

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Extreme heat in the East is again causing prostrations and deaths.

A fire in a San Francisco shirt waist establishment burned \$100,000 worth of goods.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has ordered an investigation of betting at Saratoga.

King Leopold is reported ill, but court officials deny that his condition is alarming.

A young man, heir to \$200,000, was killed near West Chicago while beating his way on a passenger train.

At new revolt in under way in Morocco. An army of 25,000 has been mobilized to attack the French troops.

A decrease of over \$10,000,000 is reported in the net earnings of the Harriman lines for the year ending June 30 last.

The steamer Aberdeen, with a cargo of lumber, went on the rocks at Humboldt bay, California. Later the vessel was beached.

Insurance companies will pay no losses occasioned by the rioters at Springfield, Illinois. The only recourse for property owners will be to sue the municipality.

Because the charges of the restaurants were too high, three companies of North Dakota national guardsmen on their way to American lake raided the Pasco, Washington, eating houses. Everything edible was carried away.

The War department will ask for a million dollars to build airships.

A woman is said to have led some of the rioters at Springfield, Illinois.

A fire in the East Buffalo stockyards burned 15,000 and 2,000 sheep and calves.

Governor Deneen says the whole power of Illinois will be exerted to protect the negroes.

An Omaha judge denounced a woman for marrying an old man for his money and refused to give her a divorce.

The Alaska Pacific Steamship company will establish daily papers on its two passenger steamers between San Francisco and Puget sound.

Altogether there are 4,200 militiamen on duty at Springfield, Illinois, as a result of the race riots. This is all of the state troops except the colored members.

In the recent holdup of a Great Northern mail car near Spokane the clerks outwitted the robbers by dumping the registered letters into newspaper sacks.

Unveiling of a Roosevelt statue in a Texas town caused a riot, the people being divided in their views of the president. One person was fatally hurt and nine others injured.

The battleship fleet has sailed from Auckland to Sydney.

Japan is paying off her war debt in good sized installments.

The Canadian government is to mediate in the railroad strike.

Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, is dead. He was 68 years old.

Fire in the Buffalo, N. Y., stock yards, burned close to \$1,000,000 worth of property.

Contractors driving the big St. Paul tunnel in Montana are breaking all records for speed.

Two people were killed and six injured by the explosion of a balloon at London. A spectator attempted to light a cigar.

The bones of 21 persons have been found on an island in Lake of the Woods. They are believed to be the remains of a party of explorers massacred by Indians in 1736.

Rear Admiral Cogswell, retired, is dead. He was an officer on the Oregon when that vessel made its famous voyage around the horn to engage the Spanish fleet.

Train robbers held up a Northern Pacific train near Trust, nine miles west of Spokane. The mail car was uncoupled and run up the track. It is not known what the result of the haul was.

It is believed the effect of the Thaw bankruptcy proceedings will be liberty for Thaw.

The government has started a fight in San Francisco against the bringing of young girls to this country for immoral purposes.

Taft, a new town near Missoula, Mont., has been destroyed by fire.

A veterinary surgeon has just died in New York as the result of a bite by a horse.

A Los Angeles maniac killed his son and daughter, attempted to kill his wife and himself.

Some unknown person in San Francisco at intervals has been throwing ink on women's expensive wearing apparel, thus ruining it.

A wealthy Italian has been slain in New York. Nihilists are supposed to have done the work.

Japan is rejoicing over the new trademark treaty with the United States, giving it as proof of friendship between the two countries.

A modus vivendi has been arranged whereby the Newfoundland fisheries dispute between Great Britain and the United States will be settled by The Hague tribunal.

Senator La Follette is going to start a newspaper.

MOUNTAIN IS MOVING.

Men Combat Landslide on Southern Pacific in Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 18.—For the past three days scores of section men in the employ of the Southern Pacific company on the Palisade division in Nevada have been at work trying to prevent the caving of the big tunnel of that company near Palisade. The tunnel is 300 feet or more in length and cost more than \$150,000 to complete. Last year the Western Pacific started a tunnel 50 feet to the south of the Southern Pacific. This was recently completed, and now it is known that the blasting has practically shaken the entire mountain, which is now slowly sliding into the Humboldt river. Big timbers in the Southern Pacific tunnel are being slowly crushed like so much matchwood, and unless a means of combatting the slide is determined upon it may necessitate the company abandoning the tunnel.

