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BROOM CORN RAISED HERE IS  
A GOOD CROP.

There is a Strong Demand for it in  
the Willamette Valley—A Fail-  
ure in the East This Year.

F. G. Lucas has a splendid crop of broom corn on a piece of land west of town, and because of the practical failure of the crop in the eastern states, broom corn this year is consequently a valuable product. Mr. Lucas planted and cultivated the corn with the object of converting the straw into brooms this fall and winter.

The yield exceeds his expectations and demonstrates to a certainty that the broom corn industry could be made a profitable one in this vicinity. The following from the Salem Statesman will be of interest to those interested in the matter:

A new product for the farmers of Oregon is being developed in a way and there seems reason to believe that it will in the future prove a valuable product. Since the Salem broom factory has been operated here in Salem, there has opened up a pretty good demand for broom corn and now there is an offer of \$80 a ton for it.

At Derby & Wilson's there is being shown a few samples of what can be done in the way of raising broom corn, and it would seem that the prospects are good for those who would enter this new agricultural field.

A. W. Froggell, who lives on Kaiser bottom, has a half acre of it, and it is doing remarkably well.

The broom corn of the east is largely a failure this year on account of the dry hot winds and there will be a heavy demand for this material. Again the acreage in the east is reported very light this year, fully half less than last year.

Convict No. 1142.

Joseph Lawrence, convict No. 1142, of the Idaho penitentiary, who escaped some days ago has been captured in Pendleton, where he was arrested for robbing a tent. He gave his name as Blackburn to the Pendleton officers. Marshal Coffman identified him as the escaped convict through a description mailed from Idaho and gets \$50 reward for the capture. Yesterday afternoon Lawrence came near escaping from the county jail by digging a hole in the wall.

## A Colorado Cloud Burst

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 24.—A cloud burst in the vicinity of Rhode Canyon, converted the canyon into a raging torrent tonight, which swept into the towns of Berwind and Tobasa, wrecking everything in its path and drowning at least nine persons. The property losses which are estimated at a hundred

thousand dollars, were suffered mostly by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company and the Colorado Southern Railway company. Mines and coke ovens scattered between the two towns of Berwind and Tobasa were practically all wrecked. The Railroad bed is completely washed out.

### BALLET IN TONOPAH.

Promoter Who Was Convicted of Fraud in Oregon Avoids Former Mistake.

Letson Ballet, the White Swan promoter who created a sensation in the west a few years ago as a result of his work in and about Baker City, is operating in Tonopah. A recent issue of the Tonopah Sun gives an outline of Ballet's methods adopted in the Nevada camp, which show that his two months in prison at Red Rock, Iowa, did not improve his moral fiber. He has commenced issuing circulars, in which he asks eastern people to let him invest their money. His plan of operation is to form clubs; those who join the clubs are given directorates in new companies to be organized and blocks of the stock. As an inducement in this respect Ballet is making the same old claim that marked his frauds for which the government prosecuted him, by stating that he had made a fortune in the mines and has made millions for investors.

It is noted that the term in the penitentiary of Iowa has taught Ballet one thing. He now says emphatically that he is not selling stock in any company, and will not do so.

He asks investors to send him money to place for them and he will aid them in getting hold of bonanza propositions. By this procedure he avoids the rock on which he split before, as it was for selling stock fraudulently that the government convicted him.

After Ballet was released from the Iowa penitentiary his three months' term having been reduced to two months and the \$10,000 fine remitted, it was predicted by many that he would not launch on another career of deceiving the public, as it was largely through the influence of his father that a nominal penalty was affixed for misappropriating about \$300,000. The fact that he has started out as before, with just enough of a change to avoid being caught, is taken by Oregon mining men who suffered from his work as another evidence of the folly of leniency toward a confirmed criminal.

### BIG NUGGET FOUND.

Rich Baker County Placer Mine Yields to Owner \$185 Nugget.

