

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraphic Columns.

Two boys were drowned in a slough near Marietta, Wash. The 3-year-old child of Frank Floyd, who lives in Arroyo valley, California, was killed by the bite of rattlesnake.

Edward Neill was mangled to death at Wallace, Idaho, by a line shaft in which his clothing became entangled. Two elderly women were knocked down and robbed in their home in Cincinnati, O., by three men, who escaped with jewelry valued at \$5,000.

Governor Adams, of Colorado, has vetoed the bill regulating the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine passed at the recent session of the legislature. The veto is sensational, as the governor shows in his message that the most barbed britany ever attempted was employed to secure the passage of the bill.

At a meeting of prominent Parnellites in Dublin, Ireland, a resolution was adopted providing for the formation of an independent Irish league, in which agrarian interests are not to be dominant, and which will be founded on the "broader and sounder basis of independent political action for the benefit of the whole Irish nation."

The famous "hat-trimmed case," which indirectly involved between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000, and which has been postponed from time to time for the past three years, has been finally decided in favor of the government by a jury in the United States circuit court in Philadelphia.

The body of Captain Evan Davies, of the British four-masted ship Delacaine, who drowned over four months ago in the harbor at Astoria, has been picked up by a fisherman. The remains were positively identified by papers found in the pocket.

The great coon and varmint hunt on Fox island, Washington, in which several hundred hunters participated, was anything but a success as a varmint-killing bee, though all who attended were well satisfied, as the courtesy of the islanders made the outing a most enjoyable one.

Seth L. Milliken, representing in the house of representatives the third district of Maine, died at Washington. For some time he had suffered from a serious affection of the bronchial tubes, which last week developed alarmingly, and was accompanied by kidney and liver complications.

Bernardino Assero, a Mexican settler on the tract of land near Hollister, Cal., claimed by a Portuguese, was found murdered in the charred remains of his hut. Investigation shows that Assero was murdered with an ax, after which the body was laid on the bed, and the hut fired, to conceal the crime.

The first wool of the season has been delivered to a warehouse in Hesperia, Ore. It is said the wool is lighter and of better staple and brighter than the clip from the same sheep last season. The rain has greatly delayed the shearing in that section. Few sheep are being sold, owners holding firmly for a small advance, about 10 cents a head, more than buyers are willing to pay.

A dispatch from Baker City, Ore., says that Powder river is higher than it has ever been known to be, and is doing great damage. Only one bridge remains in the city, and if the warm weather continues, it will go out. The Sumpter valley railroad is flooded for miles, and trains will not be running for weeks. The northern residence portion of the city is inundated.

Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States supreme court, has refused a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Elverson B. Chapman, a broker, who refused to testify in the sugar speculation investigation as to whether senators had speculated in sugar stocks while the Wilson tariff bill was before that body. The sentence of the supreme court of the District of Columbia to 30 days in jail and \$100 fine was affirmed, and Chapman's application for writs of certiorari and habeas corpus were denied.

As a result of a terrible accident in a mining camp near Rosland, B. C., six men were killed and several others injured. Twelve men were asleep in the camp when a landslide, 300 feet long and six feet deep, and fifteen feet wide, overwhelmed them. A train near South Lyon, Mich., struck a vehicle on a crossing and instantly killed Harry Clark and Miss Sarah Fisher. Miss Ethel Just was seriously injured. Clark was a student at Ann Arbor, and Miss Fisher attended the state normal school at Ypsilanti.

Reports from the wheat-producing regions of the Northwest—Pottawhat, Palouse and Big Bend—are that fall-sown grain is as far advanced as it was at this time last year. The sudden wave of warm weather tended to make vegetation grow rapidly. Colfax, Wash., reports prospects for the largest crop in years in Whitman county. Garfield sends similar tidings. Stevens county grain fields also look well. In the Big Bend, the largest acreage since a plow was put in the ground has been sown, and farmers expect the largest yield in years. Fruit and wheat are in prime condition in the Potlatch.

ANOTHER BAD BREAK.

Mississippi Levee Gives Way, With Very Disastrous Results.

Greenville, Miss., April 26.—There was another break in the levee on the Mississippi side at shipland, or "The Promised Land" levee, at 10 o'clock this morning, forty miles by rail south of Greenville. The break will cover 19,000 acres of land near the flood, and will add to the volume of water already covering most of the lands in its vicinity. The levee is ten feet high, and the break is fully 300 feet wide. There was a foot on the levee when it gave way. The break will submerge Mayorsville, the county seat of the county, a town of 400 people. The town is situated twelve miles north of the break. From Mayorsville south to the Yazoo river every plantation in Issaquena and two-thirds of those in Sharkey, besides a number of others in Yazoo and Warren counties will be put under water from ten to twenty feet deep.

While this section was in a large measure already overflowed, there were hundreds of farmhouses and cabins and numerous levees, mounds and hastily erected scaffolds, which still afforded protection to man and beast. These are now being rapidly abandoned, and terror reigns.

