

Washington County News
Issued Each Week
FOREST GROVE.....OREGON
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.

Ten million bushels of the new wheat
crop of the Pacific Northwest have
been sold.

The French ambassador to Spain has
been called home to discuss the Moroccan
situation.

The president will go to Jordanville,
N. Y., to take part in the dedication
of a public library.

A. O. Brown & Co., a big brokerage
firm of New York, has failed for more
than a million dollars.

Six Chinese have been caught at El
Paso, Tex., who had been smuggling
across the line from Mexico.

The government has about fixed the
responsibility for the big robbery of the
subtreasury at San Francisco recently.

Returns from the Democratic primaries
indicate that Governor Ansel
will again be the nominee for governor
of South Carolina.

The Illinois Steel company, whose
plant is at South Chicago, has just put
500 men to work and expects to employ
another 500 next week.

St. Paul has asked 300 Sioux Indians
to visit the city during the state fair
and take part in a reproduction of the
massacre of 1862, when 800 whites
were killed.

Mulai Hafid has formally assumed
the throne of Morocco.

A serious fire in Omaha destroyed
several manufacturing plants.

Count von Goetzen may succeed the
late Baron von Sternberg as ambassador
to Washington.

A Baltimore woman has confessed
that her son murdered her husband because
he was cruel to her.

The United States and Mexico are
about ready to make a naval demonstration
against Honduras.

The wife of Major General Luard
was murdered in a wood near London.
Her jewelry was the object.

Oregon National Guardsmen are
among the leaders in the rifle shoot in
the United States army matches.

Herr Geltermann, cashier of a German
bank, committed suicide after
confessing to the theft of \$125,000.

Texas railroad attorneys are preparing
to fight the state commission's
order forbidding a raise in freight
rates.

The American press humorists are
in session at Denver and are said to be
about the most somnolent looking men
possible, barring undertakers.

Bryan counts on carrying New York.
The big theater has been abolished
in Paris play houses.

The grand jury at Springfield, Ill.,
has returned 20 more indictments.

Taft says that, if elected, he will
call a special session of congress to
revise the tariff.

The sultan is recalling his ministers
and ambassadors and replacing them
with new men.

Serious trouble is feared in the Alabama
coal district where the white
miners have ordered the blacks to leave.

During a storm near Pottsville, Pa.,
lightning set off a charge of dynamite
1,300 feet under ground, killing two
men.

A Southern Indiana coal mine has
been foreclosed by a Chicago bank
which held paper to the amount of \$3,
000,000.

The trial of Theodore W. Halsey, the
San Francisco telephone magnate, has
been postponed until September 26, on
account of illness.

Mayor Taylor, of San Francisco, has
received notice that the government
has made an additional appropriation
of \$3,300 a month with which to fight
the plague.

A non-union negro miner was shot
from ambush near Birmingham, Ala.

Holland awaits the report of M. De
Reus before deciding on final action
against Castro.

The National Editorial association
is working for a new libel law, seeing
defects in the present statutes.

New York firms have secured contracts
amounting to \$16,000,000 for
paving and sewer work in Havana.

The Congo Reform association has
protested to Secretary Root against
the annexation of Free State by Belgium.

A Connecticut farmer emulated
Darius Green by attempting to fly
with a pair of paper wings he had
constructed.

The repeal of the Fourteenth amendment
was predicted at the National
association of attorney generals held
in Denver.

Harriman has promised to extend
the Columbia Southern railway into
Central Oregon and says work will
begin at once.

PROBES AMERICAN MINES.
Belgian Expert Comes as Guest of
Government.

New York, Aug. 26.—Victor W.
Watteyne, chief of the Belgian department
of mines, was a passenger on the
Red Star liner Kronland, which
arrived in port today. Chief Watteyne
comes as the guest of the United
States government and will be consulted
by the bureau of geodetic survey in
its coming investigation of the mining
conditions in this country. Congress
has appropriated \$150,000 for this
purpose. Captain Desbrough, of England,
and A. Meisner, of Germany,
both expert mining engineers, will
come later to join Chief Watteyne.

In the United States there are 3,200
deaths due to accidents every year in
the mines, or three to every thousand
mining employees. Speaking of the
tremendous death rate, Chief Watteyne
said yesterday:

"In Belgium, where the mines are
the oldest in Europe and the most dangerous
and deepest in the world, the
death rate is only one man in a thousand
—a very good record, considering
the extremely hazardous nature of the
work. I expect to be very much interested
in my commission to study
American methods."

