

## GALLOWS TO END WILD CAREER

Special to the Mail.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 24—With the execution of Clifton Branham, which is to take place at Wise court house tomorrow, a remarkable career will be brought to a close. Branham was convicted of the murder of his blind wife. He is only forty years old, but in a score of years he has managed to be a farmer, trapper, woodsman, preacher and twice a murderer. About twenty years ago Branham shot and killed "Long Henry" Vanover in Letcher county, Ky. After serving a dozen more years of a ninety-nine years' sentence he was given a conditional pardon by Governor Beckham. Returning to his home in Wise county he found that his daughter had married during his imprisonment, and soon there was a row between Branham and his son-in-law. In the fight that ensued Mrs. Branham interfered and was shot and killed by her husband. The latter fled to Kentucky, but was soon captured near Lexington and returned to the scene of his crime, where he was tried and convicted.

### Lightweight Football Team

The Lightweight Football Team was organized Thursday evening in Jay Montgomery's rooms over the Golden drug store, and the following officers were elected: Henry Hagelstein, manager, Irving Chandler, assistant manager, Jay Towner, treasurer, Albert Campbell, captain.

It was decided to issue a challenge to any team in Coos county averaging not over 135 pounds.

## Alliance' Close Call

STRIKES BOTTOM

WHILE GOING OUT

Puffs Back to Coos Bay for Repairs and will Go on the Beach

From Friday's Daily.

The steamer Alliance which sailed for Portland Wednesday evening, returned yesterday in a leaking condition from the effects of striking while crossing out over the bar.

The steamer started out 6:30 p. m. It was foggy, the tide was running out and it was nearly low water. The bar was supposed to be smooth, but on reaching a point beyond the end of the jetty, where the bar could be seen through the haze it was discovered to be rough and breaking across the channel, but it was then too late to turn back.

At this point it is necessary to keep close in to the line of the submerged end of the jetty, which extends some 600 feet beyond the end of the trestle work which still stands.

It was too thick to distinguish the line of the jetty which usually serves as a guide, and the black buoy being gone it was difficult to get exact bearings. As the line of breakers extended across the channel, they were no guide and it is thought that the steamer's course was paid a little too far to the north. The result was that she struck stern several times and at least once the concussion was quite heavy. Some of the passengers express the opinion that the steamer struck on the submerged end of the jetty.

She was held on her course and drifted out over the bar, when she was discovered to be leaking. The pumps handled the water without trouble, but Captain Hardwick thought it best to

put back and ascertain the extent of his damages. He accordingly laid off and on until morning and came back into the bay, running up to Marshfield.

Here a lot of her freight was taken off. She will be loaded down by the head and taken to the beach near North Bend, where her stern will be placed as far up on the beach as possible. It is not known how long the steamer will be delayed.

It is extremely fortunate that the mishap was not much worse.

There were about 90 passengers aboard and the conditions were all there for the worst disaster ever witnessed at the bar.

### ALLIANCE GOES ON BEACH

Her Injuries Thought to be Comparatively Slight

From Saturday's Daily.

The Alliance went down the bay yesterday afternoon to go upon the beach at North Bend for examination and repair of her injuries. She had been lightened by unloading part of her cargo, and trimmed down by the head by moving cargo to the bow and pumping out the water tanks. By these means the stern was lightened considerably. The boilers and engines of the Alliance are so far aft that her stern could only be raised to a limited extent by loading down the bow, but it is hoped that she can now be hauled far enough up on the beach so that her injuries can be got at.

Captain Hardwick thinks that some of the oakum was started from the seams near the sternpost and that this will be found to be the extent of the damage. It is evident that no bad leak exists, for the steam thrown out by the pumps was comparatively small. In fact, the leakage would not have interfered with the steamer continuing on her way to Portland but Captain Hardwick did not care to take the chances on its getting worse when off some part of the coast where many lives as well as well as his ship might be lost.

If it is found that the working out of some of the caulking is the extent of the damage, the repairs will take but a short time, provided the vessel can be beached high enough to get at the seams.

### Resolutions of Acceptance

Whereas, Mr. L. J. Simpson has presented \$500.00 to the members of the Marshfield Fire Department who assisted at the recent fire at Porter; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved that the members of the Marshfield Fire Department who assisted at said fire accept said \$500.00, and that Mr. Simpson be tendered a vote of thanks for his munificent appreciation of the services rendered.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the members of the Marshfield Fire Department who assisted at said fire, held September 23, 1903.

GEO. N. FARRIN,  
AUGUST FARLEY,  
FRED JOHNSON,  
Committee.

### Mysterious Disappearance.

Otto Schetter says he left a large okeeye salmon on our office steps yesterday after he returned from trolling. Thanks Otto, for your liberality, but the other fellow, in some mysterious manner has got ahead of us in finding the fish. Judging from the liberality of Otto he must have caught steen or so. The Broiler man wore a very knowing smile yesterday when we enquired as to where he bought his fish supply.

J. A. McNamera, one of the men who escaped from the jail at Hillsboro was arrested at The Dalles on Saturday. J. H. Burke, the man who escaped with him, the man who got money on forged notes, one at Lebanon, is thought to be in the same vicinity.