A thousand men and twice as many horses and mules were placed at work along the Western Pacific railroad in this state yesterday, and from now on the line will be rushed to completion. For nearly a year operations have been practically at a standstill in this state. The grade has been completed from Salt Lake to a point near Elko, while from that end the grading has reached a comparatively short distance. Work westward will continue now until completed. Trains will probably be running into Winnemucca early this fall.

NEEDS CASH FOR BIG NAVY.

Britain Will Raise Loan of \$500,000,000 for Ships.

London, Aug. 18.—The British government, according to the Daily Telegraph, contemplates raising a large loan in view of the growing naval competition abroad. It is stated that the financiers of the highest standing have undertaken to get \$500,000,000 on nominal terms to meet the necessities of the fleet for the next few years without disorganizing the annual budgets or casting a heavy burden upon the present generation.

If such a plan is attempted, it will be because it is possible to forecast the future requirements of the navy until a general shipbuilding program has been crystallized and the setting aside of this fund would be a declaration, translated into terms of cash, of the country's intention to maintain a two-power standard at all costs.

TROOPS PURSUE REBELS.

Thousand Chinese Pillage Town and Flee to Mountains.

Hongkong, Aug. 18.—The soldiers stationed at Kowloon, near Wuchow, who rebelled last Tuesday and killed their commander because a comrade had been arrested for gambling, have joined the Yau, a warlike tribe of aborigines, living in the southwest portion of the province of Kwangtung. Their home is in a region of inaccessible mountains and they have never been subjected to governmental control.

Admiral Li has arrived here in his flagship, accompanied by gunboats, torpedo boats and launches. Troops have also been summoned and the country is in a turmoil. The mutineers are 1,900 in number. After murdering their commander, they pillaged the village, securing \$100,000 in money and withdrew to the Talking mountains.

Waste Coin on Novels.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Twelve and a half million dollars are thrown away every year in Germany by the poorer class in the purchase of "pernicious penny" novels, according to a statement just published by the Durer Union, which is engaged in a campaign against the growing tendency in Germany to read trashy literature. The secretary of the union vouches for the astounding declaration that 40,000 established booksellers and 30,000 peddlers are engaged in selling sensational serials and books of a low order.

Only Colored Troops Left.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Four hundred members of the Eighth Infantry, I. N. G., colored, are the only state troops in Chicago tonight. It was known to the officers of the colored regiment that the governor was not likely to order colored troops to Springfield, but Colonel Marshall and his staff said they would respond at once if called upon. "There is hardly a chance that we will be called upon," said Colonel Marshall. "There would be a great prejudice against us because these colored people were the cause of the riot."

May Talk 700 Miles.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The naval lieutenants, Colin, Joance and Mercier, the inventors of an apparatus which recent tests have shown to be superior to any existing, achieved remarkable success yesterday, communicating with the wireless station at Raz de Seine, department of Finistere, a distance of about 310 miles. The officers are confident that they can make great improvements in the apparatus, enabling conversation up to 600 or 700 miles.

Employees Will Assist.

St. Paul, Aug. 18.—Three hundred railroad employees met in this city today to organize an association to fight legislation hostile to the railroad interests. The men are of the opinion that by standing by the railroads in their fight they will be benefitting themselves. It is the intention to support only those candidates in the coming election who are favorable to the railroads and their employees.

Crimes Puzzle Police.

Boston, Aug. 18.—Boston and Eastern Massachusetts are undergoing a "crime wave." Half a dozen murder mysteries are still unsolved by the police. The undeniable reign of crime is credited to the fact that many foreigners are out of work and are attempting to adopt the methods of European banditti.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRUNE GROWERS SMILE.

Douglas County Promised Immense Crop This Season.

