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## CONDENSED NEWS.

Sept. 27.  
Sampson asked permission to be represented at the Shelby investigation but was refused.  
Lord Kitchener is identified with the restrictions placed on him by the War Office.  
Miss Stone, the kidnapped missionary, is heard from. She is in the hands of bandits who want \$150,000 ransom money.  
The Union Pacific wants to use Northern Pacific tracks between Portland and Seattle.  
President McKinley's will was admitted to probate at Canton. Judge Day and Secretary Carteyon will be administrators.  
Kirk B. Armour, the millionaire packer is dead.  
Venezuelan government is without financial resources.  
Thirteen prospectors were drowned in a ravine in Presidio county, Tex. A cloudburst came while they were asleep in their tents.

Sept. 28.  
Columbia beat Shamrock 39 seconds, or, with time allowance, one minute and 22 seconds.  
A British naval force is concentrating in the Persian Gulf.  
An uprising is reported in Hayti.  
Germany will not permit Prince Chun to be localized in Europe.  
John Mackay wants landing privilege at San Francisco for his Pacific cable.  
The State Department is working along diplomatic lines on Miss Stone's case.

Sept. 29.  
Forty-eight Americans were killed by insurgents in Southern Samar. The troops were attacked while at breakfast, and lost their ammunition and stores. General Hughes is assembling a force to attack the rebels.  
Roosevelt was brevetted a Brigadier-General.  
Police and strikers fought a pitched battle in San Francisco, and seven men were wounded.  
The Russian Imperial Geographical Society has received news from the Kozloff expedition, sent out to proceed across country from Hang Chow Fu to the southern end of the Hoang River, and to follow that stream to Oby Tabor, near its origin.  
Prince Chun, the Chinese viceroy left Berlin for China today.  
State assistance is required in 19 provinces in Russia on account of famine.

Sept. 30.  
Officers did not escape in the disaster at Samar, as first reported.  
Duke and Duchess of York were royally entertained by Vancouver, B. C.  
Admiral Evans, Captain Jewell and Commander Miller were the new witnesses before the Shelby court.  
Official investigation begun of the alleged Manila bomb combination.  
Columbia has a Cabinet crisis on hand.  
Benjamin J. Lee confesses the murder of Edward McInnis, in Cowilla county, last week.  
Several miners killed in a mine explosion near Victoria, B. C.

Oct. 1.  
Seventeen are dead as a result of the mine explosion at the Nanaimo mine. The mine is still burning but may be saved without flooding.  
Customs Collector Stratton at San Francisco has orders to receive Hawaiian Chinese merchants but to refuse Chinese students to land.  
A dispatch from Pretoria to the Times says that General Botha is still raiding the British.  
England and Turkey will not get together to preserve peace in the mysteries surrounding the Persian gulf troubles.  
J. Pierpont Morgan and guests, delegates to the Episcopal conference have arrived in San Francisco.  
Transport Hancock sailed for Manila today with several thousand tons of general supplies and 150 recruits.  
The Wm. C. Whitney horses will all be returned to America.

Oct. 2.  
The time for payment of ransom to release Miss Stone, the American missionary being held by brigandage about up the chief of the band which carried the woman off was formerly president of the Macedonian committee at Sofia.  
Two colored lads, Jim Fields and Clarence Garret, aged 16 and 18 years, respectively, and who killed Willie Hart, a printer by stoning him to death on Sept. 21st, were taken from jail and swung from the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad trestle at Shelbyville, Ky., today. The mob battered down the door and took charge of the prisoners.

## NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE DAVID EVANS

Neptune Seems to Have It in For Schooners Built on Coos Bay

Monday's S. F. Chronicle says: "A narrow escape from destruction was experienced by the new schooner David Evans, arriving Saturday night from Coos bay. As the vessel neared the Golden Gate the wind died out and the strong current carried the Evans dangerously near the Seal rocks, in front of the Cliff House. A message was sent into the city, and the tug Sea Prince hurried to the rescue of the schooner, arriving in time to prevent an accident."

## ANOTHER COAL MINE CHANGES HANDS

The Crescent Coal & Navigation Co., in which W. A. Maxwell and C. A. Cursons are largely interested, has purchased the Wall Bros. coal mine on the Buckskin Jack place above Coos City. Wall Bros. have already put the mine in a workable shape, and have been supplying coal for the local market, and it is understood that the new owners will at once put the mine in shape to ship coal to the San Francisco market. Some samples were shipped below on the Empire. It is stated that Wall Bros. received \$500,000 and a block of stock in the sale.

