

# PAY NO REWARD

## Oregon Owes Nothing for Return of Merrill's Body.

### SECRETARY OF STATE HAS DECIDED

#### Claimants for Tracy Reward Compromise — Boy Who Informed Posse is to Share Alike with Them.

Salem, Or., Aug. 30.—Secretary of State Dunbar has announced his decision disallowing the claim of Mrs. Waggoner for finding and returning the body of Convict Merrill. All the papers in the case are set forth, and after a lengthy review of the facts Mr. Dunbar concludes as follows:

"In view of the foregoing, after due consideration, the claim is hereby disallowed for the reason that it does not appear that the claimant rendered the service claimed, or by her acts in finding and returning the body of Merrill, complied with the provisions of the law or the offer of reward, and is therefore not entitled to the amount claimed or any part thereof."

Spokane, Aug. 30.—It is understood that peace has been declared between the men who have been claiming shares in the Harry Tracy reward, and that now there will be no fighting over its payment. Sheriff Gardner is authentically said to have made an offer to the five members of the posse to the effect that if they will sign an agreement to give Goldfinch, the boy who betrayed the outlaw, an equal share with each of them in the reward, he will step aside and do all in his power to assist them to draw down the prize money.

The sheriff states that throughout the controversy the rights of young Goldfinch have been his objective point, and he asserts that he is determined to see that the boy gets his full share. The offer of the sheriff will probably be accepted and will thus settle the dispute over the reward, which, it has seemed, could only be adjusted through the courts. It is understood that the Creston men do not believe the youth has a particle of claim legally to the reward, but that in order to get the matter settled without litigation they are willing to comply with the terms of Sheriff Gardner.

### POSSIBLE STRINGENCY.

#### Secretary Shaw Will Take Steps to Ease Up the Money Market.

Washington, Aug. 30.—It is rumored as to Secretary Shaw's plans for relieving the money market in the event of a possible stringency, the secretary, who is now in New York, has authorized Assistant Secretary Ailes to make the following statement:

"The secretary recently invited some of the larger national banks in the principal cities to order additional amounts of circulating notes to be printed. National banks are entitled to issue notes to the full amount of their capital. The aggregate capital of national banks is \$700,000,000, but the banks have outstanding only \$358,000,000 of circulation. The secretary has hoped to introduce an element of elasticity into the present system. His suggestions to the various banks in the larger cities that they make preparation for additional circulation have met with very favorable response. It is not his intention that they should issue this additional circulation at all, now, but only in case of actual necessity and emergency. With this in view, those banks which have made arrangements to deposit United States bonds as security for such additional circulation have sent in their orders and the secretary has had all branches of the treasury service busily engaged in expediting the preparation of the notes pending a possible emergency."

### THREATENED WITH DEATH.

#### American Missionaries Ordered to Leave Their Field in Mexico.

Plainfield, Ind., Aug. 30.—Word has been received from Everett Morgan and wife, formerly residents of Plainfield, now missionaries at Covicti, Mexico, that natives of that place have warned them that unless they leave the city by September 17 they will be put to death. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were sent out by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Western yearly meeting of Friends about four years ago, and have been at Covicti about a year. Appeals for protection have been sent to the government authorities.

### Weyerhaeuser Buys More Timber.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 30.—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company has become the owner of what is virtually one-eighth of the land in Thurston county. A deed has been filed in the office of the county auditor transferring to the Weyerhaeusers all of the timber lands owned by the Northern Pacific in this county, amounting to 84,229.04 acres. The deeds bore revenue stamps to the value of \$447, showing that the purchase price was \$521,863, representing the largest transfer of property ever made in this county.

### MAY BE GREAT STRIKE.

#### Railway Trainmen Will Demand Increase of Twenty Per Cent.

Milwaukee, Aug. 29.—The Sentinel Says: By September 15 the large railway systems of the country will be confronted with a demand by 100,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen for an increase in wages, which will mean an additional outlay of \$1,000,000 a month for wages by railroads in the country or the alternative of a strike which will eclipse in extent all previous strikes, including the demonstration of the American Railway Union in 1894. The demands which have been formulated are for an increase of 20 per cent in wages.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 29.—Assistant Grand Master Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said: "It is true that a concerted movement has been inaugurated by trainmen and conductors employed on railroads west of the Mississippi river to secure uniform rates of compensation. A vote of the men, which will probably result in the officers of the two organizations being authorized to present requests to the various roads for these concessions, is now being taken. It will, however, be at least 90 days before the vote has been completed. There is absolutely no talk of a strike, and the possibility of such a movement is extremely remote."