## THEIR GALA WEEK

### Chicagoians Celebrate Centennial

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25—The work of decorating for the centennial celebration was begun in earnest today, and by tomorrow night Chicago will be in such a glory of color that it will not know itself. The decorations consist largely of the national colors and of the familiar flag of terra cotta and white, the distinctive emblem of the city. Electricity will be an important factor in the work, and the streets will be a blaze of fire every night.

Preliminary indications are that the railways will bring at least 300,000 people into town, and no one will go away without having a good time if Chicago can prevent.

The committee on arrangements announced today the practical completion of the festival program. The festival will open tomorrow afternoon with the dedication of eight memorial tablets marking the events in the history of the city.

In the evening Chicagoians will behold the burning of their city. 100 tons of red fire will be placed on top of all the skyscrapers and on the roofs of all the tall buildings in the area covered by the great fire of 1871. All the powder will be ignited simultaneously and kept burning for an hour or so. At what used to be the O'Leary home on DeKoven street, where the fire of '71 was started, by the famous O'Leary cow kicking over a lamp, there will be an appropriate display of pyrotechnics.

Sunday will be given to special services in many of the churches. In the afternoon there will be a big protracted mass meeting, and concerts will be given afternoon and evening in the Auditorium.

Monday the reproduced Fort Dearborn will be opened to the public in the morning, and near by will be the Indian village, in which the descendants of the red men who lived on Chicago territory in the earliest days will hold their picturesque sports. Monday evening an Automobile parade will be given.

The industrial parade planned for Tuesday night will be something to mark a new era in that sort of a thing in Chicago.

The history of the city will be symbolized in tableaux and in a pageant showing the struggle of youth and the accomplishment of maturity. The parade will contain the city's old and new fire departments, its old military organizations and its present fine militia regiments.

Wednesday morning the stockyards will be thrown open to the visitors, and all the plants will run with full capacity to supply a spectacle to sight seers.

Wednesday afternoon the aquatic sports begin in Lincoln Park.

Wednesday evening a \$20,000 display of fire works will be given on the lake front. The same evening the Daughters of the American Revolution will give a reception to distinguished visitors in Memorial hall. The hall will be decorated in the style of more than a century

ago, and the refreshments will consist of old-fashioned dishes.

Thursday afternoon, besides the second day of aquatic sports there will be an old settlers reunion in Memorial Hall.

In the evening the jubilee week will close with a banquet to the mayors of the larger cities in the Auditorium Theater, where covers will be laid for 1000 banqueters

### State and General

The Homer is making her last trip to Alaska.

Polk county carried off the first prize at the State Fair

The Roseburg Plumber has again changed its size.

Fred Ely is the new manager of the Portland Browns.

Sam Vignaux has resigned as manager of Portland Browns.

A peanut vender in Salem was robbed of \$250 during Fair week.

A Nome miner found a chunk of gold worth \$3285 on Anvil creek.

The body of an unknown man came ashore at Alsea Bay Monday.

The Northwest Photographers Association is in session in Salem.

The Knights Templar of Oregon are in session at Albany this week.

An Astoria man has been arrested for throwing amonia and blinding a dog.

Linn county is to have a new railroad from Brownsville to Crawfordville.

The Oregon supreme court has resumed work after the usual summer vacation.

Thirty-eight horses are now in training at Klamath Falls for the coming races.

G. W. Colvig of Grants Pass has resigned as consul at Carranquilla, Colombia.

The General Freight Agents of the transcontinental railroads are in session in Portland.

There are 1000 more pupils enrolled in Portland than there were at this time last year.

The Land Office at La Grande is still closed pending instructions from the Interior department.

The O. A. C. of Corvallis has secured the fine Nevada foot ball team for its Thanksgiving game.

Director-General Goode, of the Lewis & Clark Exposition is in the East in the interest of the big fair.

Klamath Falls is to have a brick yard and brick blocks will be the rage when builders get a move on.

Eugene has taken a backward step by allowing its electric car line to die for want of patronage.

Seattle now claims a population of 133,000. It now behoves Portland to make another count.

The Tillamook and Nehalem bars have shooled lately so it is not safe for any kind of seagoing craft.

The Margarita Fischer Co. will play a week at Eugene during the District Fair Sept 29 to Oct. 3 inclusive.

The Gold Bug mine near Grants Pass will resume work again. The mine has been idle for some time.

The members of the Oregon State Militia are happy that they have been paid for their encampment.

Grants Pass now claims a population of 4500. The population has nearly doubled during the past year.

About \$1500 worth of exhibits at the State Fair have been purchased to make an exhibit for the St. Louis Fair.

The price of logs on the lower Columbia has dropped from \$8 to \$7 per thousand feet says the Astoria Budget.

Harry Allen a released convict is in the toils again, having buncoed the former prison farmer out of \$75.

The Salem Improvement Club is making war on dirty streets and have already cleaned a number of streets.

O. W. Hurd of Florence has built a

small vessel and will put it on the run between San Francisco and Newport.

