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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The Keller mine in New Mexico is on fire.

The Australian coal miners have struck.

A sailor met with a painful and singular accident.

The will of Dr. Merritt has been filed for probate.

The Democratic convention is in session at Tacoma.

A temple for the A. O. U. W. is to be built in Portland.

The forces of Dr. Carver and "Buffalo Bill" are ready to fight.

The British bark *Glenbervie* from Astoria grounded at Sligo.

W. E. Crowneley was nominated for Secretary of State in Ohio.

It is reported that Governor Wolfley of Arizona has been removed.

Several officials and others were arrested at Santa Fe, for murder.

Wm. Crawford murdered a woman in Illinois and cut his own throat.

H. C. Wilcox, a prominent resident of Meriden, Conn., died yesterday.

The steamer *Arago* has arrived in San Francisco with 20,295 seal skins.

Absentees in Congress are to be arrested and leaves of absence revoked.

The blockade caused by the strike in the Chicago stock yards is being raised.

A locomotive on an Ohio railroad explodes, killing the engineer and fireman.

A hitch has occurred in the proposed advance in the wages of Southern Pacific trainmen.

John Ferguson narrowly escaped being killed by an infernal machine in San Francisco.

Puget sound is to have another steamer, the *Hermosa* from Southern California.

The steamship *Majestic* made the run from Liverpool to New York in 5 days and 22 hours.

The Knights of Labor have played their last card against the New York Central railroad.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company will spend $4,000,000 or $5,000,000 for improving its lines.

During a heated discussion in the House Congressman Beckwith struck Congressman Wilson of Washington.

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A LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES

An Engineer and Fireman Meet With a Horrible Death.

THE BODIES TORN TO ATOMS

A Brakeman Takes a Sail Through the Air and has a Miraculous Escape.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.

MANSFIELD, O., Aug. 27.—As freight train No. 82, east-bound on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railway pulled into Pavonia, a small station seven miles east of this city, about 2:30 o'clock this morning, the boiler of the engine exploded with terrific force. The engineer and fireman were instantly killed.

The bodies were mangled and burned beyond recognition. Head-breakman, Frank Conlon, of Galion, who was on the fourth car from the engine, was blown seventy-five feet from the train and escaped with slight injuries.

The train consisted of about seventeen cars, mostly all oil tanks, which immediately took fire and nearly the entire train was consumed. The track was badly damaged for fully two hundred yards. The loss to the railroad company will probably reach $25,000. The killed are A. L. Graham, engineer, of Galion, who leaves a family, and Joseph Murphy, the fireman, who was single, and belonged to Urbana.

ACCIDENT ON THE OCEAN.

A Sailor Meets With a Singular and Painful Mishap.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—The ship *Melpomene* arrived from Hamburg last evening. During the trip a painful accident occurred to O. Jamsen, one of the crew. It was during stormy weather.

He was lying asleep on a bunk in the carpenter's room when the ship gave a lurch and he was thrown to the floor. The right side of his face struck against the keen edge of an axe and was laid open.

For three hours he lay bleeding and suffering before he was discovered by the men on watch.

The injured man was carefully attended to, but the wound never properly healed, and when the vessel arrived here his injury was still in a bad condition.

LAYING ON THEIR ARMS.

Dr. Carver's and Buffalo Bill's Forces Ready for the Battle.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

HAMBURG, Aug. 27.—The excitement over the fierce row between Buffalo Bill and Dr. Carver is intense. People are afraid to come out of doors after dark. The members of each troupe have openly declared their intention of fighting for their masters if the quarrel ends in a general fight. There can be no doubt that it is only through the efforts of the civil authorities that bloodshed has been avoided.

PORTLAND PARAGRAPHS.

A Temple for the A. O. U. W.—Minor Mention.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, Aug. 27.—A temple for the Ancient Order of United Workmen will be erected during the coming year on the southeast corner of Second and Taylor streets. It will cost nearly $800,000. The structure will be an ornament to the city.

Superintendent Meech, of the census recount, has instructed the enumerators to visit only places where the population of the city and county sleep, in order to avoid duplication.

Isaac Palletant, a Russian Jew, who arrived yesterday from the Sound, was taken to the insane asylum at Salem this afternoon.

THE OCEAN RACERS.

