

## OREGON TOWN IS WIPED OUT BY FIRE TODAY

Dayton, Or., Aug. 3.—A fire caused by spontaneous combustion of green hay in the mow of Bradley's livery stable caused a conflagration which destroyed nine buildings this morning, practically wiping out the business section of the town. The loss is \$29,000, with little insurance.

The buildings burned were the post office, Castle's hardware store, Filer's grocery, The Hazelwood creamery, Earl's bakery, Bradley's residence and meat market, merchandise store and livery stable. The flames were only checked by the hard work of the entire population.

Dayton is a few miles from the mouth of the Yamhill river and is at the head of navigation on that stream.

## SUICIDE ON S. P. TRAIN OUT SOUTH

An unknown man aged about 40 years, a passenger on the second section of the Southern Pacific overland train No. 16, which reached Eugene Thursday morning, took his own life just before the train crossed the state line separating Oregon from California, Wednesday. The man was traveling in the day coach from San Francisco to Seattle, having a ticket through to the latter place. Some time after the train left Hornbrook the man entered the toilet room of the car and the suicide was discovered before the train pulled into Cole's. He had shot himself twice with a .32 calibre revolver directly through the abdomen. The body was placed on a stretcher, together with the weapon of self destruction and the railroad ticket and belongings of the man and left at Cole's for an inquisition by the Siskiyou county coroner.

## BAD BOYS FROM REFORM SCHOOL

Two of the worst boys in the reform school escaped this week and the authorities are having a time finding them. The boys have taken to the bandit style of doing things. They knocked out some Marion county farmers who tried to arrest them and have stolen numerous things along the way. They came up as far as Millers north of Albany, and then returned to Jefferson, where Wednesday night they robbed the post office store, getting some clothes and some plugged money, when they disappeared. It is thought they got a boat and went down the Santiam and across the Willamette into Polk county.

Later a dispatch from Salem in today's Oregonian says: Ernest Evans, of Roseburg, and Roy Espey, of Portland, who escaped from the state reform school last Saturday, were captured near Jefferson today.

## Oregon State News

Cyrus Hedden one of the last survivors of the fight with the Indians at Battle Rock, near Fort Orford, on June 10th, 1851, is still living at Scottsburg on the Umpqua. He is now 86 years and enjoying good health.

An Albany, Or., dispatch says: Several Lin County farmers are harvesting by moonlight this week. So scarce are harvest hands that farmers have been compelled to work all day and a part of the night. Of course, this is not the general rule here, but in instances where the conditions of the grain demanded that it be cut at once the practice of moonlight harvesting was followed.

## General News Notes

The goldfield Nev., athletic club offers a purse of \$20,000 for a contest between Nelson and Gans for the light-weight championship of the world and \$10,000 for a bout between Britt and McGovern on Labor Day.

At Seattle, E. A. Gage son of Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, committed suicide Friday afternoon in the Tourist hotel by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He died a few minutes later. The only cause that can be assigned is that he was temporarily insane from drinking. Gage was being followed by his wife, but she failed to locate him, until after his death.

A Pittsburg dispatch says: Announcement was made today of the marriage yesterday of Fay Templeton, the actress, to William Patterson, of

Pittsburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. G. Steinmetz, at Ricketts Park, a suburb. Immediately after the wedding the couple departed on a bridal tour.

Indorsement of William J. Bryan as a presidential candidate in 1908, defeating a resolution calling on the National Democratic Committee to investigate the charges made against National Chairman Thomas H. Taggart and demanding his resignation if they were proved, and the nomination of Charles H. Kimmerle, of Casapopolis, for Governor, over Stanley E. Parkhill, of Oswego, the only other democratic candidate, were the features of the Democratic State convention held at Detroit Friday.

A Miner special from Great Falls states that the electrolytic smelters of the Boston & Montana Company of the Amalgamated Copper Company, has been closed down, as the result of a strike of the smelters, following the refusal of Superintendent Wheeler, of the works, to recognize a committee from the Mill and Smelters' Union, which demanded that five discharged smelters be reinstated.

