

MINISTERS SAFE JULY 30

Chinese Will Escort Ministers to Tien Tsin.

3000 BOERS SURRENDERED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The New York Herald has a special from United States Minister Conger, dated July 25. The ministers were safe at that date. The state department announces that it has advised Conger and other foreign ministers were safe July 30.

Further reports are to the effect that the ministers will be taken to Tien Tsin traveling under Chinese protection. The latter report is not credited, as it is known that foreign ministers do not place the least reliance on these promises of protection.

BAKER CITY CASUALTY.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 4.—The building and patterns of the Baker City foundry and iron works burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$8000.

BOERS DOING BUSINESS.

PRETORIA, Aug. 4.—The Boers captured and destroyed a train bearing the American consul to Pretoria Mr Stone.

WILLIAM WALDORF FORSAKES LONDON.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—A London special says William Waldorf Astor is forced to go to the continent for at least a few days.

IMPERIAL TROOPS JOIN BOXERS.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 4.—After Li Hung Chang left Canton the imperial troops joined the Boxers.

AMERICAN LOSS IN PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, Aug. 4.—Gen. McArthur reports the Filipinos killed or captured the entire band of a scouting force of 15 Americans.

LONDON, Aug. 4.

General Hunter reports that 3000 Boers made unconditional surrender to him.

THURSTON ITEMS.

J F Russell badly hurt in the Log Drive.

James F. Russell was brought home Wednesday from the log drive of the Spaulding Co., near Albany, with his right leg crushed between two logs. The bone is not broken. He is the son of Dr Russell, of Thurston. It is the thigh, between the knee and hip.

Mr Hull's funeral was largely attended by the neighbors from Natron and Thurston. The pall bearers were old soldiers. Rev Mr Platt preached an able sermon.

Two Oregon Cadets.

Thos W Hammond, of Ashland, has been named by Senator Geo W McBride as a cadet for West Point Military Academy. Thomas Hammond is about 20 years of age and has been a student of the Oregon University at Eugene. The examination for entrance at West Point will take place in March next. Official announcement of the appointment has not been made yet but doubtless will be very soon.

The army reorganization bill passed at the recent session of congress provided for a large increase in the number of cadets at West Point, permitting two additional appointments from each state. The appointment of a son of Ex-Gov. W P Lord, to one of the two places open to Oregon boys was recently announced, he having been recommended by Senator Simon.

A GOOD CLEANUP.—Jacksonville Times: The Sterling Mining Co finished cleaning up Tuesday. The season was one of the shortest in its history, made so by the light snowfall last winter. We did not learn the exact amount that was realized in the final cleanup, but the number of heavy bars of gold deposited in the Medford bank shows that it runs well up in the thousands. This is one of the most valuable properties in the state.

A GOOD YIELD.—Chas Croner, Jr, threshed 12 acres of wheat on the Blair place. It made 215 bushels, or nearly 18 bushels to the acre.

MISTAKEN FOR A DEER.

Rufus Robinson, of Irving, seriously shot by a Mr Porter.

Daily Guard, August 4.
Rufus Robinson, of Irving, the first of the week went to the vicinity of Walton, Lane county, to have a deer hunt with his friend, Mr Porter. On Wednesday they went out in the mountains. Porter kept up on the ridges while Robinson whipped the brush below to scare the deer out. In the forenoon they successfully killed one deer in this manner and immediately commenced work for another. Robinson soon scared out another band and they ran into a clump of brush. Robinson followed them and was trying to seize them out, when Porter, thinking the deer were making the noise, shot in the brush with his Winchester rifle. The tall struck Robinson just above the hip in front and went downward, coming out on the other side.

He summoned his partner and they at once made for home, after staunching the flow of blood, and then started for the valley. Thursday they arrived at George Hale's where they luckily found Dr M Canady.

Rural Free Delivery.

Postmaster McCornack has written the postmaster general as to the requirements of rural free delivery of mails with the view of inaugurating at least one route, maybe two, from the Eugene office.

One route contemplated goes north on the river road to the cross lane at the Norris Humphrey fruit farm, thence west to the prairie road, thence to the road that leads south from the Sisklaw road near the old McCornack

EUGENE IN THE LIST.

