at 2 imported port and sherry wines that are first class.

A. J. Swift went to Portland today to have his eyes treated by Dr. Brown. There is a special case of eyes which must be removed before Mr. Swift can regain his sight.

If the person who picked up the silver stamp holder from the desk in the postoffice will leave the same at the Times-Mountaineer office there will be no questions asked.

Old winter has got us at last. Two inches of snow fell last night and is more to follow. If a foot were to fall and lay on for a month it would be beneficial to the country.

Alaska is soon to have a legal hanging. J. Homer Birt, having been convicted at Juneau, of the murder of two men at Dawson. This is the first conviction of murder in the first degree by an Alaska jury.

Sample copies of the Householder, N. Y. World and N. Y. Tribune, all of which will be furnished at reduced rates with both the Daily and Weekly Times-Mountaineer, will be furnished on application at this office.

By an order of Judge Hollinger to U. S. Commissioner J. M. Huntington, David Garrison was ordered released from jail and is now a free man. Garrison was serving a sentence of 600 days in the county jail for having attempted to defraud the government.

At a meeting of the Workman lodge last night the by-laws of the lodge were amended providing that meetings be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month instead of on every Thursday evening.

A Grant county rancher, according to the Long Creek Eagle, has struck on a plan for keeping sheepmen from herding their flocks about his premises. He has the idea of taking a mutton daily out of every herd of sheep near his place.

Last night the Daughters of Rebekah were entertained by Mr. McIntosh and Miss McIntosh, and right well did the hosts acquit themselves. They served the members with a sumptuous banquet consisting of roast turkey, cake, coffee and everything good to eat.

It is reported here that the Sherman County Bank, of Wasco, closed its doors today. No particulars are given as the cause of the embarrassment of the bank or the possibilities of its reopening. Messrs. Patterson and Brooks, the managers, are both conservative business men, and it is to be hoped they will be able to get their bank on its feet again at an early date.

At the last meeting of Wasco Tribe No. 16, I. O. E. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Henry Nagel, chairman; J. D. Hooker, secretary; Chas. F. Jones, junior saganore; Frank Menefee, keeper of wampum; John Mitchell, chief of records; O. J. Johannsen, prophet; E. S. Bates, trustee.

L. J. Davenport and son, of Mosier, are in the city. As usual, Mr. Davenport has a good word for Mosier creek country, and declares it is the best part of Wasco county. As an evidence of this he has just marked 14 head of 2-year-old steers in Portland that averaged 110 pounds a piece and bought him \$40 a head.

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GATACRE WAS NOT BETRAYED

He Simply Chose an Unfortunate Battlefield.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The war office received the following from General Forster-Walker dated today: Capote-Gatacre reports as follows: The idea to attack Stromberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the guides. Police men took us around some miles, and consequently we were marching from 9:30 P. M. until 4 A. M., and were lagged in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an accessible hill, and wounded a good many of our men in the open plain. The Second Northumberland, tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish fusiliers seized a kopje near and held it, supported by mounted infantry and the Cape police.

The Boers, under Jeffries, could not have been better handled, but I regret to say that one gun was overturned in the deep mullah and another sank in the quicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available. Being the situation, a dispatch rider was sent to Mafeking with a collected and withdrew our force from ridge to ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards.

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BRITISHERS IN CHICAGO. Organize to Raise Money for British Soldiers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A general committee composed of representatives from the various British societies in and about Chicago, met at the Great Northern hotel and formed an organization to raise money for the relief of widows and orphans of British soldiers and sailors killed in the South African war. An entertainment will be given in Central Music Hall January 13. British-Americans have already subscribed \$4,500.

There are to be 100 vice-presidents chosen from the leading British-Americans of Chicago. The name of the organization is Society of Sons and Daughters of the British Empire. A ladies' auxiliary will also be organized to act in conjunction with the society.

Plans of the Committee. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—It is stated on authority that the packer's combine next season, those known as the Elmore and Klancy and the packing house at Clifton.

This determination of the trust gives color to the report that it will engage extensively in the cold-storage business by which may be the cold storage of the receipts of salmon. It is stated positively that the George & Barker canneries in East Astoria will not be operated. This will have no detrimental effect on fishermen, for there will be plenty of demand for all the fish that can be landed. It is reported to pay more than the canneries, the reduced number of packing-houses will really be a benefit to the thousands who earn a livelihood on the Columbia.