A MILITARY ATTACHE.

General Miles Wants to Go to Greece to Observe the War.

Washington, April 26.—General Miles has applied for permission to go to Greece to observe the war between that country and Turkey from a military point of view. Secretary Alger has brought the matter to the attention of the president. Should the order be made by the president, it will be the first time in history that the general commanding the army has gone abroad during actual war as a military attaché. It is true that General Sheridan accompanied the German army as an attaché in the war with France, but he was not at the time of as high rank as General Miles.

Shot Two Brothers.

Baker City, Ore., April 26.—The stage-driver from Sumpter brought news this afternoon from Granite that at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon G. H. McMahon, who left Baker City Monday last for Granite, shot Lewis M. Guttridge and brother, Samuel W., in front of the Guttridge store in Granite, Grant county. Lewis was shot twice through the body, and was dying when the messenger left for Sumpter. Sam was shot in the face, but grasped with his assistant, knocking him down and holding him until the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Nivens, who arrested McMahon.

Local gossip about McMahon's sister is said to have caused the assault. It is believed that if both brothers die, McMahon will be lynched. Samuel W. Guttridge is postmaster at Granite.

Death of William S. Holman.

Washington, April 26.—Representative Holman, of Indiana, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He was primarily a fall he sustained early this spring, as the result of an attack of vertigo. He soon complained of feeling badly, and his condition grew steadily worse until last Tuesday. Then he rallied somewhat, and the improvement gave the family some encouragement in hoping for his recovery. This rally was brief, however, meningitis developed, and since that time he sank rapidly. Since last night he had been under opiates, and this morning the family gave up hope, and realized that the end was near. He passed away without regaining consciousness.

Haltless Demolished Houses.

Newton, Kan., April 26.—A terrific wind storm, accompanied by heavy rain and sleet, swept over Harvey county last night, doing some damage to the southwest. Two farmhouses were demolished a few miles west of Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Weins, the occupants of one of the houses, were seriously hurt, and have been brought to Newton. The surgeons state that Mrs. Weins will die. Practically every pane of glass in the south side of buildings at Newton was shattered by hail, and a railway train just arrived here was without a pane of glass in the windows on the south side of the cars. The duration of the storm was less than fifteen minutes.

Will Try to Lease Convicts.

Salem, Ore., April 26.—E. T. Johnson, who is hunting laborers for contractors on the Astoria railroad, has submitted to Superintendent Gilbert, of the penitentiary, a proposition to hire the idle convicts. There is some question as to whether or not the authorities have the right to hire out convicts. The matter is being investigated. The working of convicts, Mr. Johnson says, would in no way interfere with free labor. He gives positive assurance that all who will work can get employment, and says that the only reason for wanting convicts is his inability to get sufficient free labor.

Few Salmon Running.

Astoria, Ore., April 26.—The run of salmon shows no indications of improving. The average catch per boat is less than two fish. A number of men have returned from the drifting grounds during the past two days without having secured a single salmon, and no improvement is expected until warm weather sets in.

The Blue Cut Robber's Trial.

Kansas City, April 26.—In the trial of John Kennedy, the reputed leader in the recent Blue cut robberies, interest was quickened today by the appearance in the proceedings of a relative of the notorious James brothers, a sister-in-law of Frank James, who testified that Kennedy told her he held up the train and secured \$32,000. During this testimony, Kennedy's attitude was defiant, and he frequently declared that the witness lied.

Mother McKinley's Birthday.

Canton, O., April 26.—Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the president, celebrated her 88th birthday at her home in this city today. She is in excellent health, having slight attacks of rheumatism. All day letters and telegrams of congratulation were received by her from friends, and in many instances from strangers.

Crops Around Sheridan.

Sheridan, Ore., April 26.—Winter wheat is looking fine around Sheridan, and an abundant crop of fruit seems to be assured.

THE SITUATION IN BANES

Weyler Will Attack Cubans by Land and Sea.

SMALLPOX HAS BROKEN OUT

Four Americans in Cabanas Have Contracted the Dreaded Disease—One Already Dead—Lee Intervenes.

New York, April 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Smallpox has made its appearance in Cabanas prison. Owen Melton, an American correspondent and a member of the Competitor crew, contrived to send a note to friends here under date of April 18, in which he says: "Smallpox has appeared in cell No. 4, in which there are four Americans. One prisoner has died and three others have had the disease. I nursed a friend named Gonzalez, not knowing he had smallpox, and so I suppose I will have it. I can only hope for the best."

This information was carried to General Lee and he promptly informed the United States government of the state of affairs, also wrote Acting Captain General Ahumada inquiring if there had been smallpox in Cabanas, and what steps had been taken to guard the health of the Americans imprisoned there. A reply was received making no statement of the prevalence of the disease, but stating that the Americans would be vaccinated at once.