## OLD TROUBLE OVER PANAMA ABOUT SETTLED

Washington, Aug. 4.—It appears that John Barrett, minister to Colombia, will be successful in the conclusion of a treaty between Panama and Colombia; also a new treaty between Colombia and this country, removing the suspicions engendered by the separation of Panama from Colombia. It seems certain that Colombia will recognize the independence of Panama.

## BIDS ASKED FOR UMATILLA PROJECT

Washington, Aug. 4.—The secretary of the interior today asks for proposals for the construction of the main and lateral ditches of the distributing system of the Umatilla irrigation project in Oregon. The bids are to be opened at Portland October first.

## Parliament Adjourns

London, Aug. 4.—The parliament adjourned today until October 23, and the session of the house of lords will be brief. The commons passed several hours discussing the South African question.

## Longworths Coming Home

Paris, Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Longworth sailed from Cherbourg on the steamer St. Paul today for home.

## Pan-American Congress

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 4.—It has been virtually decided to hold the next Pan-American congress at Buenos Ayres in 1910.

## Popular Royal Couple

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, of Spain are now in England enjoying the yachting season in a real democratic way. The King was married to the English Princess Ena, May 31, and is very popular with his



subjects. The king was born May 17, 1860, and is dark complexioned and fond of sport. The queen was born October 24, 1857, and was baptized Victoria Eugenie Julie Ena. She is tall and fair and of athletic build, is good looking and vivacious and fascinating in manner.

The following Lane county rural mail carriers have been appointed: Cresswell, route 1, Frank D. Lacey, carrier; Jesse R. Lacey, substitute.

## FINAL ORDERS FOR MILITIA ENCAMPMENT

Portland, Aug. 2.—All arrangements have been completed for the transportation of the Oregon troops to American Lake for the great encampment that is to be held there this month. General W. E. Finzer has issued the final order of instructions to the companies outside of Portland explaining the time they will leave for Portland and all detail of their trip up to the time they report to Colonel C. U. Cantenbein, commanding officer of the Third infantry at American Lake.

The soldiers will arrive in Portland in time to catch the three special trains that will carry the troops to Murray Station, where the Oregon Men will camp. The first train out of Portland will be at 9:30 a. m. August 11. The second will be at 10:30 and the last at 11:30. The companies outside of Portland that will arrive in the city in time to catch the special trains will be: Company A, Third infantry, Baker City; Company D, Third infantry, The Dalles; Company J, Third infantry, La Grange; Company B, First separate battalion, Ashland; Company D, First separate battalion, Roseburg; Companies A and C, First separate battalion, Eugene; Company G, Third infantry, Albany; Company M, Third infantry, Salem; Company I, Third infantry, Woodburn.

The uniforms have also been selected and they will give the men the smartest appearance that the Oregon troops have put up at any similar encampment. The officers will be attired in an olive-drab uniform, with service hat with cord, blue shirt, puttee leggings, overcoat, sabre and belt. The enlisted men will catch the eye of the country maidens with blouse and trousers of khaki, service hat with cord, leggings blue shirt and government shoes. The rest of their equipment will consist of a poncho, overcoat, blanket, shelter half complete, haversack, mess kit, canteen and tin cup.

The men who will attend the camp this year seem more eager for the outing than at any previous encampment.

## EX-LEGISLATOR GOES TO PRISON FOR ONE YEAR

Portland, Aug. 4.—Federal Judge Hunt this morning sentenced former State Representative Willard N. Jones to imprisonment for one year at McNeil's Island prison and to pay a fine of \$2000.

Thaddeus S. Potter was sentenced to six months in the Multnomah county jail and to pay a fine of \$500. Both were convicted last autumn for conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands by colonizing old soldiers on the Siletz Indian reservation.

The Hendricks land fraud case will go to the jury tonight.

## ABOUT YOUR FREE RURAL MAIL BOX

Washington, Aug. 2.—Postmaster General Cortelyou's order which went into effect August 1st, permitting patrons of rural delivery to make their own boxes or to have them made to order, provided such boxes are so constructed as to fall within the requirements of the department, seems to have been misunderstood.