### GAGE DEFEATED.

#### California Republican Nomination for Governor Goes to Pardee.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 29.—After fighting one of the most bitter political battles in his career, Governor Gage of California, suffered defeat in the Republican state convention in this city. Dr. Pardee of Oakland was his strongest opponent from the start. He received the unanimous nomination of the convention on the sixth ballot.

This result was accomplished by a coalition of the supporters of Gage and Pardee. During the roll call of the sixth ballot, before a quarter of the counties had been called, it became apparent that the tide was setting toward Pardee. His own delegation was wild with excitement, and the contagion spread like wild fire, his supporters acting like mad men. When the chairman declared him the nominee there was another prolonged outburst. In response to repeated demands, Pardee thanked the delegates and expressed appreciation of the honor conferred upon him. Alden was then unanimously nominated for lieutenant governor.

### MOUNTAINS OF TIN.

#### Rich Discoveries Reported in the Vicinity of Mount Wrangel.

Seattle, Aug. 29.—A special dispatch from Valdes, Alaska, to the Times says:

Robert Blei, the expert sent into the Nazina district by Captain Delamar, has just reached Valdes and reports that the Nazina district has the greatest mine in Alaska, and that the copper property there is the greatest known in the world. The richness of the country, Captain Blei says, insures the building of a railroad at the earliest possible time.

The most important discoveries in Alaska have been made by A. W. Tibbits, in the finding of mountains of tin near Mount Wrangel, 150 miles distant, in which district he located forty-five claims.

This is the greatest season of discoveries Alaska has ever known.

### GOOD COMMON SENSE.

#### President Says That is All That's Needed in Government.

Waterville, Me., Aug. 29.—The presidential special stopped here about ten minutes. The president made a brief address in which he said:

"I feel that the art of successful government is the art of applying, every day, the principles of decency, morality and common sense. What we need is the application of every-day principles that a man needs if he makes his business a success. The only permanent betterment in the condition of any nation is to raise the standards of individual citizenship throughout the nation."

### COMMITTS SUICIDE.

#### San Francisco Manager of Western Union Shoots Himself.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—T. H. Reynolds, manager of the Western Union Telegraph company here, committed suicide at noon in the office while temporarily insane, by shooting himself.

### May Receive Honors.

Washington, Aug. 29.—It is said that when General Miles returns from the Philippines it will be by way of the Eastern route, which will give him an opportunity to visit Europe. The general will doubtless be accorded marked honors wherever he may stop, as he is regarded by foreign military powers as a great soldier.

### Inquiry Opens.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 29.—The beef trust inquiry against the St. Joseph packers has commenced before Special Commissioner Kinley of Kansas City.

# GOLD OF OREGON

## Mineral Output of the State for 1901 was Encouraging.

### BAKER COUNTY HOLDS FIRST PLACE

#### Industry in Washington Also Picking Up — Placer Ground Still Holds Out — Alaska Output Falling Off.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The gold production of Oregon in 1901, according to the director of the mint, just made public, was greater than in any previous year, being of the value of \$1,834,821. The preceding year it was valued at \$1,727,892. This substantial increase occurred notwithstanding the fact that many of the best developed and usually producing mines were closed down a great portion or all the year, for various reasons. The silver product of Oregon was \$211,876 in 1901, as against \$170,721 the year before.

Baker county still holds first rank among the mineral producers of the state, and bids fair to increase its lead very materially from the fact that the ores appear to be increasing in value as they attain greater depth. Fifty years has not exhausted the placers of Oregon, and there is ground enough that will pay to work for fifty years more, while the quartz ledges are practically untouched. "A great future awaits this grand state in point of mineral wealth," is the concluding paragraph of the report regarding Oregon.

### In Washington.

Mining in Washington is slowly recovering from the depressing effect of the temporary diversion of capital to Alaska. There has been a slight increase in the output, and the industry may be considered as improving, and the close of the present year is expected to show a betterment in development and production.

During the past year the Seattle assay office has received the following quantities of gold and silver from neighboring fields:

Alaska	\$ 3,476,759
Idaho	5,670
Oregon	4,904
Washington	68,581
British Columbia	627,678
Yukon Territory	11,097,118

### Alaska Falling Off.

The gold output of Alaska is receding, due largely to the decrease in the output from the Nome field. Not only was the Nome season exceptionally short, but apprehensive uncertainty was universally felt on account of the immense amount of litigation that followed the advent of the judiciary in the summer of 1900. Many rich claims were not worked at all, and others but slightly. Rulings of Judge Wickensham, who arrived in September, to the effect that original holders of mining ground would be permitted to work their claims, and that "jumpers" would receive no consideration, restored confidence and gave back to the rightful owners possession of many good properties. But relief came too late to have any appreciable effect upon the output for the season.