Chief Watteyne left promptly for
Pittsburg. He will go from there to
Hanna, Wyo., to study a sealed mine
in which, during ten years, over 300
miners have lost their lives. Chief
Watteyne will suggest some scheme by
which it can be worked with safety.

BISBEE AGAIN FLOODED.
Third Cloudburst Within Month Does
Much Damage.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 26.—Bisbee for
the third time in three weeks was
yesterday visited by a cloudburst. The
damage is estimated at \$25,000. The
bursting of a subway at the head of
Main street caused the damage. When
the subway burst a wall of water six
feet deep swept down the street, carrying
ahead of it horses, wagons, buggies
and the automobile of G. J. Cunningham,
cashier of the bank of Bisbee. At the
lower end of the street the automobile
was rescued.

A number of house foundations were
weakened. The Grand hotel was
damaged this evening and the guests
moved out. Last night the town was
without fire protection, owing to water
mains being washed away. The gas
was off and all big sewerage mains are
broken in many places. So far as is
known there is no loss of life.

Bisbee is located in a canyon, so
that cloudbursts in the mountains above
make the place peculiarly susceptible
to floods.

JAPAN IS BUSY.
Immense War Debt and Labor Problems
Worry Statesmen.

New York, Aug. 26.—Japan, sorely
pressed in financial matters, with labor
troubles and increased cost of living
changing the entire economic system,
will not go to war with any nation
for 10 years at least, according to General
Adolphus W. Greeley, U. S. A., retired
who, with Mrs. Greeley and their two
daughters, arrived on the President
Grant of the Hamburg-American line
today from Hamburg.

"There have been within a year not
less than 140 strikes in Japan, so I
was told by a prominent official," said
Mr. Greeley. "and I do not believe the
world in general knows that they ended
successfully for the strikers. This
makes for entirely different economic
conditions in that country. Japan has
enough, with financial problems and
the question of higher wages, to be
met, to keep her wisest heads busy on
the situation at home for years to come."

Unwritten Law is Good Law.
Eastland, Tex., Aug. 26.—The grand
jury today recommended that the "unwritten
law" be put on the statute
books of the state in order that young
women can have greater protection.
The recommendation grew out of serious
crimes against young girls and
women here lately. The whole community
has been aroused. In its report
the grand jury recommends that
mothers give their daughters more protection
from the world and asks the
state legislature to put the "unwritten
law" on the statute books.

First Train Into Calor.
San Francisco, Aug. 26.—The line of
the California Northeastern railroad
was opened from this city to Calor,
on the line between Oregon and California,
today. The first car to stop at
Calor was that of W. F. Herrin, chief
attorney for the Southern Pacific road.
E. H. Harriman, since he went over
the road on his way to Klamath lake,
gave orders to get the line built through
to Klamath river as soon as possible,
and work has gone on night and day.

Japanese Sees Maneuvers.
Junction City, Kan., Aug. 26.—Major
T. Tanaka, of the Japanese embassy
in Washington, arrived at the
maneuver camp last night. He was
met at the railroad station by one of
General Kerr's personal staff, and escorted
to headquarters, where he was
introduced to General Kerr and other
officers of the staff. Major Tanaka
will remain an observer at the camp
for several days.

Toronto Has \$150,000 Fire
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 26.—Half of
the Union stockyards in West Toronto
was wiped out by fire tonight. Loss,
\$150,000. Seven houses on Keel street
were also destroyed. The origin of
the fire is not known.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRUNE GROWERS UNITE.
New Association Buys Packing Plant
at Albany.

Salem.—The Northwest association
has been formed at this place for the
purpose of packing prunes this season.
It is a new factor in the Willamette
valley prune market. It includes some
of the largest growers of this section
of the valley. Its members declare it
will not join the packers' combine,
which was formed here some time ago,
and will be the only large packing firm
outside the Packers' association. The
new Growers' association has purchased
the packing plant of Lesselle Bros.,
at Albany, and will operate it. The
plant has a capacity of 150 cars
for the season. The capital stock of
the new concern is \$10,000.