Misleading statements have appeared stating that farmers can now whitewash their wooden boxes to make a rural mail post box in any way they choose. The order of the postmaster general provides exactly the contrary. All boxes must be made of galvanized sheet iron or sheet steel of certain specified dimensions. Wooden boxes are regarded as being neither secure nor weather proof within the requirements of the department, and all such boxes now in use will be gradually eliminated from the service.

## GAUTEMALA HAS DISCONTINUED ARMY

Washington, Aug. 2.—Minister Combs, at Guatemala, cables the president that that country has announced the complete disarmament of its army.

## BRYAN APPROVES OF TOM JOHNSON

New York, Aug. 2.—Wm. J. Bryan has written Chairman Hoge of the re-

ception committee approving the selection of Tom Johnson for president at his welcome in this city. He praises the Ohioan's public spirit and raps his traducers hard.

## RAILROAD SURVEYORS AT GLENADA

Glenada, Aug. 1.—The head engineers of the Oregon Coast & Eastern railroad were here yesterday and future prospects for Glenada seem brighter than ever, as we were informed they are not only going to have a depot located here and a railroad up and down the coast, but a junction with a road east by way of Eugene. Old Lane will wake up some of these days and realize she has a port of her own ahead of Coos Bay or Yaquina and a country that can't be beaten.

The three-masted schooner Hugh Hogan finished loading, 700,000 feet of lumber aboard.

We are now expecting the Washcalore, a twin-screw with gasoline engines of 250 horse power and carrying 500,000 feet.

Master Roy Goodwin has returned home after a week's visit with his folks and we hear that Miss Grace Goodwin is going to Earl again and her mother is coming to keep house for Mr. Goodwin and the boys.

Lucia Johnson and Roy Johnson are in from Earl to remain some time.

Mrs. Wisdom has just returned from Pt. Terrace after seeing her son Charles off on a trip East.

I. B. Harwood and family are preparing to remove to the valley to stay for the winter.

Chas. E. Harwood is expected home in a short time.

R. Smith and family visited over Sunday with Mr. Coulter's family.

Rev. Lovell preached a very interesting sermon at the Alder Ridge school house last Sunday.

## WILL USE ENGINE AT COAL MINE

W. Hutchings, the Portland mining promoter who recently visited the Spencer Butte Coal & Petroleum Co.'s coal mine southwest of the city and decided to invest in a block of 50,000 shares of the stock, came up from the city again yesterday and drove out to the mine and back this morning, returning to Portland on this afternoon's train. He is more pleased than ever with the outlook at the mine.

The company has decided to install an engine with which to hoist dirt and rock from the shaft which is being sunk, thereby facilitating the work. It is expected that the engine will arrive up from Portland some time next week and will at once be taken out to the mine.

## Born

In Eugene this morning to John B. Paterson and wife, a son.

## Bryan in Italy

Milan, Aug. 4.—Wm. J. Bryan visited the exposition here today, and will go from here to Venice to visit Ambassador White.

## Popular Fiction Writer

In "The House of Mirth" Edith Wharton is by many considered to have produced the book of the year, or, rather, of last year. Mrs. Wharton is in more than one sense a society novelist for she is a society wo-



man herself as well as a writer about society. She has always enjoyed the advantages of wealth and is a member of the fashionable colony at Lenox, Mass., where she and her husband have a summer estate.

## LONDON FIRM TO BUY HOPS FROM GROWERS

The largest hop firm in the world is coming to Oregon to buy hops direct from the growers. It is proposed to eliminate the commission of several sets of middlemen, which will mean an immense saving of money to the buyers. In the nature of things the Oregon hopgrowers will profit by this arrangement, for they will undoubtedly get better prices for their hops.

The firm that is thus going to revolutionize the hop trade of this section is Wiggins, Richardson & Co., of London. The Pacific Coast representative of the firm will be John Carmichael, now in the hop business at Salem. The principal office on the coast will be at Salem in the heart of the Oregon hop belt. Branches will be maintained in Washington and in California, and the men who will have charge of the firms buying in those states under Mr. Carmichael, have already been engaged.

A representative of Wiggins, Richardson & Company is now on his way from London to confer with Mr. Carmichael and set the new scheme in operation. The plans have already been perfected, and it is said that all that remains to be done is the signing of the papers that will delegate to Mr. Carmichael the necessary authority to buy up a large portion of the Oregon crop.

