

CALLED A COWARD

Edward Comstock Was Jollied Into His Grave.

(Journal Special Service.) MINNEAPOLIS, June 28.—Edward B. Comstock has killed himself here. He fired a bullet into his head and another into his heart.

HUBBY WAS TOO TOUGH

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—"You had two husbands, and you killed 'em both. You won't kill me, though—I'm too tough."

IN PITEOUS PLIGHT

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, June 28.—One of the most piteous cases with which the police have had to deal with in some time has come to light here.

HE SAW TOO MUCH.

(Journal Special Service.) LAKE VILLA, Ill., June 28.—James Barnstable of Antioch gossiped that he had seen certain young ladies of the village nude, bathing in a creek.

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MEMORY OF VON KETTELER

(Journal Special Service.) BERLIN, June 28.—There is to be an elaborate memorial service at Kroll's tomorrow in honor of Baron von Ketteler, the German Ambassador to China at the beginning of the Boxer uprising.

MAIDEN TRIP OF KROONLAND

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, June 28.—There was a great tooting of whistles along the North River today as the new American line steamship Kroonland, the biggest vessel ever built in America, departed on its first trip across the Atlantic.

SPIRITUALISTS

(Journal Special Service.) HOLLAND, Mich., June 28.—Arrangements have been completed for the state camp meeting of spiritualists, to open tomorrow at Jemison Park and continue to August 10.

GREAT CROPS FOR CANADA

(Journal Special Service.) OTTAWA, Ont., June 28.—Reports of crop conditions throughout Canada are the best ever received at this season of the year.

OLDEST POSTMASTER

(Journal Special Service.) NORTH LANING, N. Y., June 28.—Roswell Barsley of this place claims the distinction of being the oldest postmaster in point of service in the United States.

THOUGHT OF OLD FATHER.

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, June 28.—Mrs. Alice Pearson, a woman about 24 years of age, committed suicide in the Colonnade hotel, at First Avenue and Pine street.

DIED OF STARVATION

(Journal Special Service.) HENNING, Minn., June 28.—John Owens was found two miles from Hewitt, lying unconscious at the foot of a large tree.

THE JOURNAL SHORT STORY

As Lady Melburn sat at the window and watched her niece cantering down the drive, with the faithful groom in attendance, twenty yards behind, she flattered herself on her phenomenal success as a dragon.

"You can't imagine what a nuisance it is to be the one unmarried sister of a large family, I get despairing little notes: 'Dear Jane: Would you mind taking Evelyn for a few months? She has been seeing too much of young—somebody or other out of the question, don't you know; and next morning down comes the girl, with a disgruntled temper and a fixed determination to spend all her time writing letters.'"

"You seem to have been very successful with Lillian; she is quite cheerful now." "Yes, I think so." She rose and looked out upon the distant hills, on which Lillian was accustomed to take her daily ride; but nobody was to be seen there, of course.

"Did I tell you," said Lady Jane, "that Lillian at first said something about running away with the groom?" Mrs. Barre shuddered.

"Yes, she really did, and I was almost afraid she might." "Mrs. Barre said: 'Is she such an awful girl as that?'" "Yes, I believe in a wild moment she might have done it. I had a young fellow, quite handsome, at the time, and I had to send him away. I got a most reliable elderly man, with side whiskers and a very blue chin, in his place."

"The man who is riding with her now?" "Yes, and I defy Lillian to run away with side whiskers and a blue chin. She is a girl of taste. He came with the most excellent references, and I have instructed him never to let her out of his sight. She grumbled at first, a little, but I am accustomed to having my way."

And the conversation branched off to less gruesome subjects till the grating of the carriage wheels outside announced the arrival of the very desirable Lordship. He was ushered in and shook hands, then glanced around the room, and for a moment seemed a little surprised to find the two ladies alone. The glance was not lost on Lady Jane, whose infallible powers of observation told her it was an excellent sign.