Lesselle was formerly manager of
the packing plant owned by Lesselle
Bros., and it is apparently the purpose
of the new association to make use of
his knowledge of packing and marketing
fruit. Mr. Lesselle says that prunes
can be sold in the East at figures a
full cent above the prices now offered
by the packing houses which are members
of the Packers' association.

The growers who have organized the
new association will proceed at once
to enlarge the membership. One of
the plans of the new concern is to require
all members to dry their prunes
thoroughly, so that there will be no
danger of the fruit spoiling, as was
the case in some instances last year.
In order that the growers shall have no
incentive to underdry, each grower
will be credited with the additional
weight his fruit may gain during the
processing, grading and packing, which
increase is considerable in many instances.

LAW BENEFITS STATE.
School Attendance in a Majority of
Counties Shows Increase.

Salem.—The operation of Oregon's
new compulsory education law which
has been under one year of practical
demonstration has been very satisfactory
according to the reports received
by Superintendent of Public Instruction
Ackerman. The statistics of the
biennial report also bear out this statement.
There are several counties where
the per cent of attendance has fallen
down but an especial effort will be
made during the approaching school
year to extend the operation of the law.
Under this law parents may be fined
from \$5 to \$25 if they do not compel
their children to go to school. The law
provides that truant officers be appointed
for every district in the state to receive
\$2 for each day's work.

The truant officer may notify the
parents first and then if not action is taken
a complaint will be brought against
them in court. The county superintendents
must furnish each teacher with the
census roll of their district. The teacher
is compelled to report every four weeks
those who are not attending school. If
the superintendents or teachers violate any
of these provisions they are subject to a fine
of from \$5 to \$20.

Freewater-Weston Line.
Pendleton—According to the present
plans of the Walla Walla Traction
company, which is now operating the
electric line into Milton and Freewater
in the north end of Umatilla county,
the company will use gasoline motors
on the extension of the line to Weston
and Athena, a distance of 20 miles.
Special motors will be ordered for this
section of the line, and the expense of
electric juice, wire and poles will be
eliminated. It is understood that contracts
for 10 miles of grade between
Freewater and Weston have been let.

Good Yield of Watermelons.
Albany—A good yield of watermelons,
both in quantity and quality, will
greet Linn county growers this season.
The melons, however, will be from 10
days to two weeks late, due to the late
spring, which necessitated considerable
replanting. Most of the Linn county
melons are raised on the Santiam bottom
land, in the vicinity of Lebanon. A large
quantity are also raised in Benton county,
just across the river from this city.

"Boosting" Booklets Out.
Albany—Fifteen thousand of Albany's
new advertising booklets have been
received and are ready for distribution
at the rooms of the Albany Commercial
club. The booklet contains 68 pages, and
is illustrated with 61 photos. Bound with
various colored covers and printed and
illustrated in splendid shape, it is one
of the best booklets from all view points
ever issued by any city in the state.

Farmers' Company Reorganized.
Albany—A reorganization of the Albany
Farmers' company has been perfected and
the whole concern merged into the Albany
Mill & Elevator company. The warehouses
heretofore managed and maintained at
Tallman, Tangent and other outside points
by the old company will be in direct control
of the new company and carry on the
business as of old.

Mill Nearing Completion.
Lakeview—Lakeview's new flouring
mill will soon be ready for operation.
When the need for a flour mill at home
was suggested last winter, the merchants
of Lakeview and farmers of Goose Lake
valley subscribed the necessary funds
to establish a mill. The building is now
complete, the machinery on the ground
and flour will be turned out this fall.

ADD NORMAL WORK.
New Course of Study Issued by State
Superintendent Ackerman.

Salem.—The establishment of a one-
year teachers' training course, to be
optional with pupils in the 10th, 11th
and 12th grades, is the principal feature
of the new course of study which
has been issued by Superintendent
Ackerman and which will be used in
all Oregon public schools hereafter.

The new course of study is practically
the same as heretofore in use so far
as the first eight grades are concerned.
The new features are found in the high
schools, which comprise the 9th, 10th,
11th and 12th grades. The new teachers'
training course is not designed to
take the place of normal school work,
but is provided as an aid to those high
school pupils who contemplate entering
the teaching profession, but who cannot
see their way clear to attend one of
the normal schools. Many young people
now go from the high schools into the
common schools as teachers, and it is
the purpose of the training course to
fit them better for such work.