The Steamer "Majestic" Makes a Quick Trip Westward.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The White Star steamship *Majestic*, which arrived this morning from Liverpool made the trip in 5 days, 22 hours and 21 minutes.

Strike Aftermarth.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—The blockade at the stock yards, caused first by the strike of the engineers and firemen of the association, and subsequently by the strike of the switchmen was almost raised to-day. About a dozen engines manned by officials of the different roads are shifting dead trains so that loaded cars can be reached. There were not many policemen around the yards.

Found Embalmed in a Salt Mine.

A strange, and from a scientific point of view, an interesting discovery, has been made at Hermannstadt, in Hungary. The bodies of several Honveds, proved to have fought in 1848, were found in a disused salt mine. How the soldiers got there is a mystery. The salt had so thoroughly penetrated the bodies that they were as well preserved as if they had been kept in spirits. In consequence of this discovery experiments will be made in the medical schools of Vienna, Buda Pesth and Berlin for testing the value of a concentrated solution of salt in preserving of corpses.

A scrap of Paper Saves Her Life

It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by her physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 140 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, Druggist, Fort Smith. Trial bottles of this wonderful Discovery Free at J. W. Conn's Drugstore.

AT THE OLD WAGES.

The Switchmen Will Return to Work in the Stock Yards.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—The Alton switchmen are still out and freight is fast accumulating in their yards. There are no signs of any concession on the part of the railroad. At a recent meeting of the Alton switchmen, engineers and firemen the action of the switchmen in striking was condemned. Every employe of the Railway Switchmen association at the stock yards is to be discharged to-morrow.

The general managers decided to-day that each road should do its own switching at the stock yards, and the action of the superintendent on August 25th, in deciding to dissolve the switchmens' association, was confirmed. The Lake Shore and Michigan Central sent engines and crews into the yards to-day and considerable work was done to relieve the packing houses of the blockade. The Baltimore & Ohio, Illinois Central and several other companies' engineers flatly refused to do any work in the yards, and it is now understood that the switchmen will return to work at the old wages, provided they are invited to do so.

Dr. Merritt's Will.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 27.—The will of the late Dr. Samuel Merritt was filed this morning for probate. The value of the estate is unknown, but is estimated to exceed $1,000,000. The heirs at law are Mrs. Catherine M. Gareelon, a sister aged 78 years, and Frederick A. Merritt, a nephew, aged 40 years.

DELAYED BY A TECHNICALITY.

The Southern Pacific Company Uses Red Tape.

DEMAND OF THE TRAINMEN.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Although the Southern Pacific company had an answer prepared for the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, making concessions as demanded, which would result in a general advance of wages throughout the entire system, a technical hitch occurred at the last moment.

The delay this time has been caused by the company's objection to the organization of the grievance committee on the ground that it does not represent all the company's employes. Those on the Salt Lake division are not represented.

The committee is composed of members of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, and the company wants the Brotherhood of Conductors, Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Brakemen represented before any agreement is made.

General Manager Filmore says that the railroad does not want to be asked to again re-adjust the pay roll by one of the other orders.

To-day the firemen were feeling very indignant at the declaration of the railroad company that they were acting without authority. They say that it is merely a pretext to indefinitely put off giving decision and discourage the committemen.

Wore a Shirt of Greenbacks.

Edward Treusch, an eccentric old Hebrew street vender of pocketbooks, jackknives, chewing gum and divers small trinkets, dropped dead of heart disease yesterday morning. The sudden event brought to light the fact that although Treusch always had the appearance of povery and of finding it a hard struggle to make both ends meet, he was in reality quite well-to-do. He had big rolls of money. When the body was taken by the police to Klaner's morgue on Monroe street and the clothing searched, it was discovered that he had $4,000 in United States bills sewed in the folds of the wonderful shirt he wore. This shirt was of flannel and was made double about the chest and sides. Inside the two folds the old peddler had long carried his wealth. The bills were of various denominations, ranging from $1 to $100.—*Chicago Herald.*

A Skull for a Flower-Pot.