She smiled. Lord Banford delicately latched up the knees of his trousers, sat down and prepared to describe the speed of the train and appearance of the country. "You were wondering where Lillian is?" He did not wait to think out how she guessed that—her intuition was notorious. He merely said:

"No; was I? I—er—didn't know Miss Bralston was here. I—er—am very glad to hear it." Lady Jane's keen intellect told her that if he were indifferent, he would not have pretended ignorance on the very matter which must have been the only reason for his coming.

"I suppose—hee-hee!" said his Lordship, "that the country is very beautiful about here when seen from the back of a horse." "Yes," replied Lady Jane, divining at once the purpose of that remark. "Yes; it is rather apt to forget how time is flying when one is really enjoying it."

"Hee-hee," said Lord Banford. "I am afraid my niece must have gone rather farther than she intended; she certainly knew what time you were coming." "Ah," said Lord Banford, much encouraged.

"Are you fond of long, lonely rides when the scenery is good?" "Long rides? Yes," he replied; "but, hee-hee; one doesn't care to be altogether lonely, does one?"

After a few minutes footsteps were heard in the hall, and Lady Jane's eyebrows rose a little higher as she realized that the groom had come into the hall as well, which was surprising in a servant of such experience. The door opened and Lillian appeared, flushed and radiant. Lord Banford saw that she had evidently been riding hard in order not to keep him waiting, and he read apologies in the hearty shake of the hand which she gave him.

"You are late, my dear," said Lady Jane, much pleased with the appearance of her niece, "come and have tea before you change your dress." "Thank you, aunt; I'm going to drink something. I am so pleased to see you, Lord Banford! You can't imagine how bored aunt has been with me. She has been longing for your arrival."

Lord Banford saw what that speech meant, and in his joy nearly spilt the cup of tea he was handling. "No! Really? Hee-hee! I hope you have enjoyed your ride?" "Immensely! Best ride I've ever had." "Where did you go, my dear?" said Lady Jane. "I didn't see you on the hill."

"No, she replied, 'For once the gate of the prison yard was unlocked.' And she laughed and laughed—indeed adorably, though at Lord Banford. Lady Jane thought the new groom had been disobeying orders, but it didn't matter now.

AMONG THE WHEELMEN

Automobile Races May Be Given at Irvington Park—Notes.

Automobile races at Irvington track July 5th are being arranged for by the Fourth of July committee and local owners of automobiles. H. L. Keats, a wide-awake bicycle man, started out last evening to interview those in the city who would be likely to enter the race.

The committee has promised a silver cup to the winner. Mr. Keats is not confident of the willingness of automobile men to enter a competitive race. The owners are afraid of defeat. They would like to have the honor of winning a race, no doubt, as one expressed it, but they are unwilling to run the chances of coming out behind. However, a determined attempt will be made to have the race go. Such a contest is entirely new in Portland, and would furnish one of the chief sporting attractions for this year's celebration.

It was remarked by a bicycle dealer yesterday that automobiles are owned more generally in the country towns than in a city like Portland. Places like Baker City or Walla Walla afford a much larger number of automobiles in proportion to the population than this city. The reason for this is thought to be partly due to the better facilities for fast and unhindered riding.

Two additional bicycle deputies have been appointed by Sheriff Frazier, Messrs. Mountain and Knight. They work together in the same manner as Jackson and Weir, keeping a close watch for unlicensed wheels on the paths. Delinquent tags are coming into the Sheriff's office at a lively rate since the deputies were put in the field. The record made thus far by Jackson and Weir has had an appreciable effect upon the bicycle riding public. The payment of the delinquent taxes has been made, accompanied with no small amount of "kicking" from threatened damage suits against the Sheriff to "thumping" the deputies. Thus far no injuries to the officers has resulted, although several conflicts with angered individuals has been narrowly averted. The law is on the side of the officers, and it is useless to undertake to resist an officer.

Frank Waller, the crack bicyclist, who is well known in this city, passed through town last Tuesday en route to Olympia to attend the bicycle races to be held Sunday at Olympia. Wash. J. F. Purford, of Boise, Idaho, is in the city for a few days, looking into the bicycle affairs generally. He states that the bicycle business in Boise is good. Sunday he will go out on a spin with some of the boys here. He rides a motorcycle, a machine which is a scarce article up in his country.