Roseburg—Tillson & Co. have purchased a fine equipment for their large prune packing plant in this city, and make additions to the building and remodel the plant to handle Douglas county's large prune crop this year. A new 30 horsepower boiler is now being placed for the steam plant, and several new pieces of machinery for grading and packing will be installed. Nearly 200 cars of evaporated prunes will be shipped out of the county from various points, a large portion of which will be handled by local firms. In addition to the new machinery the building will be enlarged to almost twice its present size.

H. L. Giles & Co., of Salem, have purchased the Douglas County prune packing house of Receiver T. R. Sherridan, and will thoroughly overhaul and make additions to the equipment. These two large packing houses are kept running for from three to four months every fall. Besides these two plants, there is another packing house at Myrtle Creek that handles from 20 to 50 carloads every season. There will also be about 30 carloads of apples shipped from Douglas county this year. The Douglas County Fruit-growers' association will handle about half of this crop of apples.

OREGON FAIR PLANS.

Counties Preparing for Their Annual Exhibition of Resources.

The Dalles—The eighteenth annual fair of the Second Eastern Oregon district, comprising Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook and Hood River counties, will be held at The Dalles for five days, commencing October 6, and closing October 10.

A large number of premiums will be offered for exhibits, races, etc. The main attractions will be the big pavilion, where all the fruits, cereals, flowers, fancy work, etc., will be exhibited. There will be races every day, a track meet by athletes of the schools of the district, Arnold's Amusement company will have concessions, and in addition there will be balloon ascensions, high diving and other free attractions.

At present fruits and grains give promise of being of excellent quality and of large yield, it is expected that the fair this year will surpass all other efforts.

Blow Out Beecher Rock.

Eugene—In the improvements which the County court has authorized for the Eugene-Mapleton wagon road, the most noteworthy is the order to blow out Beecher rock, and the commissioner will soon take up this matter. Beecher rock, which overhangs the Siuslaw road, will be remembered by every one who has made the trip to Mapleton as the most dangerous point on the trip. The rock, which is a mammoth one weighing thousands of tons, will be blown to pieces and a better and safer road cut out in the side of the mountain.

Better Service on C. S. Railway.

Condon—The postal officials are considering the feasibility of securing a more adequate mail service between Condon and points on the Columbia Southern railway. Under the present system it takes three days to get return mail from points on these branches. Considerable mail matter is carried between these towns. It is thought that what is called a closed pouch will be made up on the Condon branch and then placed on No. 7 at Arlington, so as to make better connections at Biggs with the other branch.

Hold for Higher Price.

Gold Beach—Sheep shearing is about completed in this part of the country. The clip has averaged fairly well, but there will be little or no selling at present prices. Sheepsman think a rise in prices is to be expected and almost without exception will hold for it. Offers have been made as low as 13c. T. S. Dickens, of San Francisco, lately passed through the county, but made no offers, saying he could not meet the 16c which was asked by the growers here. Closing of the California mills is held to be responsible.

Big Demand for Harney Ranches.

Drewsey—William Drelap of this place recently purchased the Howard ranch, which is located about one half mile west of here. The ranch is a 160 acre tract seeded down in alfalfa. The consideration was \$3,400. Mr. Drelap sold his stock ranch at Juntura, Or., about two miles west of Drewsey, to Ed Stallard, of Juntura, for \$3,000. The ranch is a 160 acre tract. Several valuable ranches have changed hands in this section this year.

Enlarge College Campus.

Salem—State Superintendent Ackerman has returned from Corvallis, and states that options have been secured on land in the vicinity of the Agricultural college that will add about 15 acres to the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college. It is expected that at the meeting of the board of regents at Portland on August 13 orders will be given to buy the land on which options have been secured.

Eccles May Back Scheme.

La Grande—David Eccles, a Utah capitalist, heavily interested in sugar, railroad and lumber interests, is conferring with the Commercial club relative to a large irrigation scheme which he may finance here. The proposition means an outlay of nearly \$1,500,000. Eccles will announce soon whether or not he will back the project with his money.

Bible University Begins Next Month.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The Eugene Bible university, the leading ministerial school of the Christian church west of the Rocky mountains, will open September 22. About 100 students are expected to enroll. The faculty consists of seven instructors, headed by President E. C. Sanderson.