## MIDDLEMEN'S PROFIT CUT INTO

This deal will to a considerable extent revolutionize the hop business, as it conducted on the Pacific coast, as it will mean a departure from the old method of buying through two or three middlemen and consequently paying two or three commissions before the hops reach the consumer. It is well known the English buyers dislike to depart from the old established methods of protecting the hop factors, who make certain fixed commissions but the modern method of doing business has been introduced in England by American merchants, and the former must adapt themselves to the changed conditions or go out of business.

It may be a surprise to hopgrowers to know the enormous amount they are paying to have their product marketed in foreign countries. The firm of Wiggins Richardson & Co., for example have a factor in London who probably receives one cent per pound commission on all his transactions. Another firm in New York receives one cent, and a third firm on this coast from one-half to two-thirds of a cent a pound. By coming here to the center of production and operating through its own representative, which the company can afford to pay a big salary, the London traders will save themselves thousand of dollars every season and at the same time, to get hops of the choicest quality, pay the Oregon growers more on the open market than they were ever paid before.

The magnitude of the business conducted by Wiggins, Richardson & Co. can be realized when it is known that this firm handles about 75,000 bales of hops each year. They are clearly the largest hop merchants in the world. This firm has purchased in the past five or six seasons, through agents on the Pacific Coast, from 20,000 to 30,000 bales of hops annually. That amount of business was done through factors in London and New York and sub agents on this coast. George Bird & Co., of London; the purchasing agents of the big house, had as their sub-agents in Oregon Faber & Neis and Krebs Bros., of Salem; Ed. C. Herren, of Aurora; E. C. Kirkpatrick and Ralph Williams, of Dallas; and T. A. Riggs, of Monmouth. Simmons & Sons, of New York City, who have been represented by John Carmichael in this state for years, also purchased for Wiggins, Richardson & Co.—Oregonian.

## MOUNT PELEE ERUPTION IS AGAIN FEARED

Fort de France, Martinique, Aug. 4.—There were four strong earthquakes Thursday night, and it is feared that a Pelee eruption is imminent, although as yet the mountain shows no signs of it. Residents are preparing to flee if the quakes continue. The quakes are similar to those preceding the eruption that destroyed St. Pierre.

## GENERAL STRIKE FOLLOWS MUTINY IN CZAR'S REALM

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Great crowds of workmen formed a procession this afternoon and paraded the streets from factory to factory, endeavoring to induce workmen to join them in trying to enforce a general strike. The government is taking extraordinary means to prevent bloodshed, and it is reported that General Linevich will be made commander in chief of the army at home.

All the stations of the railroad from this city to Viborg and along the coast are occupied by troops. The drum head court martial was resumed at Kronstadt this morning and it is presumed that more executions of mutineers are in progress. Guard regiments marched into the city all night. They had been in summer camp, the government having removed them upon the belief that the people had peacefully accepted the dissolution of the donna.

Premier Stolypin has gone to Petrohof, presumably to tender his resignation. A general strike which was formally ordered by the workmen's leaders will begin tomorrow at noon in many establishments, following the parading of the agitators today.

It is officially announced this morning, confirming the report of Stolypin's defeat by Camarilla, that the report that non-bureaucratic elements will enter the cabinet is untrue. There is martial law at Kronstadt and no one is allowed upon the island without a pass.

## MANY CORPSES COUNTED

Stockholm, Aug. 3.—The steamer Uleaborg, which has arrived here, states that her crew counted four hundred and fifty corpses many mutilated, along the shore of an island near Sveaborg fortress. Hundreds of sailors who started toward Sveaborg to assist the mutineers have turned homeward since the rebels surrendered.

## GUERRILLA FIGHTING

A message from Helsingfors says there is sanguinary guerrilla fighting between the red guards and protection troops in Kaitaniemi. The troops were called out to end the fighting but the soldiers remained passive. The revolutionists say they are only temporarily disabled by the Sveaborg defeat and that their next step will be the complete isolation of St. Petersburg.

