

WEDNESDAY AUGUST, 20 1896

Lynching at Asotin.

Spokane, Aug. 19 .- Yesterday Miss Richardson, 18 years of age, by druggists. started on horseback for Lapwai. on the Nez Perce reservation, alone As she was riding along at a point called Strickfield gulch, a lonely spot near Asotin, she was pursued and overtaken by Frank Biles, a notorious Nez Perce half breed des perado who appeared suddenly from the bushes, grasped the horse's head by the bridle, and command- paper, issued each Thursday. ed Miss Richardson to dismount.

the horse, but Biles' powerful grip on the horse was never relaxed.

she played the lash about Biles head and shoulders, the fiend suc ceeded in dragging her to the ground. Biles then half carried and half dragged the struggling woman into the brush a short distance. Overpowering her by choking her almost into insensibility, the brute repeatedly outraged her.

An hour later Mrs. Van Ausdile, of Asotin, found Miss Richardson just recovering consciousness. The sheriff found Biles as he was making tracks across the country towards the reservation. Seeing the game was up, he surrendered to the officer, who started with him for Asotin.

The two had not proceeded far when Jack Allen, a full-blooded Nez Perce Indian, met them. Biles, in the Indian tongue, said some thing to the Indian who thereupon made an assault upon the sheriff in an attempt to effect the escape of the prisoner.

In the melee that followed, Allen was knocked over with a blow from the sheriff' gun on the head. The two Indians were handcuffed together and brought to Asotin and lodged in the county jail. At 11 o'clock last night a body of men, variously estimated in numbers at from 25 to 100, appearat the jail coming out from the brush along the river. Admittance to the jail was demanded by the spokesman of the mob and, upon being refused, a huge timber was brought into requisition with which the door was soon battered in. After a feeble attempt at resistance by the officer on guard, the mob obtained the key to Biles' cell. The guilty wretch, knowing the fate in store for him, was found crouching in the further corner of his cell. He attempted to make a plea for mercy. A dozen willing hands grasped the wretch and dragged him into the corridor. where a noose already prepared was thrown about his neck and he was dragged outside into the court yard. Outside the enes extered by the doomed man, half stifled by the tightness of the rope around his neck, not a word was spoken until the leader uttered the solitary command "Pull!" The rope was thrown over the limb of a tree in the yard. Biles was hoisted up a bout 10 feet from the ground where, after a few spasmodic struggles, his life went out. The body was left hanging until later on when it was cut down by the cherin -States man, homestai bas

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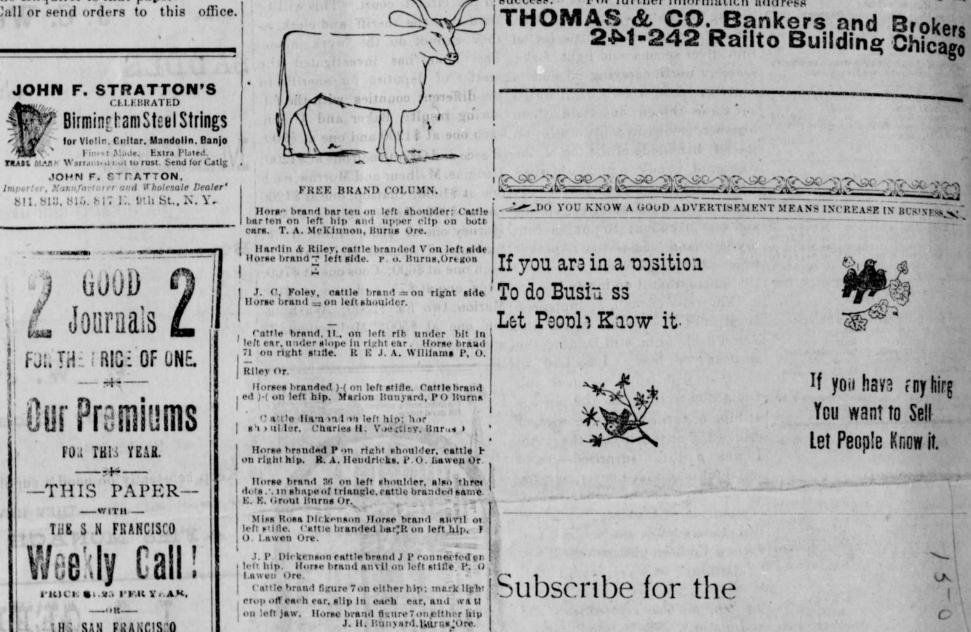
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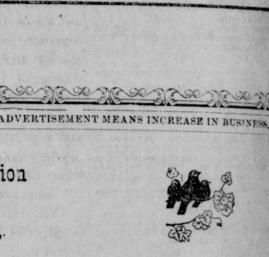
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