In this connection it is interesting to state that during 1901 United States mines, assay offices, refineries and smelters received \$17,752,463 in Klondike gold, besides much silver.

### MILES GOES TO PHILIPPINES.

#### The General Refuses, However, to State What He Will Do There.

New York, Aug. 27.—General Nelson A. Miles will sail for the Philippine within a few weeks, says a Herald dispatch from Boston. He is reticent as to the object of his trip and refused to discuss the matter further than to say that he was not going as a tourist, nor for his health.

### By Permission of the President.

Boston, Aug. 27.—With reference to the statement that General Miles is going to the Philippines, Secretary Cortelyou said: "General Miles is going to the Philippines with the permission of the president, to inspect army conditions."

### BOTHA SUCCEEDS KRUGER.

#### Designated as the Future Leader of the Boers—Kruger to Resign.

London, Aug. 27.—Cabling from Brussels the correspondent of the daily Telegraph says he hears that as a result of the conference between ex-President Kruger and the Boer general, Mr. Kruger is to resign the leadership of the Boers. General Botha, the correspondent adds, was unanimously chosen the future leader of the Boers.

### Bank-Wrecker Dix Sentenced.

Whatcom, Aug. 27.—Judge Neterer has overruled a motion to grant a new trial for H. St. John Dix, and sentenced him to 10 years in the penitentiary, the limit under the laws of this state for bank-wrecking.

### BIG LAND SCANDAL.

#### Speculators Alleged to be Taking Unfair Advantage of Indians.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Investigation develops the beginning of what promises to be a great scandal growing out of the purchase by syndicates and individuals of lands of deceased Indians, allotted at prices considerably below their value—an abuse which the Indian office is trying to check. As yet it is confined to the Southwestern states, but the speculators are rapidly advancing westward and northward, threatening in a short time to penetrate every Indian reservation containing allotted lands in Oregon and Washington. There are strong intimations, backed by evidence on file, to show that several agents are in collusion with the speculators, and are inducing heirs to sell at ridiculously low figures.

Commissioner Jones advocates the advertising of all lands belonging to deceased allottees, the tracts to go to the highest bidders, but congress must first sanction this plan. There are in Oregon 476,000 acres of allotted lands, 372,000 acres in Washington, and 188,000 in Idaho, a large portion of which belongs to the heirs of the original allottees, now dead. About 178,000 acres of the Oregon allotments are at Kiamath, 140,000 at Warm Springs, 77,000 at Umatilla and 33,000 at Grand Ronde, with the remainder at Siletz.

Commissioner Jones says these lands are very tempting to speculators, and unless some remedy is soon devised, the Northwestern Indians will be swindled out of valuable possessions. No complaints have yet been had from that section, but are expected.

The most desirable lands in Washington are 51,000 acres at Colville, 17,000 acres at Puyallup and 211,000 acres at Yakima. The Lapwai reservation, Idaho, contains the most coveted lands in that state.

### CHARGES AGAINST PALMA.

#### Cuban President Said to be in Danger of Impeachment

Havana, Aug. 31.—Charges against President Palma, of the Cuban Republic, arising from certain executive concessions he is credited with having made to friends and others for, perhaps, financial or political considerations, which are to be preferred by the house, have been prepared and printed, and impeachment proceedings against this high official are likely to be sprung any day. At present it is impossible to tell what action Palma will take in the matter.

The department announces that although it is in daily communication with Minister Squires, it has not been advised of any crisis in the Cuban government, nor has it been notified officially of any effort being made to impeach President Palma.

### GOOD ROADS TRAIN.

#### It Will Remain at Portland from October 13 to 20.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The good roads convention in connection with the Minnesota state fair, on the grounds between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Sept. 1, 2 and 3, is expected to institute the most far-reaching and effective demonstration of the value of good roads so far given. The office of road inquiry of the department of agriculture will take a leading part in the convention. At the time of the convention a good roads train will be equipped by the Great Northern and put at the disposal of the department of agriculture officials and others interested in the work. It will visit the most central points and promote the holding of meetings similar to that at the Minnesota fair. The train will be at Seattle October 6 to 12; Portland, Or., October 13 to 20. The department of agriculture will be represented by Director Martin Dodge, of the office of road inquiry, and his assistants.