## SCHLEY INVESTIGATION SOMEWHAT CONFUSING

Any one who has been faithfully reading the press reports of the Schley investigation for the past week must be pretty well mixed up by this time. It is a dead certainty that some one has been lying; in fact, more than one. The witnesses contradict each other and contradict the logs of their own ships, and any other statement that is open to contradiction is attended to as fast as it blows up. About the only points on which there seems to be no controversy is on Schley's presence and Sampson's absence when the battle occurred. Strenuous efforts are being made to keep Sampson's name out of court, though he is responsible for the whole unsavory mess. If Schley doesn't come out on top it will be a great disappointment to the majority of the American people.

## STATE ENTITLED TO \$8000 JUDGMENT

George W. Davis, the ex-clerk of the School Land Board, of Salem, and against whom a shortage of over \$8000 is charged, failed to file his answer to the state's complaint within the time allowed, and is, therefore, in default. When the suit was commenced, Davis was not to be found, and no service was had upon him. He appeared, however, by attorney, and secured an extension of time to September 1 in which to file an answer. As he did not answer, the state is now entitled to a judgment against him for the \$8000 named in the bond, upon which the suit was brought.

## NEW LAUNCH FOR ISTHMUS SLOUGH

A new gasoline launch, belonging to Taylor Steglin was brought around from the Coquille river Wednesday. She will be fitted with a six-horse power engine and it is thought she will be able to run about 10 knots an hour. It will be run between Marshfield and his dairy ranch on Isthmus slough. The vessel was built by Andr. W. Alesson of Coquille, who by-the-way, is building some very fine boats.

## SUMNER CHEESE TAKES BLUE RIBBON

The product of Capt. Harris' Sumner cheese factory took first premium at the state fair, over all competitors. This is a feather in the cap, not only of Capt. Harris and his cheese-maker, Wm. Blackmore, but of Coos county. It will attract the attention of hundreds of people who would pay no attention to ordinary advertising of Coos county's advantages as a dairying country.

## To Await Execution

The assassin of President McKinley was landed in the Auburn prison on September 27th, there to await the time set for his execution. He broke down in abject fear on arrival at the prison.

## HIGHER EDUCATION WINS NINTH AND TENTH GRADES AUTHORIZED

Warm Times at Last Saturday's School Meeting—McCormac Scores Opposition

The citizens of Marshfield turned out on Saturday night and passed judgment on the question as to whether this city should maintain its present high standing for its public schools or take two steps backward.

The meeting was a spirited one and much talk was heard pro and con, around the edges, on reducing grades and expenses.

J. W. Bennett stated plainly and concisely the condition in which the affairs would be if the ninth and tenth grades were retained and made clear to the voters that the burden of taxation would not be increased by retaining the two grades.

Those who were against retaining the two grades wanted to vote by secret ballot and a motion was made to that effect but got no second.

The voters proceeded to register their votes and the final result showed 64 for and not one against.

The opposition decided not to vote. Dr. J. T. McCormac made a talk in which he used very strong language in denunciation of those opposed to the teaching of the two higher grades. He ascribed the opposition to what he termed "a class of foreigners," who he said were trying to tear down the public schools and whom he characterized as "worse than anarchists."

Much feeling was aroused by Dr. McCormac's remarks, and after the meeting was over some heated remarks were exchanged between him and Thomas Howard, and others.

Dr. McCormac, when seen since the meeting, repudiated the idea that his remarks were intended as an attack on foreigners, as such, or that they could justly be so construed. He was after all parties, foreigners or others, who would cripple the efficiency of the public schools.

It is gratifying to know that a large number of the heavy taxpayers were there and voted for higher education and when the time arrives that a high school is needed in Marshfield they will as readily support even that.

The majority of our citizens appreciate the fact that this city has a high-class public school and will not shrink a duty to improve upon what we already have and will block any step which will tend to deteriorate them.

There were many friends of education present who did not vote as it was not deemed necessary.

A large number of lady taxpayers were present and some availed themselves of their rights by voting.

It is said by some of those opposed to the ninth and tenth grades that the matter is not yet settled. They assert that the proceedings at last Saturday's meeting were not in accordance with the law governing the matter.

Subdivision 26, section 48, page 43 of the school laws of 1901 was published in the Mail, Sept. 7, and is again given below for the information of our readers. It reads as follows:

"When one-third of the legal voters of a district shall petition the district board, requiring that grades above the eighth grade may be taught in such district, or whenever the district board shall at its discretion think proper, it shall give twenty days notice previous to the annual school meeting, or previous to special election called for that purpose, that it will submit the question to the legal voters of said district whether grades above the eighth shall be taught in such district, at which election the electors of the district shall vote by ballot for or against establishing such grades. All notices contemplated in this subdivision shall be given as are all legal notices of special school meetings. After said election the ballots of said question shall be canvassed by the district board, and if a majority of all the votes cast shall be in favor of establishing such grades it shall be the duty of the district board to establish such grades and determine what branches shall be taught therein, and the course of study used by classes thus formed in districts of the second and third classes shall be that prescribed by the State Board of Education."