A Hold-up Netting \$73 Reported by a Hotel Clerk.

Daily Guard, August 4.
A reported hold-up, occurring in Eugene last night, is one thing which varied the monotony of conversation today. Walter Shelley, night clerk of the Hotel Eugene, informed Police- man Geo Croner that he was held up about 3 o'clock this morning, near the Whiteaker boarding house, North Willamette street, and relieved of \$73.

The story as given by Shelley is about as follows: He had started to the S P depot to find out what time the north-bound train would arrive, and passed two men at the gate of the Whiteaker house. He spoke to them and went on to the depot. Returning to the hotel one of the men grabbed him and pinned his arms to his side, while the other showed a revolver in his face and proceeded to go through his pockets. Shelley describes the men as being one short and the other tall, and states he would be able to identify them.

Of the money alleged to have been taken, \$90 belonged to C S Harper, foreman of the pile driving gang on the Wendling branch, and had been given Shelley earlier in the evening for safe keeping. \$2.25 belonged to the house and 75 cents to Shelley himself.

On being notified Police- man Croner started down the street hoping to intercept the men, but saw nothing of them. Shelley went on the search also. When on the corner of Sixth and Oak streets Croner found an envelope containing \$20 in currency, with Harper's name on the outside. The other money, seven \$10 bills, had been extracted.

The motive, method of procedure and animus of the hold-up, together with its probable culmination has occasioned not a little talk, and may take a peculiar phase by the time the officers have the matter worked out.

A SAD JOURNEY.

Mont. Berry Died of Blood Poisoning in This City.

DROVE FORTY-FIVE MILES LAST NIGHT.
Daily Guard, August 4.
Montrose Berry, an employe of the Oregon Hospital for the Insane, died at the Minnesota Hotel in this city about 10 o'clock this morning from blood poisoning, having reached here from John Hill's, 45 miles up the Middle Fork, after a continuous ride since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a futile attempt to save his life.

The circumstances of the affair are most distressing. Berry and his wife were members of a party which left Turner about a week ago for an outing at Odell and Crescent lakes. Two or three days ago Berry bilisiered one hand on a rope, but gave the matter no attention. Yesterday morning he knocked the skin off the blister and shortly afterward the hand began to turn dark, and pains extended up the arm. He hired a man to bring him to Eugene for medical treatment, as it was evident that blood poisoning had set in. They left John Hill's at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the injured man, his faithful wife and driver. They drove constantly all night and arrived in Eugene about 9:30 this morning, and Berry was taken to the Minnesota Hotel, where he expired about 30 minutes later. He was not thought to be in such a bad condition when he arrived, as they stopped on the street for awhile looking for a good room, and Berry talked with a number of people who happened along.

Gaugreue extended up the arm to the shoulder and one leg was badly swollen. The blood was poisoned in a most virulent form, and acted quickly with telling effect.

MEETING WITH FAVOR.—Mr Geo H Smith is catering to the public palate in a popular way. His efforts to provide a goodly variety of shortlets and loaves for the Saturday and Sunday trade is generally appreciated, and the crowds attracted to The Banquet is sufficient evidence of this. For to night and tomorrow extra special features in this line is provided, and Mr Smith extends a cordial invitation to all.

MINE FALLS BACK.—It is reported that J W Cook will again assume control of the Music mine shortly, Mr Bingham being unable to make the payments required. Mr Cook has done more for the development of the Bohemia than any other one man who has ever been interested in the camp and many people will be glad to know that he has again taken hold in the Bohemia.

BLUE RIVER MINES.

A Good Reason Why Eugene Should Rustle.

The following from the Brownsville Times of August 3rd should spur our people up to put the McKenzie wagon road in excellent shape:
"G V Standish came down from the Blue River mines Tuesday. Everything at the mines is O K, and two new mills will soon be grinding out an article that everybody can use (if they can get it.) Mr Standish says the people of Linn county should rush to completion the new wagon road to the mines, as the trade there is already very large. The Lucky Boy claim alone gives employment to 30 men in the mine, and three teamsters with four horses each, and the prospect work is assuming big proportions. Soon many mills will be hammering away and the Blue River district will be one of the most important in the Northwest."

Cottage Grove Improvements.