RIVER AND OCEAN. Sailors are scarce at Port Townsend, and it is thought that the bark Palmyra and the British ship Senator will be unable to get their required complement of seamen for several days. Both vessels are bound for South Africa. Captain T. W. Garlich of San Francisco will leave for the East in a few days to bring the steam freighter Trenton to the port. He will go to Boston and will sail for San Francisco on July 20. The Trenton was recently launched for the Boston Towboat Company.

Ten schooners are now in Tacoma for lumber cargoes. The bark Coloma was towed to sea yesterday with 700,000 feet of San Pedro, and the Haydn Brown with 600,000 feet for the same destination. The Northern Pacific liner Victoria has cleared Tacoma for China and Japan with a cargo valued at \$25,000. The present season of the year is extremely dull in Oriental trade. This is believed to be due in a large measure to droughts in and about Hongkong and internal troubles in China.

The steamer Albany has been chartered by the Oregon City Transportation Company, and made her first trip up the river yesterday. M. V. Harrison is again local agent of the Regulator line, having succeeded B. F. Hedges, who resigned. Mr. Harrison took charge of the office yesterday.

All the docks present a clean appearance. They have recently been treated to a coat of whitewash. The French bark Asia will move on Monday from the Willamette River Works' shops, which she has been moored during the past six months undergoing repairs, to Montgomery dock No. 1 to receive a cargo of wheat for Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The vessel has been painted from stem to stern, and looks as spick and span as a brand-new ship.

Captain B. G. Stoddard is considering the idea of running on the Pudding River with his boat, which is now navigating the Lewis. He talks of making regular trips up the Pudding as far as possible and connect below with Willamette boats. With the exception of about two months the river is navigable all the year round. The stream is extremely crooked. It is said that at one part of the river one is obliged to go 10 miles along its course in order to make a straight mile and a half.

The British ship Deccan has completed loading a cargo of wheat and flour at Tacoma for South Africa. The shipment consists of 19,250 barrels of flour and 5,482 bushels of wheat. The steamship Roanoke arrived at Seattle from Nome yesterday, having left the Northern City June 18. She brought no tidings of either the Portland or the Jeanie, and both vessels have now been given up as lost.

The Canadian Pacific has chartered the steamship Forerise as an extra steamer for the Canadian-Australian line. The Forerise will arrive at Vancouver, B. C., about July 15 and will sail early in August with a general cargo, including a heavy shipment of flour, for Australia. The Oriental liner Indrahama sailed on Wednesday from Yokohama for Portland and is expected to reach here about the middle of July. She is coming by way of Victoria, B. C., where she is bringing a large number of Chinese passengers. The vessel has about a 500-ton cargo.

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Smuggler's Tricks. In England, even under a system of free trade, there are still plenty of people who think it worth while to risk pains and penalties by surreptitious attempts to introduce contraband goods, says the London Express. How much greater, then, must the temptation be in France, where almost every necessity of life is liable to heavy duties, not only on entering the country, but even when passing from one commune to another. At the gates of every town and the approach of every hamlet you find a small guardhouse, labeled "Octroi," from which a posse of officials issues to scrutinize every one who passes in. The formalities are increasingly severe according to the apparent poverty of the person. A carriage or cab may go in almost unchallenged, while peasant carts are ransacked. A load of sand or hay will be probed with a long steel staff; and any individual who arouses suspicion is liable to be searched.

NOTED SPEAKERS

WATERVILLE, Minn., June 28.—The annual Thaukumma Assembly opened today under favorable conditions. An excellent program consisting eight days has been arranged, the speakers to be heard including among others Henry Waterman, William J. Bryan and Sam P. Jones.

INDIANS KILLING DEER.

MILTON, Or., June 28.—Indians are killing deer along the Walla Walla, according to complaints that come down the river. Game wardens of Umatilla and Walla Walla Counties are almost unable to cope with the trouble because of the difficulty of getting evidence.