### HALF DOZEN WOUNDED.

#### Encounter Between Strikers and Troops at Lansford, Pa.

Tamaqua, Pa., Aug. 31.—In an encounter between troops and strikers at Lansford, Captain W. H. Heim, of Company K, Twelfth regiment, was slightly injured. Half a dozen strikers were bayoneted in the fracas. Major Gearhart, in command of the troops here states that he will appeal to the military authorities to put the town of Lansford under military law.

### Starving Indians.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones has received a telegram from Senator Rawlins of Utah representing that 6,000 Indians on the Navajo reservation, in the southern part of his state, are starving, and requesting that assistance be dispatched to them.

### Bodies Still Held in Paris.

New York, Aug. 31.—The bodies of Charles L. Fair and wife, who were killed in an automobile accident, are still here, cables the Paris correspondent of the American. Nothing can be learned as to the date on which they are to be shipped to New York.



Fred—Never mind, old man. A woman's "no" very often means "yes." Tom—But she didn't say "no." She said "nit."

You can't have your cake and eat it, but you can eat your own cake and swipe the other fellow's.—Ohio State Journal.

The Man (entering the store)—Have you typewriter ribbons? The Fresh Girl (behind the counter)—Is she blonde or brunette?

Edith—You know that new horse papa named after you? Well, he's proved to be quite worthless, and papa is going to shoot him.—Puck.

Church—I never cross a bridge until I come to it. Gotham—Well, if you refer to the Brooklyn bridge, you have a good deal of trouble even then.

Lucky He Hadn't.—"Miss Muggles has had \$6,000 left to her by an uncle who had never seen her." "Well, that explains it."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Landlubber—How mad that lighthouse keeper must be—he has lighted that lamp a dozen times since I have been watching, and it has gone out every time.—Life.

"By the way," reminded the curious inquirer, "what's a synonymous expression for 'talking shop'?" "Well," replied Joakley, "there's 'tonorial emporium,' and 'haircutting parlor.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"That Mr. Squeezem had nothing but praise for your sermon to-day," said the minister's wife, after church. "Yes, I noticed that when the plate was passed around," said the pastor, sadly.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Pug—I suppose since the bulldog lost his teeth he doesn't bite any more? The Poodle—Only Miss Maud's gentlemen callers. The Pug—Why then? The Poodle—They are such soft young men.—Philadelphia Record.

Bowman—My recital was a splendid success. The audience was fired with enthusiasm. Bridge—Mercy! Weren't you afraid of a conflagration? There was so much paper in the house you know.—Boston Transcript.

"Why is it," said the self-conscious young man who is to be married, "that all the world loves a lover?" "Perhaps," answered the coarse and cynical partner, "it is because pity is akin to love."—Washington Star.

you never arose to give a lady your seat." "Yes; but now I am wearing patent leather shoes, and if I sit everyone walks on them."—Toledo Bee.

Jack—Yes, I had a little balance in bank, but I became engaged two months ago, and now— Ned—Ah! love makes the world go 'round. Jack—Yes, but I didn't think it would go 'round so fast as to cause me to lose my balance.—Philadelphia Press.

Butler (recently engaged by a newly-fledged millionaire)—At what hour would you wish to dine, sir? Millionaire—At what hour do the best people dine? Butler (repressing a smile)—Oh, they dine at different times, sir. Millionaire—Good! Then I also will dine at different times!

"But," hissed the heavy villain, "suppose our plot should leak out." His miserable accomplice shivered at the thought. "But it can't," cried the low comedian, emerging at that moment from behind a stage tree, "because from now on the plot thickens, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

"Remarkably warm, isn't it?" said the man who is always groping for something to say. "No," answered the person who is ill-natured in warm weather; "this kind of weather has occurred in every July I can remember. It isn't in the least remarkable. It is merely disagreeable."—Washington Star.

"Dearie," said Mrs. Loveydovey. "I see in the paper that a man out west has had his stomach removed. I wonder why?" "I suppose," said Mr. Loveydovey, "that his wife persists in trying to cook all the new-fangled things she reads about in the recipe department of the Ladies' Home Weekly."—Judge.

Waiter—Have a piece of pie, sir? Pincher—No, thank you; I never eat pie. It doesn't agree with me. Waiter—To every person who has eaten one order we give pie without extra charge. Pincher—Come to think it over, you may bring me three pieces of pie, two of berry and one of custard.—Boston Transcript.

An old Irish woman came into the little grocery store every evening for weeks and always bought a large box of matches. Rarely did she buy anything else. Finally the curiosity of the grocer became overpowering. "I know it's not my business," he said to her one evening, "but I'd really like to know just why you buy so many matches?" "Sure, I'll tell you," she answered; "me husband is deaf and dumb, and lately he's been talking in his sleep. I use the matches to see what he says."