The course includes 14 weeks in
White's "Art of Teaching," seven
weeks of observation work, seven weeks
of practice teaching, four weeks' study
of the common school course of study,
and four weeks' study of practical
school problems.

Superintendent Ackerman expresses
the opinion that this optional work will
be taken by many high school pupils
who will thereby be induced to attend
one of the regular normal schools.

Extension Nears Completion.
Walla Walla—By September 5, if the
present rate of progress is maintained
by the O. R. & N. tracklaying crew,
the whistle of the O. R. & N. construction
locomotives will pierce the long-
awaited silence of the Walla Walla valley.
The work of laying track on the Walla
walla extension is now progressing
toward this valley at the rate of two
miles per day, and the tracklaying crew
has crossed the Walla Walla river
near Grand Ronde and is now working
directly toward this place. The main
Walla Walla river canyon, 16 miles
in length, is all that intervenes between
the end of the track and this place.

Grab Water Power Sites.
Pendleton—What is taken as an effort
to corner the water supply of the
Umatilla river before the city of Pendleton
can file, is being made by the Wenaha
Water & Power company, a corporation
capitalized at \$10,000, which is filing
on three fine water power sites on the
river above Wenaha springs. The filings
of the new company will practically
monopolize the water sources and power
sites which were deemed to be available
for the city's use. An engineer for the
city is now in the field but every available
site seems to have been cornered.

Growers Conform to Law.
Salem—Fruit Inspector Armstrong
is watching the Marion county markets
closely for infected fruit, but so far
has been called upon to destroy very
little of it. Growers are learning fast
that wormy apples cannot be disposed
of. In most instances it is only necessary
to notify the retailer that the apples
must not be sold and must be returned
to the grower. In only a few cases
this summer has fruit been confiscated.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Wheat—Club, 88c per bushel; forty-
fold, 90c; Turkey red, 90c; five, 88c;
bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 ton; rolled,
\$27.00; malt, \$27.00.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.00; No. 2 white,
\$26.50; No. 3 white, \$26.00.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley,
\$14 ton; Willamette valley ordinary,
\$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed,
\$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa
meal, \$20.
Fruits—Peaches, 60¢/85¢ box; pears,
\$1.00/1.50 box; plums, 75¢ box; grapes,
85¢/1.50 crate; blackberries, \$1.00/1.10.
Potatoes—\$1.00/1.10 per hundred;
sweet potatoes, 3¢/4¢ pound.
Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1.00/1.25 per
crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100
loose, crated, 1¢ pound additional; casabas,
\$2.25/2.50 dozen.
Vegetables—Turnips, 1.50 sack; carrots,
\$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50;
beans, 5¢ pound; cabbage, 1¢/1.50
pound; corn, 25¢/30¢ dozen; cucumbers,
30¢/40¢ box; egg plant, \$1.75
crate; lettuce, head, 15¢ dozen; parsley,
15¢ dozen; peas, 6¢ pound; peppers, 8¢/10¢
pound; radishes, 12¢/15¢ dozen; spinach,
2¢ pound; squash, 40¢ dozen; tomatoes,
75¢/81¢ crate; celery, 50¢/90¢ dozen; artichokes, 75¢
dozen.
Butter—Extras, 31¢/32¢ pound; fancy,
27¢/30¢; choice, 25¢; store, 18¢.
Eggs—Oregon extras, 26¢/27¢; firsts,
24¢/25¢; seconds, 22¢/23¢; thirds, 15¢/20¢;
Eastern, 24¢/25¢.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13¢/14¢/15¢
pound; fancy hens, 14¢; roosters, 10¢;
spring, 16¢; ducks, old, 12¢; spring,
13¢/15¢; geese, old, 8¢; young, 10¢;
turkeys, old, 17¢/18¢; young, 20¢.
Veal—Extra, 8¢/9¢ pound; ordinary, 7¢
/8¢; heavy, 6¢.
Pork—Fancy, 7¢/8¢ pound; ordinary, 6¢;
large, 5¢.
Mutton—Fancy, 8¢/9¢.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4¢/5¢
pound; old, 1¢/1.5¢; contracts, 7¢/8¢.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best,
10¢/16¢/18¢ pound, according to shrinkage;
valley, 15¢/15.5¢; mohair, choice, 18¢/18.5¢.

TRAIN IS WRECKED.
Cottage Grove Local Goes Into Ditch
Near Eugene.