Section 40, however, is relied upon as authority for the action taken at the meeting, in forcing an open vote. The section it is follows:

Section 40. All district school meetings shall be conducted in a decorous and orderly manner, and shall be governed by the rules of order commonly in use by such bodies; provided, that a division shall be granted if demanded by two or more voters of the meeting, except in case of an election to fill vacancies of district officers.

There is clearly a conflict between the two sections and it may be a question for a court to decide, as to which section overrides the other.

It would be a great misfortune for Marshfield, should our splendid school, one of the best in the state, be crippled by the abolition of the two highest grades. At the same time, the matter should be adjusted according to law, and if the action taken was illegal, the error should be remedied before serious complications arise. There are certainly enough friends of good schools among the legal school voters to carry the day against the opposition, whether the voting were open or by ballot.

## CONDENSED STATE NEWS ITEMS

The flouring mills at Aurora, Or., were burned last Saturday morning.  
A dining car was robbed of \$400 at Ashland.  
Cov Creek country reports a large yield of Prunes.

The grain yield is much larger in Harney county than was expected.  
Text books were all closed, out before the demand was supplied at Salem.  
Wm. Saunders of Grants Pass died at the county hospital last week. He was 72 years of age and one of the miners who crossed the Siskiyou in '52.

The sum of \$785 was collected as fines and forfeitures at Astoria last month.  
The N. P. R. R. contributed the freight charges on exhibits to the state fair which would have been \$1000.  
The petition for a rehearing in the Melhuus murder trial has been denied.

The street carnival at The Dalles was a grand success.  
John Hart, aged 25 years, of Ashland was crushed by a horse falling him. He was crushed so severely that he died in a few hours.  
Chas. E. Tilton former partner of W. S. Ladd, died at his home in Tilton, N. H., of heart disease.

The Selo Flax Company have about 200 tons of retted flax ready for the breaks.  
Umatilla county is about to build some crushed rock roads.  
Linn county captured the first prize of \$500, for county exhibits at the state fair.

Fred Edlings the 15-year-old boy at Gold Hill accidentally shot himself with a 22 caliber rifle. The ball passed through his foot.  
October 10th and 11th are set for the Douglas county Sunday school convention.  
McMinnville is to have a street fair.

J. R. Douglas, a gardener of Linn county, captured more prizes than any other exhibitor at the state fair, 21 blue ribbons and \$412 in cash premiums.  
A boy named Smith of McMinnville, was seriously wounded by a shot gun in the hands of another boy named Weller, who was crawling through a wire fence, the gun was discharged accidentally. The Smith boy accidentally shot his own brother 8 years ago. He will recover though a full charge of buck shot took effect in his hip.

Wm. Peiky, aged 19 years, accidentally shot himself with a revolver, Tuesday, at Mohola. The ball passed through the calf of his leg and striking the bone, flattened out as large as a dime.  
The Harney County Live Stock Association passed resolutions condemning the leasing of range lands by the general government.

Wheat is only 45¢ a bushel at Oregon's capital. Farmers must hold it for a higher price or lose money.  
The 12-year-old son of Harding Roughtman living 4 miles east of Woodburn, on last Tuesday accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded his one-year-old brother while carelessly handling a gopher gun.

## A Typical South African Store

O. R. Larson, of Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which can be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied Chamberlain's Remedy. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. Of these, within the past twelve months, no less than fourteen have been absolutely cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This must surely be a record." For sale by John Preuss.

James Edward Brady, who committed an unspeakably brutal assault on the 6-year-old Ida Pugsley in Helena, Mont., was lynched Wednesday morning at 1:30, and hanged to a telegraph pole.

## GREAT STRUGGLE OVER SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE SETTLED

Strikers Win Their Point—Unions Recognized—Port Costa Still Idle

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The teamsters' and longshoremen's strike, which has been on for the past 10 weeks, was settled this afternoon. While the terms of the settlement have not been made public, it is understood that the Draymen's Association has guaranteed to fill all vacancies with union men. Non-union men now employed are to be retained. The association also guarantees the union men that the present schedule of wages, hours and overtime is to be maintained for one year. It is also said to be stipulated that teamsters are to obey all orders relating to the disposition of the freight. The Draymen's Association alleges that the question of the recognition of unionism is provided for in the settlement and that it has won every point contended for.

The stipulation that present wages will be maintained for a year is considered an concession to the strikers. Governor Gage acted as an intermediary in bringing about a settlement of the controversy.