## HOW TROUBLE BEGUN

Reval Aug. 3.—The mutiny on the cruiser Pamy at Azova started when a student disguised as a sailor boarded the ship. The officers ordered his arrest, which the sailors prevented by shooting four officers, the others escaping in a small boat which the

mutineers sunk with shot, the officers swimming ashore. The mutineers ordered the crew of a torpedo boat to join them, but its crew refused and steamed away.

**STILL ANOTHER MUTINY.**  
Warsaw, Aug.—Artillerymen in the summer camp at Rembertoff mutinied and the infantry and Cossacks have been ordered to quell the revolution.

**REBELS CAPTURED.**  
Riga, Aug. 3.—Five hundred persons attending a revolutionary meeting here were surrounded by dragoons and captured.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—The attempt to organize a railroad strike has failed and the city was quiet at 2:30 this afternoon. One hundred and seventy mutineers have been placed on trial, charged with the recent outbreak here.

There was a clash between policemen and strikers this morning at Sestroretsk railway station and eight policemen were killed. The strikers, armed with quick firing guns, patrol the rivers.

There was also a mutiny at Nish Govedor today. The mutineers demanded the release of two prisoners, threatening to kill their officers. The prisoners were released and the trouble ended for the time.

Today being a holiday makes it difficult to tell how far the strike extends.

## JEWS WILL FIGHT

Warsaw, Aug. 4.—A proclamation was issued today by Jewish socialists, urging all Jews to be on the streets prepared to fight when the signal is given.

It now seems that probably not more than thirty thousand men struck when the order for a general strike went into effect today. The government controls the city and all factories are waiting developments at Moscow and the province.

## STRIKE IS GROWING

At eight o'clock tonight the strike appeared to be growing and the employees of a number of factories joined. Several skirmishes with the troops and police have taken place and many were hurt but few killed.

## FROM OTHER CITIES

Moscow, Aug. 4.—A bomb was exploded at the Kazan railway station today, killing two.

At Warsaw a plan to liberate political prisoners was betrayed to the authorities and frustrated. Many arrests followed.

Forty thousand dollars of government money was stolen and one man held up near Libau.

## HUMAN BONES PAILED IN HEAPS BY CONTRACTOR

Buffalo, Aug. 2.—John W. Neff, former auditor of Erie county was convicted at Warsaw this morning of grand larceny for stealing \$33,000 of public funds in connection with the contract for the removal of bodies from the cemetery here.

Roland Conner, the contractor, has already been convicted of grand larceny and awaits sentence. He certified to the false warrants issued by Auditor Neff and the money was equally divided between them. Conner piled the human bones together and called each pile a body, receiving a large amount of money more than he was entitled to under the contract.

## BIG PROFIT ON TWO ACRES OF CHERRIES

M. S. Barker went over to M. H. Harlow's farm, just across the river this morning to take a photograph of his two-acre Royal Ann cherry orchard to be used in the advertisement by the Eugene Commercial Bodies. This orchard yielded a bumper crop this year. Off of the two acres Mr. Harlow secured 23,700 pounds or eleven tons and 1700 pounds cherries compared with 12,000 pounds or 9½ tons last year. At 4 cents a pound the cherries brought him \$948 or \$474 an acre. The cost of picking and marketing them was \$236, leaving a net profit of \$712 or \$356 an acre. Mr. Harlow says if it had not been for the cold rains in May and June he would have had at least 20 per cent more cherries than he did.

## PRODUCERS PAY EXPENSE OF JOHN D.'S TRIP

Cleveland Aug. 2.—The Standard Oil trust has announced another cut in crude oil of three cents in the east and two in the west making a cut of six cents in the east and four in the west during this week. Excess of receipts is alleged the cause of this reduction in the price, but there has been no reduction in the Standard's price of the refined product.

## PORTLAND GETS THE SALOON MEN

Saloonkeepers of the Oregon counties which went "dry" at the recent election are coming to Portland and entering the business here. Every week a saloon in the city changes hands. Often the brewers induce a man who has heard tales of the enormous profits of the liquor business to lease a property which has been thrown on their hands by the break-up of another ambitious man. These cases help to swell the number of transfers of licenses.

There are now 422 saloons in the city. During the busy months of the exposition last summer the number reached 445.—Journal.

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