Eugene, Or., Aug. 25.—Fireman
Frank Boulter and three unknown
tramps were killed, Engineer Jack
Nichols was fatally injured, and six
passengers were badly hurt in a wreck
of the southbound Cottage Grove local
shortly after 9 o'clock Sunday night,
four miles north of this city.

When two miles north of Irving,
the engine, going at schedule speed,
struck a cow, which was on the track,
and turned turtle, landing in the ditch.
The baggage cars and passenger coaches,
pushing the tender ahead of them,
continued on the ties for 75 feet until
the baggage car climbed on top of the
tender and stood on end. The impact
hurled three of the passenger coaches
from the track, only the last two remaining
on the rails.

The wreck, from the standpoint of
destruction to rolling stock, is one of
the worst in recent years in the Southern
Pacific in Oregon. The engine and
tender are a pile of scrap iron. The
rails and ties are torn up for a distance
of 75 feet, while the passenger coaches
and baggage car lie on their sides in
the ditch. The cow which tried to cross
the track and caused the wreck was cut
completely in two.

ARE READY FOR HOME RULE.
Cubans Capable of Self-Government,
According to Magoon.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 25.—Charles
E. Magoon, provisional governor of Cuba,
talked with Mr. Taft today regarding
conditions in Cuba.

That the people of Cuba are qualified
for self government is the positive
assertion of Governor Magoon. The
Cuban people, he indicated, are heartily
in favor of government ownership of
public utilities. They now own the
telegraph lines and the test of the popular
will, which has just been made on the
question of private concessions for
telephone lines, he believes has demonstrated
their desire for government ownership.
The test referred to was made at the
suggestion of President Roosevelt, and
consisted in the submission to the 82
provinces of the draft of a law which,
if approved and enacted, would have
resulted, according to Governor Magoon,
in the telephone business of the present
Havana Telephone company. The concession
of this company expires in 1910, whereupon
the telephone lines and plant of the company
in that city will revert to the Cuban
government.

FORTY PERISH WITH SHIP.
Norwegian Steamer Goes Down Off
Coast of Norway.

Bergen, Norway, Aug. 25.—The
Norwegian steamer Folgen Fonden,
from Bergen to Haugesund, on the west
coast of Norway, was wrecked last night
near Skoneviks and sank in three minutes.

The steamer carried 70 passengers
and it is believed 40 of them were
drowned. Fifteen bodies have been
recovered. The captain of the steamer
was among those saved.

The Folgen Fonden carried on only a
local traffic and it is believed that
no foreigners were aboard. It is reported
that a terrible panic occurred when the
steamer struck; that fearful scenes were
witnessed as the vessel sank. Boats were
hurriedly manned by those who had
witnessed the catastrophe and they hurried
to where the steamer had gone down, but
most of them arrived too late to rescue
the passengers.

Victory is Complete.
Tangier, Aug. 25.—The defeat of
the sultan, Abd El Aziz, by the forces
of his brother, Mulai Hafid, has been
confirmed. The sultan of record was
surprised on the night of August 19
and most of his troops deserted to the
side of the usurping sultan after the
firing of a few shots. Reports indicate
that the defeat of Abd El Aziz was due
largely to the betrayal of his own
tribesmen. Mulai Hafid has been proclaimed
sultan of Morocco at Tangier and
announcement of the proclamation
telegraphed to all parts of the country.

Miners Burn Nevada Town.
Reno, Nev., Aug. 25.—Hazen, the
junction point of three railroads into
the mining camps was destroyed by
fire, when miners celebrating the second
anniversary of Rawhide, overturned a
gasoline generator in their room. A
loss of nearly \$100,000 was caused,
every building in the town being
burned excepting the Southern Pacific
depot and freight sheds. The fire
burned from the eastern end of the
town to the extreme western end.

Alaska Town Wiped Out.
Seattle, Aug. 25.—Moore City,
Alaska, in the Innoko district, was
burned on July 3, according to passengers
who arrived on the Northwestern
today from Nome and St. Michaels.
The United States commissioners of
office, the jail and a few cabins were
left standing.

Turkish Capital Aflame.
Constantinople, Aug. 25.—Fire broke
out this afternoon in the Stamboul
quarter and within a very brief period
a terrible conflagration was raging. A
strong wind carried the flames along at
great speed and for six hours they
swept over the section, destroying
1,500 houses and shops.

