

Cream of the Week's News.

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TRACY AND MERRILL

Fight With Men Guarding Bridge

ON WASHINGTON SIDE OF THE COLUMBIA

One Guard Slightly Wounded—Possibly Again on the Track With Bloodhounds

Portland, June 16—Tracy and Merrill forced some men to row them across the Columbia Sunday noon four miles above Vancouver.

They are being pursued again by a dozen deputies and detectives from here.

Reports continue to the effect that the convicts have been seen at several points, though little evidence is given to any excepting the statement of the men who took them over the river.

Warden Catron, of the Walla Walla penitentiary refuses to permit the blood hounds to come again.

From advices received this morning from the field, two men, supposed to be Tracy and Merrill held up a farmer near Peedy four and a half miles north east of Vancouver. They bound him to the bed and then carried away such food as they wanted.

Portland, Or., June 17.—Word comes from Vancouver that two guards on the bridge over Salmon river had a fight this morning at 2 o'clock with Tracy and Merrill.

Several shots were exchanged. Guard Bieslecker was slightly wounded in the shoulder.

It is not known whether the convicts were hurt.

Guard Carson is on his way to the scene with blood hounds to track the convicts. A fight seems imminent. A report from Vancouver at 9:10 a. m. says: The posse is now at Salmon creek bridge, the scene of the battle last night with the convicts, with the blood hounds now in brush and on a hot trail. Bieslecker was only shot through the coat and under his right arm.

WASHINGTON COAL OPERATORS AFRAID

Talk of General Sympathetic Strike Throughout Northwestern Mining Territory

Seattle, June 17—Coal operators of the entire north west fear a general agitation of sympathy with the Wilkesbarre strike. There are only 25 per cent union men employed in the great collieries but it is believed that a general coal strike from the east would be responded to by the complete tie up of the north-west.

The miners in many fields are reported holding secret meetings and discussing events.

RAILROADERS MAY BE CALLED OUT

Whole Country May be Tied up Three Days as an Object Lesson

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 17—The Anthracite situation has resolved itself into a complete deadlock.

The strike leaders say they have succeeded in the going out of all mine-workers but the campaign is not yet completed.

It is intimated that the railroad men may be called out if necessary.

The leaders say that a further suggestion will be made to the effect that the American Federation Labor will be called upon and requested to grant an order to all American workmen affiliated with the national organization to suspend all operations for three days and force a crisis.

This would result in tying up the country's industries for half a week.

Miss Hanna's Wedding

Cleveland June 16:—A number of guests from out of town have arrived for the wedding of Miss Mabel Hanna and Mr. Harry Parsons, which takes place late this afternoon at the Lake Avenue home of the bride's parents, Senator and Mrs. M. A. Hanna. All arrangements for the wedding have been completed. Simplicity will characterize the ceremony, though it will be a rich simplicity. The decorations will be unusually pretty. At the bridal dinner which is to follow the ceremony the table at which the bridal party will be seated will be decorated in pink, sweet peas, according to the wishes of the bride, who has principally directed all of the plans for decoration. The other guests will be seated at small tables, spread on the veranda. Pink and white will be the prevailing colors all over the house, the color scheme being carried out with pink and white peonies and sweet peas.

The ceremony will be performed by Bishop Leonard. A temporary altar has been built in the drawing room with cathedral effect and here the decorations are to be entirely in white and green.

The gowns to be worn by the bride, as well as by her mother and sister, are all American made, copied from imported models.

Immediately after the wedding festivities are over Mr. and Mrs. Parsons will depart for Mackinac, where the honeymoon will be spent in a little cottage presented by Senator Hanna to his daughter.

KING EDWARDS' ILLNESS SERIOUS

London, June 16—King Edward is seriously sick, and the coronation may be postponed.

Race for Land.

Pocatello, Idaho, June 16:—Tomorrow the rush for lands on the Fort Hall Indian reservation will be made. The boundaries of the reserve are lined with people ready to make a dash for the land while some have gone so far as to squat right on the reservation, determined to hold the ground at all hazards. This is

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the result of the decision of the general land office to open the lands under the old "rush" system, instead of under the lottery plan as was adopted at the last land opening in the Indian Territory. The entries have all been made at the Blackfoot land office and the start will be made at noon tomorrow.

The opening involves nearly 400,000 acres ceded to the government by the Shoshone and Bannock Indians. It is estimated that about 300,000 acres are agricultural or grazing lands, which will be entered under homestead, lumber, stone and mineral laws, and all of these lands will be for persons who are first in the rush. That part of the reservation lying within five miles of this place is exempted from the general opening tomorrow, and will be sold at public auction at noon July 17.

EASTERN ELECTION AND CONVENTIONS

Nutmeg State Votes on New Constitution—Illinois' Big Democratic Meet

Hartford, Conn., June 16:—The fate of the new Connecticut Constitution, which was submitted to the electors today for ratification or rejection, is uncertain and will not be known positively until the full returns of the election have been received. The chief provision of the proposed constitution relates to representation in the legislature. Its adoption would leave about the same number of legislators as heretofore, but they would be restricted so as to give the large cities more representatives at the expense of the town and rural districts.

The contest is almost devoid of partisan politics, and in most towns of over 2,000 population whose representation in the legislature would not be changed by the adoption of the new instrument, little or no interest is manifested by either party. The contest has practically sifted down to a fight between the cities whose representation would be increased, but not proportionately, and the little towns where sentiment may be divided between a wish to retain present representation and a desire to endorse the work of their delegates at the convention.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 16:—Republicans of the Eight district met at Quakertown today and renominated Congressman Irving P. Wanger of Norristown.

Springfield, Ill., June 16:—A majority of the 1,250 delegates, together with a large number of other visitors, have arrived for the Democratic state convention, which will be called to order at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in Machinery Hall at the state fair grounds. The election this year is for minor state officials only, and interest in the convention centers not so much in the nomina-

tion as in the attitude to be taken regarding state and national campaign issues. Unless the expressed opinions of prominent party leaders count for naught the resolutions will be silent regarding Bryan and his doctrines and re- concerning national affairs will be confined to a denunciation of the Philippine policy of the present administration and other questions which have come to the front since the Chicago con- gress.

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