One of the biggest nuggets ever taken from an Oregon mine was taken from the placer mine on Pine creek yesterday afternoon by Patterson, Epping, Emmett and McDaniels of Baker City, says the Herald. The nugget is almost solid gold about the size of the palm of a lady's hand and contains a fraction over \$185 in gold. Outside of the \$300 nugget picked up several years ago this is the largest taken out of the Baker mining district.

This placer mine on Pine creek has been operated for a number of years and is one of the richest in the district.

Year before last the present owner worked it and took out \$10,750 in gold at a cost of \$2200. The past year it has been idle on account of scar city of water and only assessment has been done. It was while doing assessment work on the ground yesterday that the mammoth nugget was picked up. Mr. Patterson has the gem this morning and is going to send it to the Lewis and Clark fair to be placed in the Baker county mining exhibit.

The owners of this mine have 30 acres of patented placer ground and 580 acres located in addition to 160 acres of patented timber land. Last year from this same mine Mr. Patterson picked up a nugget worth \$65 and with a \$46 bunch of gold, which he secured some time ago, he has three of the finest nuggets ever picked out of the Baker district.

### The New Train.

The Walla Walla-Pendleton special will commence its regular daily train tomorrow morning. The time card has not been issued, but it is known that the train will arrive west bound, in the morning, returning in the evening.

### Mills Again Run.

After several months' idleness the Pendleton Woolen Mills are once more running, work having been commenced yesterday.

### BEAN MAY NOT GET IT.

Judge McBride Said to Have Good Chance to Become Judge.

President Roosevelt's delay in announcing the appointment of United States district judge for Oregon has given rise to reports that notwithstanding the preference of the attorney general for Justice Bean some other candidate may eventually draw the prize, so the word comes from Portland.

Nine days have elapsed since the attorney general forwarded to the president all the papers relating to the matter, together with a recommendation that Bean be given the appointment. It was expected that the president would act at once and the general supposition was that the attorney general's recommendation would be controlling. As the days have elapsed by, however, without an intimation of the president's decision, the rumor has gained currency that Senator Fulton has at last succeeded in re-establishing his right to a voice in the disposition of the federal patronage of Oregon, and that his earnest advocacy of the appointment of Judge Thomas A. McBride has made strong impression on the president's mind.

Justice Bean's friends are still confident that he will receive the office. They attribute the delay to the fact that Roosevelt has been so deeply absorbed in his efforts to bring about peace between Russia and Japan, and they say that it would have been impossible for him to give earlier attention to a mere local appointment, even though it be to the federal bench. They are strongly of the opinion that the numerous endorsements given to Justice Bean by the bench and bar will prove an overwhelming argument in his favor.

### MITCHELL NOT HURRYING.

Final Decision May Be Delayed Until Term of Senate Is Near End.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Aug. 23.—Senator John H. Mitchell evidently intends to hold on to his seat in the senate just as long as he can, even though he is unable to occupy that seat or perform any of the active duties of a senator. This is evidenced by the fact that he will not seek to have his case brought to early trial before the United States Supreme Court, but will allow it to be taken up in the regular order, which probably means that it cannot be argued and disposed of at the coming term of court, beginning in October and ending early in May. It is within Senator Mitchell's province, if he so elects, to ask that his case be advanced on the docket, in which event it might be argued as early as January. Such a motion was made in the case of Senator Burton, of Kansas, and comparatively prompt action was taken on his appeal. But Mitchell does not want quick action; he is willing to wait, and, as previously stated in these dispatches, it is the belief of supreme court officials that to wait means to postpone the decision until the winter of 1906-7, which is near the close of Mitchell's term.

### Lewis and Clark Rates.

The O. R. & N. Co. announces the following rates from Athena to Portland for the Lewis and Clark fair: Individual tickets will be sold daily from May 29 to October 15, inclusive, continuous passage in each direction; final return limit 30 days from date of sale, but in no case later than October 31, 1905, for one and one-third fare, amounting to \$9.90.