C. P. Nettleton of Gaudelope, Texas, committed suicide at the Hoffman House Eugene last Thursday, by shooting himself.

Miss Avilla Elliott, the oldest woman in Clatsop county died Sunday. She was 94 years old. Came to Astoria in 1848.

The city council of Seaside will license all gambling. A gaming table \$25 per quarter, and slot machine \$5 per quarter.

George U. Piper, a well-known Oregon newspaper man was recently married at Seattle. He is now on the P. I. at Seattle.

Salem papers actually admitted that Albany had the largest population when they said that 7000 Albany people attended the fair in one day.

A Portland milk man has been fined \$50 for watering his milk. He may get after some of the other people who water their stock.

Albany will hold the bi-ennial city election in December. A warm campaign is anticipated and there are candidates in sight now.

A rich strike has just been made in the "Pumpkin Roller" mine, Ashland. A two foot ledge literally seamed with the precious stuff has been found.

Scappoose Bay is among the great improvements the present Oregon delegation is about to pull for. Scappoose Bay is a tributary of Willamette slough.

The members of the Oregon State Veterinary Board, which was created last winter will be named by the governor this week. There are over 20 applicants.

The contract has been let for building a bridge across Snake river from Weiser, Idaho, to Ontario, Ore. The American Bridge Company of New York have the contract for \$32,792.

Chas. G. Johnson, of Portland, recently killed a deer which had a panther impaled upon his horns and killed by the panther jumped from a branch upon the deer and was caught in his horns securely.

Philomath has a new paper called the Philomath Rustler and it is semi-monthly. A four-page sheet and is edited by J. A. Parker, business manager of the Philomath College.

John Simons and Edward Weggant of Mt. Tabor were blown to shreds Monday by the explosion of 20 pounds of dynamite. The explosion occurred while clearing stumps from land.

C. M. Donkel, of Deschutes, is under arrest on suspicion of murdering his father. The body of the dead man was found while young Donkle was absent from home. It was found underneath a fire buried three feet deep.

W. J. Hopper, of Buena Vista, was arrested Saturday. He is charged with intent to commit assault upon Lulu Baker, aged 6 years. He plead not guilty and was bound over to appear at next term of court.

Miss Quince C. Immeron of Grants Pass tried to end her earthly career last Thursday morning by taking poison. She was saved by the prompt aid of a physician. A love disappointment was the cause.

George W. T. Egan, of Ashland, a prominent lawyer, also engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Ashland, has been arrested charged with forging a release of a mortgage and placing it on record. It has caused a sensation there.

Fourteen sections of land in Crook county, were thrown open to the public this week. A hog with a lot of lean land script the present administration has foisted on the people was second in line, keeping his place all night and gobbling up 5,700 acres.

The 10-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. Bailey Dustin of Sumpter Or., was seriously hurt at the race track at hat place Saturday evening. He was riding in a wagon with several other people, when the sideboard gave away and the boy was

thrown under the wheels. His spine was injured.

And now the Grants Pass Observer has been sued for \$10,000 damage to R. D. Hama, the well-known canneryman and packer of Curry county. The case will be heard in the coming term of the Josephine county circuit court. Brother Chausse of the Observer better pay the \$10,000, as he will never miss it, while a suit of this kind is awfully annoying.

## RAISE ASSESS- MENTS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Sept. 25—The A. O. U. W. convention was addressed today by Past Supreme Master Wilson, of Michigan, explained the plan for relief of the debts, which are piling up amounting to a quarter of a million dollars.

He said that California took in 16,000 members within three years, about 25 years ago, and these members are now rapidly dying. The plan to meet the obligations is an increase of the monthly assessments on all members, between 54 and 65 years of age to \$4.20 a month. Unless a plan like this is followed it will take \$30,000,000 to pay death benefits in California in a few years.

Bears are growing quite numerous at St. Helens.

Arthur Free of Astoria was convicted of forgery Tuesday.

Katookawa on the Columbia river is to have a new cannery.

The state Press association will meet at Salem Oct. 22, 23 and 24.

A balance of \$3800 stands to the credit side of the State Fair ledger.

### TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Feb. 5, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1894.

WILLIAM W. PRIBBLE, of 101 Monroe St., Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4403, for the purchase of the SE 1/4 of Sec. No. 14, T. 12 S., R. 12 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 9 day of Dec., 1903.

His names as witnesses: Oscar Edwards, of Oakland, Oregon, George Finley, Gen V. Kump, of Crawfordville, Oregon, E. N. Smith, of Myrtle Point, Oregon.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9 day of Dec., 1903.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.



### The Ashland Normal

The Southern Oregon State Normal School begins this year's work September 16th. A large working library has been added; the physical and chemical laboratory has been fully equipped; a new gymnasium building is being erected, and a large and handsome school building is nearing completion. The school grounds are beautiful and picturesque. The health conditions are of the best; and the social environment is pure and stimulating; the course of study has been strengthened and made more practical. The faculty has been increased in numbers and the school is now equipped to do work of the highest order.

This school belongs to Southern Oregon. It desires and merits the patronage of the people of this great section. For catalogue address,  
BENJAMIN F. MULKEY, Pres.  
B. H. THOMAS, Sec'y.