The Cottage Grove Nugget of August 3 gives a column and a half list of building improvements in that town completed since the beginning of spring and contemplated this season, The Nugget says:

"There are few towns on the Pacific coast that have taken on more general improvement during the past year and a half than Cottage Grove. The growth has not been of a 'rush' nature, but has been steady and of substantial kind. Last year some 75 dwellings were erected here which, based upon a value of \$800—many of them exceeding that sum twice over—would aggregate an expenditure of \$37,500. During the first six months of this year \$18,500 have been expended in improvements, which aggregate \$7,000. With last year as a criterion it is fair to presume that the improvements of the city for this year will equal and perhaps exceed the sum expended last year, as the bulk of last year's improvements were made in the fall.

METHODIST CHURCH.

"Perhaps the most attractive and important structure now under way in this city is the new Methodist church, which will be under roof by the last of this week. The estimated cost of this building is \$3000, and it is said to be by far the handsomest building of the kind yet erected here. It is of gothic design, the foundation over all being 60 by 64 feet. The auditorium will be 40 by 50 in the clear. There will be two class rooms 10 by 28 feet and one 10 by 24 feet. It will be heated by hot air furnaces. The extreme height from base to top of spire will be 72 feet, while the main building will be 24 feet high. The church will be given a natural wood finish, oiled and varnished. Pews will be placed in the auditorium while chairs will be the seats selected for the class rooms. The church will also be provided with a modern and convenient baptistry."

\$100,000 CLEAN-UP.

Medford Mail, August 3th: Henry E Ankeny brought in from his placer mine Tuesday, gold bricks weighing 700 ounces and nuggets weighing 500 ounces. Some of the nuggets weighed over \$90 in gold. This was the last of the season's clean-up. The entire amount taken out was about \$100,000. This is about an average yearly clean-up of this mine. The gold has all been on exhibition at the Medford bank and has been greatly admired by many townspeople and strangers.

LUCKY EDITOR.

The Salem Statesman has this concerning a former editor of the Salem Independent: "Ex-Gov J H Fletcher and his son Hans, who went to Nome last spring. Mr Cuiver says, are among the luckiest ones of the Salemites on the beach. They secured a good claim and, at last accounts, were taking out \$22 per day. The ex-Governor is reduced in flesh, but is in splendid health and good spirits, and well satisfied with his venture."