W. G. Van Buskirk, the master mechanic of the Terre Haute & Peoria railroad shops in Paris, Ind., has a peculiar flower pot hanging in his door yard. The gruesome relic is made out of a human skull and is suspended with slender chains. The brain cavity is filled with earth, and a beautiful growth of vines creep from the empty sockets and grinning jaws. Across the forehead is printed the inscription: "To what base uses may we come at last;" and the beholder as he gazes on this ghastly burlesque on human greatness, cannot refrain from involuntarily echoing the sentiment. The skull has something of a history, being that of a theological student who committed suicide. He was interred in a small graveyard which afterwards fell into disuse and decay and was finally sold ror building purposes. In making an excavation the skeleton was exhumed, and the skull came into Mr. Van Buskirk's possession.

Startling Discovery.

The discovery by the inhabitants of a locality hitherto unvisited by the pestilent scourge of fever and ague, that it exists in their very midst, is decidedly startling. Such discoveries are made at every season, in every part of the Union. Subsequently, when it is ascertained, as it invariably is at such times, through the valuable experience of some one who has been benefitted and cured, that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a thoroughly efficacious eradicator of the malarial poison, and a means of fortifying the system against it, a feeling of more security and tranquillity reigns throughout the whole neighborhood. Besides the febrific forms of malarial disease, dumb ague and ague cake are removed by the potent action of the Bitters, to which science also gives its sanction as a remedy for rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation, liver complaint, debility, kidney troubles, and all diseases impairing the organs of digestion and assimilation.

BECAUSE HE LOVED HER

Excuse Given by a Man for Having Murdered a Woman.

HE THEN CUTS HIS THROAT

Suicide Preferable to Arrest, and When He Saw the Officers he Used A Razor.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.

DECATUR, Ill., Aug. 27.—The body of Mrs. Col. Mathias was found in a field near here this morning with her throat cut from ear to ear.

William Crawford, who had worked for Mrs. Mathias' husband, was suspected.

Officers found him at the home of his sister, but when he saw the officers coming he drew a razor and cut his throat, severing the windpipe. He then confessed to the murder, saying he killed the woman because he loved her. He cannot recover.

THE GHOST OF A BOOM.

A Steamer Transfer Brings it to the Front.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Arrangements have been completed between Captain Banning, of San Diego, and the Port Crescent Land & Improvement company, whereby the steamer *Hermosa* is to be transferred from Southern, California to Puget Sound, where she will ply between Tacoma and Port Crescent.

The *Hermosa* was a disastrous investment for Captain Banning. He invested $200,000 in her, when the Southern California boom was in full blast.

The steamer was run between San Pedro and Catalina island, where it was expected to establish a famous watering resort. The expectations, however, were not realized.

LIQUOR IN THE CAPITOL.

The Proposition to Abolish the Sideboard System.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—In the Senate this morning, a resolution, offered by Plumb several days ago, instructing the committee on rules to issue orders to prevent the sale of all kinds of liquor in the senate wing of the capitol, taken up.

Butler proposed an amendment, directing the sergeant at arms to make a daily inspection of the committee rooms to see if liquors were used there. It was rejected.

The original resolution was finally referred to the committee on rules.

A SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

Congressman Beckwith Strikes Congressman Wilson.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—In the House to-day, fillibustering against the land bill was continued.

There was a scene, occasioned by a remark made by Mr. Cannon, which was interpreted by the House as vulgar, and in a personal controverasy during its discussion Beckwith, of New Jersey, struck Wilson of Washington. When quiet was restored, Cannon disclaimed the vulgar construction put upon his remark.

A Bark Aground.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the Merchants Exchange from London this morning says that the British bark *Glenbervie* from Astoria grounded at Sligo, while entering port. She will probably come off at high tide.

Absentees to be Arrested.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27—The House adopted resolations directing the sergeant at arms to arrest absentees and revoking leaves of absence, except those granted for illness, and adjourned.

In an Oriental City.

Here is a scene in Oriental Ahmedabad: As the sun is just up the people are opening their doors and windows and standing up their beds against the walls; some are performing their toilet operations in full view of the street, and gossiping with their neighbors as they squat in their doorways. A whole row of them are brushing their teeth with wood sticks in unison over the gutter. Brown babies of all sizes are playing in the doorways among the chickens and kids.