Party tickets—that is ten or more persons—will be sold from May 29 to October 15 inclusive; passage in each direction; 10-day limit from date of sale, at one single fare per capita for round trip, amounting to \$7.40. Children one half fare age at half fare of the above rates. For further particulars call on M. W. Smith, O. R. & N. agent, Athena.

### Notice.

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### Local Wheat Market.

Athena, Aug. 25.—Wheat today is quoted at 58 cents.

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## HELD TO HER HAT

TEAM RUSHED DOWN MAIN STREET WITH GIRL.

A Runaway That Resulted in Broken Vehicle But No Injury to the Driver.

Tuesday evening a thrill of excitement was sent tingling through the people on Main street at the sight of a runaway with a girl, who held to the lines with one hand and with the other gripping her hat. In fact, from appearances, the hat was claiming more of the young lady's attention than was the team which, wearied from a run started in front of John Banister's farm house east of town, had tired the horses until any kind of a pull on the lines would have brought them to a stop.

One tug was broken and flapping along the side of the horse, together with a broken reach and dilapidated top and seat, gave the runaway a realistic appearance to say the least.

John Warren, a young man of Weston, by his act of heroism, relieved the tense strain on the nerves of the onlookers. Warren dashed to the girl's rescue, grabbed one of the horses by the bits and stopped the team before it made the turn into King Bros' livery stable.

The girl, who is a niece of Monroe Palmer of Walla Walla, did not seem to realize the seriousness of her predicament in the least, and took matters more coolly than the spectators. Mrs. Palmer hired the team of King Bros. to drive into the country. She got out of the buggy at Banister's leaving the girl to hold the team. How the horses started to run could not be ascertained as the girl either did not know or would not say. The rig smashed into a post or some obstruction and only the center spring held the gear together.

### DATE IS CHANGED.

"The Widow and the Fool" Changed to Wednesday Night.

The date for the production of the comedy drama, "The Widow and the Fool," has been changed from Saturday evening to Wednesday evening, August 30. On account of all the business houses remaining open late Saturday nights this was thought advisable, and it also affords more time to get the play in readiness.

"The Widow and the Fool" is a society drama, telling a strong heart story and bubbling over with rich comedy. Mrs. Welch will have the part of Fannie Merriweather, the widow, and Mr. Arcadio McIntyre that of Guselo Chumley, the fool. The leading emotional part of Beatrice Fane will be in the hands of Mrs. Will McCollum, while Earl Dudley will appear as George Fane. Miss Lottie Ogilvy, of Pendleton, who is visiting in this city, will have the character of Josephine, the maid. Miss Lela Stammer will be seen as Trisy Fane and Mr. Hopkins as Hawkins, a valet. The character of Raphael di Volva, an Italian artist, the villain of the play, will be cared for by Mr. Welch.

The piece promises to excel anything yet presented here by amateur talent and Mr. and Mrs. Welch promise a good evening's entertainment.

### Where He Should Be.

Harry Lovell, who robbed Clark Wood of \$45 a year ago when left in charge of the Weston Leader, has just been sentenced to five years in the Washington penitentiary for stealing \$42 from the cash register of a saloon in which he was working at Colfax, two months ago. Lovell served a term in the Oregon penitentiary several years ago for grand larceny and is now wanted in Umatilla county for obtaining money through raised checks, and at Castle Rock, Wash, for forgery.

### Teachers Selected.

James H. E. Scott has been chosen assistant principal of the Adams schools and will take up his duties under Principal W. O. Read at the beginning of the school year. Teachers for the Helix school have also been selected by County School Superintendent Frank K. Welles; those chosen being Charles R. Dutro, of Idaho, principal and Miss Bertha Stachling of Kansas, primary instructor.

### Road Building.

The East Oregonian says that if Pendleton and Umatilla county show the required interest in the matter the National Good Roads association will send a special construction train here about September 15 to construct a mile of model good roads near the city, wherever the people select a site for the road.



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