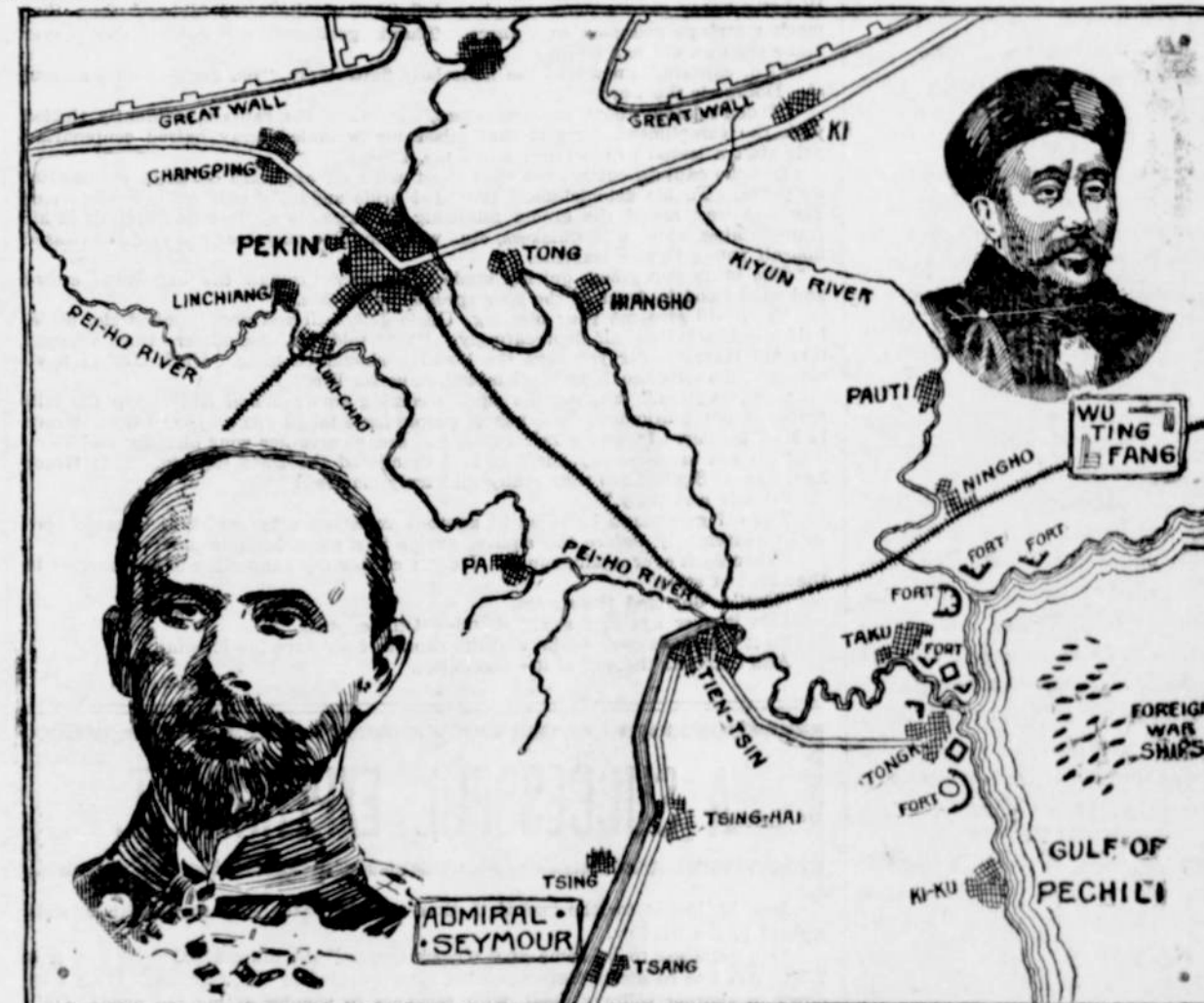
A FAILURE.

Junction Times: The wheat crop is considered a failure. Howard's thresher has been running during the past week and the average yield has been from 7 to 9 bushels per acre. J M Howard had a field that yielded 10 bushels per acre and that is the best heard of thus far. The threshers are running at a loss from \$15 to \$30 per day at the old price. Eight cents will have to be charged or the machines will stop.

CENSUS POSITIONS FILLED.

A gentleman informs us that information has been received from the census department that no further positions are open for appointment. Two late recommendations of Congressman Tongue have been refused for this reason.

The farmers who contracted with the Linsend Oil Co of Portland place to furnish fax seed at the ruling market price, not to go below 9 1/2 cents are feeling in a very good humor at the present time as the price has gone up in Chicago to \$1.25 per bushel.



ADMIRAL SEYMOUR, MINISTER WU TING FANG AND CHINA'S DISTURBED DISTRICT.
Vice Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, the senior naval officer stationed in Chinese waters, was placed in command of the international force landed in China to protect foreigners from the assaults of the Boxers. Mr. Wu Ting Fang is the wise Chinaman who represents his country here.

Christian Charity.

Salem Independent: Recently, in Salem, a fallen woman committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. This day she was buried, a minister of this city—just one, and a few W O T U ladies, held funeral services at the hall of the latter society. The minister made some appropriate remarks and offered prayer in behalf of the poor, misguided soul and the ladies sang—"Rock of Ages Chelt for Me." The undertaker did the rest.

The people who curse and rail at Christianity were conspicuous for their absence. The general public, however, was given an opportunity to "chip in" to pay the expense of the woman's burial. The persons who had carried with the trail sister, down on Peppermint Flat, were "too busy" to be present; they even forgot to send their regrets.

SKIPPED OUT.—Milt Holman, of Dallas, has skipped out with a sister-in-law, deserting his wife and child. He also leaves N L Cornelius, the well known Montana cattle man, in the lurch for \$4,200, money advanced by Cornelius to Holman last summer to purchase cattle with. Afterwards Cornelius took Holman's note for the amount, which is now worthless.

Notice.

The relatives of Mrs Nancy Hull kindly thank the neighbors of Thurston for their kindness during her sickness and burial.
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