Here in a house carved like a jewel-box, the heavy door is sumptuously wrought with cross-beams ornamented with projecting metallic bosses. While we are lost in admiration it suddenly opens and a couple of cows rush madly out and clatter down the steps of the portico; cows in this country do not object to going up and down stairs. We are not to suppose, however, that his is a barn; it only happens that the cows in coming from their quarters behind, are obliged to traverse the lower floor of the family mansion.

An Illinois Pearl for a Countess.

On Saturday Charles Ellis, an amateur fisher, found a pearl in the Pecatonica river at Winslow, near Galena, Ill., which he sold to an expert buyer for $600. The gem was one of the largest that has ever been discovered in these waters, of a dark, bluish brown tint, and remarkably lustrous. The pearl was seen by one of Tiffany's men, of New York, who gave a check for $1,200 for it on sight. It is to adorn the coronet of a well known English countess.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident hotel, Astoria.

A LIBELED CORRESPONDENT.

He Causes an Arrest and Will Sue for Damages.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SALT LAKE, Aug. 27—Edward Pike, correspondent of the *Tribune* has instituted libel proceedings at Provo. He was accused of writing an account of a sensational church trial at Provo for the *Tribune* and the correspondent for the Provo *Enquirer* made a raving assault upon Pike on the ground that he was the man who wrote the account of the trial.

Pike procured the name of the *Enquirer's* correspondent, E. A. Wilson, and swore out a warrant for Wilson's arrest for criminal libel. Pike will also sue the *Enquirer* for libel.

WHOLESALE ARREST.

High Officials Charged With Murder in New Mexico.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Two warrants were served this afternoon by the United States marshal against Francis Chavez, sheriff, for malfeasance in office, and also on Romolo Martinez, ex-United States marshal, Francisco Chavez, sheriff, Luciano Baca, probate judge, Juan Ordez Roderiguez, justice of the peace, Jose Ordez Baca, chief of police and eleven others, charging them with being accessories to, and some of them principals in the murder of Faustin Ordez on March 1st last.

Unanimously Nominated.

Special to THE ASTORIAN]

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 27.—W. E. Cromley, of Pickaway county, was unanimously nominated for Secretary of State to-day.

MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

What the Northern Pacific Company Will Spend.

NEW RAILS FOR THE ROAD.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—W. S. Mellen, general agent of the Northern Pacific railway says that about $1,000,000 will be spent by the company this year for steel rails to replace old rails between St. Paul and Tacoma, also on the Portland division, between Tacoma and Portland. The company will spend in all between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000 for the betterment of the line.

Call for an Election.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SANTA FE, Aug. 27.—Governor Prince to-day, in accordance with a legislature enactment, and at the solicitation of the late constitutional convention, issued a proclamation calling upon the people to vote for or against the state constitution at a special election to be held October 17th.

SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

Silk is made from paper pulp.

Plowing by electricity is in contemplation for a large property in Central Spain.

Electric roads exceed 25 per cent. of the mileage and of the number of street railroads in this country and in Canada.

A trolley system of electric traction, somewhat similar to that used for street railways is proposed for canal boat propulsion.

The new downward draft locomotive is the thing. It puts the smoke, cinders and fumes under the cars instead of over and into them.

The wire for covering the tube of the 10-inch gun, now in course of construction for the army, is being joined by the electric welding process.

Sixty-five years ago Emmons Rudge was arrested at Hartford, Conn., for selling ice, as the doctors of the city had decided that it was unhealthy to use it.

A feature of the Frankfort-on-the-Main International exhibition will be the transmission of electrical power over copper wires from a distance of 140 miles.

Recent experiment has proven that aluminum is particularly adapted for treatment in the drawing press, one of its chief advantages being that it can be worked with very little annealing.

The cow does not eat when she is grazing, but stores up a supply of food to be masticated in some quiet, shady place in the pasture. She is only really eating when she "chews cud."

Professor Robert Koch has interested the Medical Congress at Berlin by his declaration that he has discovered a destroyer of the basillus of tuberculosis, and that he will soon announce a remedy for consumption.

The United States Government Commissioner of Patents estimates that from six to seven-eighths of the entire manufacturing capital of the United States, or $6,000,000,000, is directly or indirectly based upon patents.

Professor Hirsch, a Chicago chemist, asserts that he has discovered a process by which he can extract aluminium, from common clay at a cost of 15 cents or less for each pound. Aluminum until quite recently, cost $5 per pound.