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This is What General Otis Reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—General Otis has some stirring news to report today from Manila. His advice going to show that the insurgents are, as he predicted a few days ago, at the end of their resources, from a military point of view, and are running away before the rapid advance of the American troops at all points. His cablegrams were as follows:

"Manila.—Fifty men of the navy and fifty men of the army transported by the navy, took Laoga on the 10th inst. General Young, with his staff, followed the next day. He reports that Flores, with the Pennsylvania battalion of the Thirty-fourth infantry, followed by a portion of the Thirty-third infantry, passed north to Pidding, east of Laoga. March's battalion of the Thirty-fourth, was at Cayan, province of Lepanto, on the 7th inst. The Third cavalry was along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy.

"Young states that his extreme northern force passed over the mountains, driving the insurgents under the hands of a man who was badly wounded, killing 50 and wounding many. He made large captures of rifles and property, with all insurgent transportation and released all Spanish prisoners in that section to the number of about 2,000. Our casualties were two wounded. One of our troops are pursuing the remnants of Tinos command.

"March's battalion reports from Cayan, Lepanto province, on the 7th inst., that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's bodyguard, killed General Gregorio Pilar, received the surrender of General Cayan, and staff, killed and wounded 50 insurgents, released 675 Spanish prisoners including 150 friars, and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded. My information is that Aguinaldo has disguised his individuality, abandoned his troops and is hiding in the province of Benguet."

METHUEN AT BAY. He is Confronted by an Army of Twelve Thousand Boers.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The war office received the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Tuesday, December 12: "Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long high kopje, about a four mile Sunday. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday the South end of the kopje, attacking the enemy's position, but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear, cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery. We attacked the enemy on the left and the guards, on the right, captured his position, and howitzer artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak and at 1:15 P. M. sent the Gordons to the entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles to Modder river. Today I sent the Highlanders to an anchorage myself, I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great.

THE GOOD QUEEN WEETS. She Deplores the Loss of Both British and Boer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: It is stated that the queen's mental anxiety gives the gravest alarm to the royal household. The queen insists on receiving the minutes information from the war office as to the state of affairs in the South African war, and the particulars of each engagement are related. Even when discussing ordinary matters and conducting ordinary correspondence, the queen suddenly bursts into a flood of tears and makes pathetic remarks on the misery and hardships entailed upon her soldiers, as well as upon the Boers themselves.

No matter where one went last night there was but one topic of discussion—Methuen's defeat and his probable losses. Later in the evening, when it became known that General Winchester and the Marquis of Winchester were among the killed, the tension was increased. It is not an exaggeration to say that almost every mansion in the fashionable west end contains anxious and sleepless men and women this morning.

Captured Insurgents Stronghold. MANILA, Dec. 14.—A detachment of Colonel Hayes' cavalry, under Lieutenant Arnold, has captured Bisanabato, the mountain stronghold where the last insurrection was ended with a peace treaty. A large quantity of ammunition and arms was captured. Major Batchelor's battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry is making slow progress in the Aparri valley. The villagers are giving the colored troops banquets and balls everywhere.

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British General Killed. LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the war office from the commanding general at Cape Town announces that Major-General Andrew G. Wauchope was killed in action at Modder river on Monday. Wauchope was a veteran of the Ashante and Egyptian campaigns.

Orange River, Cape Colony. LONDON, Dec. 13.—Three hundred and twenty British wounded, including 57 officers, have arrived here from Modder river.

Boys' Cavalry Horses. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 14.—A two day's sale of cavalry horses for the military post was closed here yesterday at 4 o'clock, after 44 head, or two carloads of desirable horses have been secured. The animals selected were all well-broke, young saddle horses, ranging in weight from 144 to 154 hands, and in height from 900 to 1100 pounds; the price paid was not given out, but it is understood that they ranged from \$50 to \$75.

With Pay January Interest. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Secretary Gage has decided to anticipate the January interest on United States bonds outstanding. This interest will amount to about \$5,500,000 and will be paid, beginning tomorrow, without rebate.

THE BIGGEST THING YET. Business Men's Carnival Was a Success in Every Respect.

When the ladies of the Methodist church, a few weeks ago, determined to give a business men's carnival in this city the project was entered into with such enthusiasm by the projectors that all were convinced it could not be anything but a success, yet few anticipated such a pleasant entertainment as was given at the Vogt opera house last night.</