PORT COSTA, Oct. 2.—The settlement of the strike in San Francisco will not change the situation here, unless the employers agree to pay 30 cents per hour for nine hours' work and 40 cents per hour overtime.

## WRECKING CREW RETURNS FROM THE NORTH

Sennet Could Not be Taken off the Beach, so She Was Stripped

The steamer Brunswick arrived Wednesday from the north, with E. Heuckendorf and the crew who went north to break the James Sennet off the Alaskan beach.

They found that it would be impossible to boat the schooner, and therefore stripped her and left her to her fate. She lies on a beach composed of lava and volcanic ashes, and was already hopelessly stranded.

The men made short work of stripping her, being only five days at the job, and bringing away everything of value that could be taken off. The weather was fine and the crew lived in tents on shore while doing the work. Over \$200.00 worth of rigging and fittings were rescued.

They were gone only four weeks from here, a quick trip for the distance and the results accomplished.

## NEW HOSPITAL FOR MARSHFIELD

The Graham property on the hill near the L. O. O. F. cemetery has been purchased by the Rev. Father Donnelly, who is authority for the statement that a thoroughly equipped hospital will be established there. This is something of which Marshfield is badly in need. There is no reason why so many people should be obliged to take an expensive, disagreeable and, for one seriously ill, a dangerous, sea trip, to reach a hospital where they can be properly cared for. There is plenty of medical and surgical talent here, and with a properly equipped hospital and a corps of trained nurses the worst cases could be cared for at a fraction of the expense involved in going to San Francisco and Portland.

## LADY TAKES AN UNEXPECTED BATH

Mrs. J. L. Ferrey took an involuntary and unpleasant bath in the bay Tuesday. With a party of excursionists she was standing on board a gasoline launch which lay alongside the Alert, when a sudden lurch of the launch caused her to lose her balance and she fell overboard. There was a shrill chorus of screams and considerable excitement, but Mrs. Ferrey was pulled out of the water at once, none the worse except for a thorough wetting, which prevented her from going on the excursion.

## Our Wide-awake Reporters

Tenmile  
Jacob Tustrom Jr. is home from the logging woods for a few days stay.  
The creamery closed down for the season on Oct. 1st.  
Stonelake & Shutter are hauling lumber and building material for a new residence on their farm at the south end of the lake.  
Dr. Anola and Oscar Maki had business on Schofield creek Friday, last week.  
A large bear made the mistake of walking into a trap in Benj. Roberts' orchard a few days ago and thus ended his earthly career.  
Dr. Wolsley has returned after a brief visit in Marshfield.  
Mrs. Chas. Stremmer and children are guests of Mrs. Waters on North slough this week.  
Jacob Tustrom Sr., had business in Gardiner on Monday and Tuesday.  
Mrs. Oliver Landrith of Lake, paid Marshfield a visit in the middle of the week.  
Mrs. J. W. Benson has been spending the week at North Bend with her daughter Mrs. J. Peterson.  
Charlie Coleman returned home on Thursday after an extended visit on the bay.

J. T. Davis, V. D. and Fred Adams had business at North Bend and Marshfield on Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Mrs. B. F. Adams is on the sick list.  
Postmaster Taylor of Templeton, and his friend Mr. Bingham had business at Lake postoffice and general merchandise store on Tuesday.  
Miss Albina Coleman and J. S. Roberts were visiting on the lake Tuesday.  
Stephen F. Johnson is gathering in his crop of tubers before another freshet will flood the field.  
David Roberts, the road supervisor, repaired a bridge that had fallen down on Robertson creek last Tuesday.

The late rains have caused a rise in the lake of about 18 inches, but no ducks to speak of have yet appeared.  
Landscape photographer Earnest Stant of Marshfield, is having his headquarters with Mr. George Schroeder during his stay in the neighborhood. Mr. S. has already taken many excellent views for pictures and is adding more daily. Saturday he took in the logging scenes near Sampson, accompanied by Bert Hibbard.

Aldridge Benson had an accident on the road last Saturday evening. Mr. B. was on his way home with a load of lumber and when passing a sharp turn in the road about 1/2 mile north of Adams' place the wagon slid off the slippery road and went down a steep canyon pulling the horses down after. Fortunately, but rather miraculously, all escaped without serious injury and no particular damage was done.

Miss Helena Wessela, the able and accomplished teacher of North Lake joint district school expects to leave within a few days for Eugene where she will attend the State University during the coming winter. Miss W. whose home is on Smith river (a tributary to Umpqua) has travelled extensively both in the old and the new world, she is a member of a family bent on soaring high in the realms of learning. One of her sisters is enrolled as a student at the State Normal School and another is in the Oregon metropolis, Portland, studying medicine.

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