Instead of increasing the weight of locomotives to secure better traction, efforts are being made to use the electric current, as experiment has demonstrated that the passage of a current through the driving wheels increases the traction far beyond what additional weight accomplishes.

Notice.

GOD'S BLESSING TO HUMANITY—So Says an Oregon Pioneer Ninety Years Old.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 19.—I have used the OREGON KIDNEY TEA and obtained immediate relief. It is God's blessing to humanity. I take pleasure in recommending it to the afflicted. I am now nearly ninety years old, came to Oregon in 1842 in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, and since I began using the OREGON KIDNEY TEA I enjoy good health.

DAVID MUNROE.

THE STICK WAS LOADED

An Infernal Machine Set for a 'Frisco Saloon Keeper.

NOVEL INSTRUMENT OF DEATH

Left in a Doorway it was Opportunely Discovered by the Man it was Intended For.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—When John Ferguson a saloon man and a director of the California Athletic club attempted to enter his home yesterday morning he stumbled across a stick of wood, which had been carefully laid near the threshold. He picked it up and was surprised to find that he had narrowly escaped death, for the instrument was a carefully constructed infernal machine.

On one end of an iron bar with a six-shooter cocked, with a wire attached to the trigger and connected to the stick of wood so that when any pressure was brought on the wood the pistol would be discharged.

The machine was so placed near the door that any one entering could hardly avoid stepping upon it.

Ferguson reported the matter to the chief police and the novel death dealing machine is now in the hands of the police and detectives are endeavoring to ferret out the persons who placed the machine in position.

It will be remembered that a short time ago Ferguson was shot and seriously injured by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in his saloon.

Death of H. C. Wilcox.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

COTTAGE CITY, Mass., Aug. 27.—Horace C. Wilcox, of Meriden, Conn., died to-day, aged 66 years, of paralysis. He was the founder of the Wilcox & White Organ company, a director of the Meriden, Waterbury & Connecticut railroad, and held other positions of trust. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

Death of A Banker.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Levi Silberman, of Silberman & Joseph, bankers and brokers, died this morning. He was 64 years old. In early life he was engaged in the dry goods business at Jeffersonville, Ind., and at Louisville, Ky.

Strike of Australian Miners.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Spreckles & Co., this afternoon received a cablegram from Australia announcing that there was a general strike throughout the coal mines in that country.

An Indiana Inferno.

Much excitement prevails over the recent gas explosion. It is now discovered that the whole neighborhood in the vicinity of the young volcano is saturated with natural gas and the soil is full of it. One can run a crowbar down in the ground any place and light the gas, which proceeds from the soil in various quantities. This would indicate that the gas has found its way through the limestone, and in many places fractures in the stone permit it to escape into the sand and gravel immediately below the surface soil which partially prevents its escape into the air. This bears out the theory that gas has for some time been escaping from the sides of the gas wells and diffusing itself in the sand and gravel below the limestone.

In Van Buren township, twenty-four miles north of the late eruption, the waterwells which have been sunk twenty to thirty feet, a few feet below the superstructure of stone, have been broken into by gas three miles away, and the people have abandoned the use of the water, cased the wells and are now using the gas for fuel. The whole township seems to be filled with the combustible, and the inhabitants are threatened with disaster. No telling but the lighting of a match may yet blow two or three townships into smithereens. It is altogether probable that the diffusion of gas in the soil more or less affects the growing crops. The great question may yet be as to the advisability of sinking gas wells, or, if sunk at all, whether other methods should not be used to case and confine the explosive. Pockets of gas are no doubt forming beneath the limestone over the region of the gas belt, and it is only a question of time when it will break forth in terrific force. It is yet a question as to which is the most hazardous, the accummulation of gas in pockets, followed by eruptions similar to the Waldron blow-out or permitting it to permeate the soil as it is now doing in Van Buren and Noble townships, poisoning the water and diseasing the air. It is reported by good citizens that to-day boys were roasting corn by gas jets produced by sticking canes down in the soil a few feet in the vicinity of the volcano. Such being the case, the citizens will soon have to abandon home and fireside.

The fissures of the ground blown to atoms Monday are now filling with water, through which gas occasionally forces its way.—Shelbyville, Ind., special to the St. Louis *Republic.*

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