BUILD BIG SMELTER.

Eastern Capitalists Will Do This if County Builds Bridges.

Salem—The County Commissioners' court at their last meeting heard the petition of Mining Engineer Gadsden, representing Eastern capitalists, for the appropriation of \$2,000 for the building of five bridges across the Santiam river, to make the Gold Creek copper mines accessible. In return for this investment, Mr. Gadsden guarantees the erection of a smelter with a capacity of 100 tons per day.

It is expected that the opening up of these mines and the building of the smelter will result in the location of a refinery in this city. The Gold Creek mines are located on the head waters of the Santiam in the extreme Eastern part of Marion county.

Summer Normal Draws Teachers.

Brownsville—Many teachers, lecturers and ministers from this section are taking advantage of the summer normal school conducted by the Albany college. The attendance is very large. Hereafter this will probably be one of the drawing cards for Albany college. Teachers are in attendance from Marion, Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Linn and other nearby counties. Lane county especially is proving its loyalty toward the church college by a good attendance. For the summer school the college has secured the services of some of the best educators in the United States.

Enlarge Salem Hatchery.

University of Oregon, Eugene—According to reports received here, the state salmon hatchery up the McKenzie river will not be abandoned, but extended, and arrangements will be made this fall so that trout as well as salmon can be hatched. The citizens of Eugene will provide the money for the importation of trout eggs from the East. It was rumored some time ago that the hatchery would be abandoned, but it is evident from a letter of the state fish commissioner that great improvements will be made in the establishment.

Great Dairy Country.

Brownsville—Harvesting has commenced in this section. Grain seems to be yielding well, and prospects were favorable for a bumper crop of spring oats until the hot weather and winds cut the yield down. There will probably be an average crop. The acreage in grain in this section is not nearly so large as in previous years, and next year will be still less. This is fast becoming a dairy and fruit raising section, hundreds of acres are being sown down to clover and thousands of fruit trees have been set out.

Oregon Two Days Without Executive.

Salem—For two days last week Oregon was without even a chief executive. Governor Chamberlain went to Seattle to inspect the progress being made on the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon exposition. Secretary of State Frank Benson has also been absent for some time; therefore the state was without any person to exercise the functions of chief executive. While in Washington the governor also stopped at American lake.

Famous Pear Orchard Sold.

Medford—A syndicate of Eastern men, headed by John D. Olwell, of this city, has purchased the famous pear orchard of C. H. Lewis, near this city, for \$160,000. The orchard has held the world's record for the highest price paid for a certain class of fruit trees for two years, one car bringing \$6,800. This is the largest deal in the history of the fruit lands of the Rogue river valley.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 93c; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 93c; valley, 89c.
Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$25@26; brewing, \$26.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Fruits—Cherries, 3@10c per pound; peaches, 65c@81c per box; prunes, \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.50 @1.75 per box; plums, 40c@50c per box; grapes, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1.10@1.15; Potatoes—90c @ \$1 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5c per pound.
Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.50@3c per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1/4c per pound additional; casabas, \$2.50 per dozen.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 2@2 1/2c per pound; corn, 25@30c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; eggplant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8@10c per dozen; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; tomatoes, 50c @81c per crate; celery, 90c@81c per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.
Butter—Extras, 27 1/2c per pound; fancy, 25c; choice, 20c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Oregon extras, 25c per dozen; firsts, 23@24c; seconds, 21@22c; thirds, 15@20c; Eastern, 23@24c.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11@11 1/2c per pound; fancy hens, 12@12 1/2c; roosters, 8@9c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 8@9c; spring, 10@11c; geese, old, 8c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, old, 18 @19c; young, 20c.
Veal—Extra, 8@8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.
Pork—Fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 6c.
Mutton—Fancy, 8@9c per pound.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2 @5c per pound; old, 2@2 1/2c; contracts, 9@9c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16 1/2c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15 1/2c; mohair, choice, 18@18 1/2c.

ORIENTALS AGAIN QUARREL.

Killing of Japanese Traitor Caught in Peking the Cause.