Von Sternberg is Dead.
Heidelberg, Germany, Aug. 25.—
Speck Von Sternberg, former German
ambassador to the United States, died
here yesterday morning.

BANDIT'S RICH HAUL
Stops Eleven Stages in Yellowstone
Park.

SECURES OVER TWO THOUSAND
Unarmed Passengers Also Give Up
Watches, Jewelry and Other Valuables—Soldiers Pursue.

Lake Hotel, Yellowstone Park, Wyo.,
Aug. 25.—The greatest stage hold-up
in the West in many years, at least in
the number of coaches held up, occurred
yesterday within the boundaries of the
Yellowstone park. The work was done
by a lone highwayman, and the passengers
were absolutely helpless in his hands,
as no guns are permitted in the park
to either drivers or tourists.

In all, it is estimated from the statement
of passengers, that something like
\$2,000 in cash was obtained, drafts worth
\$10,000, other papers and transportation,
besides a rich haul in watches and jewelry.

In all, 21 coaches left the Upper
Geyser basin in the morning. The highwayman
was encountered about five miles further
on at a lonely spot along the banks of
Spring creek, a tributary of the Fire Hole
river. The creek is lined with bushes. The
first lot of coaches, numbering seven, and
following each other closely, passed by
the place unharmed. There was a gap
between them, and the next lot of eight
followed.

After the first of the eight came
along the highwayman stepped from the
bushes and ordered the driver to halt.
He did not molest the driver, nor any
of the drivers following.

These eight coaches had barely gone
on when three more came along, and
these were robbed in a like manner.

In all about 125 people were held
up, though not all of these suffered
loss. When the robber ordered the
drivers to move on, he stood a few
minutes with his gun pointed toward
them, and then walked down the road.

As quickly as possible after a telephone
word was sent to the soldiers and a
detail started in pursuit of the man
who is described as about 5 feet
inches tall, with bluish-grey eyes, and
bristly grey whiskers. He acted like
a man short of breath or a consumptive.

GUN SILENCER IS TESTED.
Maxim's Latest Invention Gives Astonishing
Results in Practice.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 25.—The
official test of Hiram P. Maxim's gun
silencer was made by officers stationed
at the United States armory here today.
The test, it is said, proved the truth
of the claims of the inventor. The device
was attached to a regulation army rifle.
The test was made at regular ranges,
relays of signals being stationed at
intervals. It was found that while the
discharge of the unquipped rifle is
audible 7,700 yards, with the silencer
this distance was cut down to 1,500
yards. Further tests were made to determine
whether the silencer interfered with the
velocity of the bullet and it was found
that the interference was slight, reducing
the velocity not more than 5 or 6 per cent.

INDIGNANT AT CASTRO'S ORDER
Citizens of Parian Ports Resent Embargo
on Travel.

Port of Spain, Aug. 25.—News has
been received here that President, Castro
has instructed the collectors of customs
in Venezuelan ports not to clear
any passengers for the West Indian
islands. The Venezuelan consul here
has been instructed to withhold passage
from persons desirous of taking passage
on the steamers to Venezuela. This action
on the part of the Venezuelan government
has caused great indignation and is
a serious blow to the inhabitants of
the Parian ports and Ciudad Bolivar,
and will add considerably to the misery
already existing there.

Bandits Burn Two Towns.
Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 25.—It is
reported here today that the towns of
Lowry and Ataska, on the Minneapolis
& St. Louis railroad's river extension,
were burned in a raid by a mysterious
company of mounted men last night.
The mounted company completely surrounded
the two towns and fired every building.
The reason for the raids is not known
here. Colonel Holmes, president of the
Dakota National bank, who is president
of the Lowry bank, confirms the report
that his bank was burned.

Million for Balloon Plans.
Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 25.—It
was learned today that Count Zeppelin
was again visited two days ago by
agents of the mysterious American
syndicate which offered \$4,000,000 for
the airship recently lost at Ecksteden.
The Americans are now trying to
secure possession of the new balloon
under construction by Zeppelin, to be
known as No. 5. It is said that they
have even gone so far as to offer
\$1,000,000 for the plans.

Old Virginia is Shaken.
Richmond, Va., Aug. 25.—There
were several severe earth tremors felt
in Powhatan, Amelia and Chesterfield
counties last night and this morning.
No one was hurt and no property damaged.

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