Peking, Aug. 14.—The killing in this city early this month of a Japanese army officer, supposed to be a spy and traitor, by Japanese soldiers attached to the Peking legation, will result in the presentation by China of a formal protest against the doing of police duty by legation guards outside of the legation precincts.

The officer in question was Captain Kiyohata. He was in the artillery branch of the Hiroshima division and was formerly an instructor in the Chinese military college at Pao Ting Fu. He was charged with selling Japanese military secrets to a foreign power and disappeared from Japan in June.

On August 1 he was discovered disguised as a Chinaman, hiding near the war office in Peking. This knowledge was communicated to the legation guards and a detachment was sent to capture him. He resisted arrest, whereupon the guard shot and wounded the spy and he died two days later in the hospital of the legation guard.

M. Abe, the Japanese charge d'affaires, has urged lack of time and the importance of the prisoner in extenuation of the action of the guard in not notifying the Chinese authorities before arresting the captain. He explains, too, that the resistance of the prisoner was unforeseen and that his consequent shooting could not be avoided.

The Chinese government is not satisfied with this explanation, and thinks its authority has been ignored. The incident has created a good deal of feeling on both sides.

A NEW DOCTRINE.

Harriman Railroad Attorney Claims Roads Can Give Rebates.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Peter F. Dunne, attorney for the Southern Pacific railroad in its defense against the charge of illegal rebating before the Railroad commissioners, today insisted strongly that a common carrier could not be guilty of unjust discrimination unless the rate complained of was made with "an evil intent." He held further that the railroad was entirely justified, the attorney general to the contrary notwithstanding, in making better terms to large shippers than to their small-fry rivals.

Mr. Dunne also touched upon the matter of competition and held, in opposition to the arguments of Messrs. Benjamin and Cushing made the day before, that it was part of a company's inherent right of contract to take competition into consideration in making freight schedules.

He also argued that the railroad had a right to consider whether it had a chance to carry the same material again in the form of a more finished product and, when there was such a chance, to make a lower rate on the raw material. If any or all of the circumstances considered made it good policy to carry freight for nothing, he could see no provision in the law to forbid it.

WANT 6,000 STEEL CARS.

Harriman Lines Will Spend \$6,000,000 for Rolling Stock.

New York, Aug. 14.—The Harriman roads are in the market for 6,000 steel cars. No orders have been placed, but the car equipment companies have been notified that this amount represents the total of an early purchase by the Harriman lines, and for more than half the cars there have been filed specifications on which the equipment companies may base their bids. Competition between the companies is said to be keen, for the orders, if filled, will be altogether the largest since the panic.

The estimated cost of the 6,000 steel cars ranges all the way from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000. It is expected that the lower figure will prove nearer correct, for the reason that the competition between the car equipment companies may result in a cut price.

Seize Another Steamer.

London, Aug. 14.—Another charge has arisen between Japan and China, according to a special dispatch received here from Hongkong, owing to the seizure at Chin Chou by the Chinese authorities of a steamer having on board 10,000 rifles and 2,000,000 cartridges. Japanese merchants have protested, saying that this cargo belongs to them, and they threaten to make another international question out of it. This seizure is similar to that of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru in February of this year.

Caught With the Coin.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—A family consisting of three brothers, their mother, their sister and companion, was arrested at rifle muzzles by the Federal authorities at East Chicago, Wis., charged with making counterfeit \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces and silver dollars, half dollar, quarters, dimes and nickels. The Donnerstag family lived in two shacks in a wild, brush covered part of Wisconsin, on the banks of a small unnamed lake. The secret service operatives found a complete counterfeit-making outfit and much spurious coin.

Receivers for Big Elevators.

Minneapolis, Aug. 14.—On application of receivers for the Pillsbury, Washburn Flour Mills company, limited, Judge Purdy, in the United States Circuit court, yesterday appointed Charles Amsden and Henry F. Douglas receivers for the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator company, a subsidiary corporation. The Minneapolis & Northern Elevator company operates the 100 elevators in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Whites to Control Pacific.

Melbourne, Aug. 14.—Both houses of the Victorian parliament today voted unanimously resolutions cordially welcoming the American battleship fleet to Australian waters. The various speakers dwelt upon the close friendship which unites Great Britain and the United States, and one of the members remarked that the visit of the American battleships assured the control of the Pacific for all time for the white race.

ILLINOIS RACE RIOT

Mob Burns Blacks' Homes and Club the Occupants.

TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO CITY

Whole Negro Quarter of Springfield Burning and Firemen Kept Away From Fires.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Springfield is in the hands of a mob of enraged citizens who began last night to wreak vengeance on negro residents for an assault committed yesterday by George Richardson, a negro, on Mrs. Earl Hallam, a white woman. At 1 o'clock this morning the whole east end of town burst into flames, the torch having been applied to several negro houses by some of the more desperate mob members.

A mob of white men at 2:45 o'clock this morning lynched a negro who was supposed to be sneaking under cars on the Illinois Central tracks and shooting at the whites.

The Decatur company of the Illinois National guard arrived at 2:30 o'clock this morning and went to the "bad lands," where 20 huts occupied by negroes have been burned and where the fire is still raging.

Two men are already dead and probably two score others are injured, mostly negroes. The rabble is sweeping through the streets attacking every negro met. All the local militia are on duty, and half a dozen companies from other cities are rushing here on special trains. Still other companies are ordered to hold themselves in reserve. The fire department is helpless to combat the fire in the negro quarter on account of the threatening attitude of the mob toward the firemen.

Eugene Chafin, Prohibition candidate for president, in protecting a negro from death, was struck on the head with a brick and put out of commission temporarily. The negro he saved drew a knife and badly cut several men in the fight.

Richardson and another negro wanted for murder were stealthily taken from Springfield jail last evening and rushed to Bloomington, whence they were later taken to Peoria. It is thought that with the arrival of the out of town troops the streets will be cleared and order restored.

Negroes in two instances have turned up with considerable effect upon their assailants. In one mishap a trooper attempted to separate the combatants and was nearly overwhelmed by those in pursuit of several negroes.

Most of the members of Troop B, of Taylorville, are on guard around the jail. The rioters who had gathered in front of the jail after the incarceration of Richardson were enraged by the rescue practiced by the sheriff in removing him.

Finding that the negroes were gone, the mob amused itself for a time by looting negro resorts in East Washington street. The amusement of the rioters was tragedy for the negroes, many of whom were roughly handled and beaten with pieces of their own furniture.

A white man and his son, whose names were not ascertained by the police, were shot, supposedly by negroes. This encounter further enraged the members of the mob and they began a general search for negroes wherever they could be found.

Dozen Probably Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15, 2:45 a. m.—The mob is still burning houses in the negro quarter and the police believe that at least a dozen people have been killed. No outside troops have yet arrived.

Bloomington Firemen Called.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 15.—At 3 a. m. the Bloomington fire department was notified to be in readiness to go to Springfield to assist in fighting the fire.

Give Jewels to Heathen.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 15.—Unprecedented enthusiasm for foreign missions was displayed at the morning session of the convention of Christian churches of Southern California and Arizona. When the call came for contributions to aid Rev. Royal Dye and his wife to prosecute their mission work in the Congo, men and women vied with each other in giving money and sacrificing their jewels. Gold watches and chains, gold bracelets, rings and diamonds were cast into the basket.

Priest Fears Black Hand.

New York, Aug. 15.—Asserting that he had been driven from city by persons threatening his life, until he fears that he must leave the United States, the Rev. Michael Sevotka, a Polish priest, of Newark, N. J., appealed to the police of that city for protection, and fled aboard a steamer bound for Europe. He was recently assigned temporarily to the Holy Trinity Catholic church, in Newark, and hardly had been established there when he received one of the letters that have been troubling him.

Rebuke to Spiritualists.

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Coroner Jerome today decided not to hold for court Mrs. Fannie Sout and Miss Florence Beckman, who were found praying near the partly decomposed body of Dr. L. Emerson Wheeler yesterday. The coroner issued a certificate of death from Bright's disease. He severely reprimanded the women for their spiritualistic vagaries and warned them against the practice of attempting to restore the dead to life.

Cholera Gaining Ground.