It is thought here that the appearance of smallpox will make the American government press for the release of Melton and others, as it is understood Spain has practically decided to liberate them. General Weyler is an obstacle to the release of any Americans. He has been in Santa Clara that Americans were set at liberty without good cause.

General Weyler's recent declaration that Santa Clara is pacified means that newspaper fighting there will be meager. Nevertheless he admits that within three days of his declaration of tranquility more than ninety rebels were killed in the province. He says he will no longer require any troops to fill the places of his killed and wounded, which means simply that he has been told to expect no more soldiers from Spain.

The situation in Banes, a seaport town in Santiago de Cuba, now commands much attention here. The gunboat Galicia and the cruisers Nueva Espana and Reina Mercedes are waiting outside the narrows until three columns sent by General Weyler have had time to move on the rebels by land. The insurgents have held the town since Rodriguez's expedition landed there on March 25. The harbor is one naturally capable of easy defense, and it is said the insurgents have placed troops in the channel. It is most difficult to learn any definite news of the recent operations there, but it is plain that the Spanish recognize the necessity of moving in force against the town, and attempting to attack it simultaneously by land and sea, for the purpose of preventing the rebels from continuing to hold the port.

General Gomez, according to the last reports, has left Arroyo Blanco district and moved nearer Trinidad. There is a rumor that he may be elected president of the republic to succeed Cisneros. Another idea is that he has decided to contest the possession of Banes, and many who thought his siege of Arroyo Blanco was a ruse to entice Weyler into the country where moderate force might be attacked to advantage, now believe that Weyler is bent upon toward Banes will meet a steady resistance which will add to the evidence already piled up to disprove General Weyler's declaration of pacification.

Explored on the Floor of a Car. San Francisco, April 26.—W. B. Bradbury, the millionaire, was before Police Judge Low yesterday on a charge of expectorating on the floor of a street-car. He was arrested about two weeks ago, and the case was held by the attorney of the hearing was postponed until yesterday.

The conductor of the car testified that he had requested Bradbury to refrain from spitting on the floor of the car, and called his attention to a placard on which was printed a copy of the ordinance punishing public expectoration. He said that the millionaire replied by requesting him to tell Mr. Joseph Cicado in the courtroom here yesterday. The last word had scarcely left his lips when with a shriek he toppled over the railing and fell to the floor.

The terrified officers and the host of spectators stood aghast for some moments at what appeared to be a startling manifestation of divine retribution. Then several rushed over to the prostrate man and sought to assist him from the floor. There were no responses to their orders or their efforts. Joseph Cicado was dead. The man was a Portuguese, and had been arrested on a charge of having murdered Assero, a Mexican rancher, whose dead body was found last Saturday morning in his cabin in the Cleveland district.

Customs Receipts at New York.

New York, April 23.—Customs receipts today were \$673,453.97; total for the first half of the week, \$2,298,758.14.

Five Lives Were Lost.

St. Louis, Mo., April 26.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Nashville, Tenn., says: Five lives have been lost in the flooded lands of Lake county. A skiff upset, causing the drowning of five Gans and his entire family.

Wheat Excitement Abated.

New York, April 23.—There was a general subsidence of speculative activity in wheat today, and no excitement to speak of, except at the opening and close.

Fatal Chicago Fire.

Chicago, April 23.—Two lives were lost and three dwellings partly destroyed by a fire which broke out early this morning in a building at 4226 Ashland avenue. The flames spread so rapidly that many occupants were forced to jump from windows, while others were taken down on ladders. The dead are John McLeash and John Coyne. The bodies of both were slightly burned. Coyne, 13 years old, was found tightly clasped in the arms of McLeash, who had evidently perished in an effort to save the boy.

Michigan mine is 5,000 feet deep.

HIS MAIDEN SPEECH.

Masson, of Illinois, Shakes Up the Senate's Dry Bones.

Washington, April 23.—Senator Masson, of Illinois, made his maiden speech in the senate today, and signalled it by some fiery criticisms on the rules of the senate. It was such a variation from the prosy debate of recent days that the senator was accorded close attention, and twice received the hearty applause of the crowded galleries.

The speech was in support of a resolution introduced by the Illinois senator directing the committee on rules to report a rule by which debate could be closed and the previous question be ordered. In this connection, Mr. Masson sarcastically referred to the inaction of the senate on all great questions before it, the long and fruitless debate on Cuba, and the delay of the arbitration treaty.

Hoar of Massachusetts replied briefly, pointing out that the other branch of congress was more open to criticism than the senate. He was in accord with Masson, however, on the need of new rules.

A vote was taken on Morgan's motion to refer the Masson resolution to the rules committee, which prevailed—ayes 32, nays 24.

SPANISH EXECUTION.

A Cuban Insurgent Met His Death Bravely.

New York, April 22.—A Journal dispatch from Havana says: A Cuban insurgent met his death bravely for rebellion, was arrested in his father's house on suspicion of being a rebel. After six months of imprisonment, his turn finally came to be tried a week ago. He was taken before a summary court. The entire court-martial lasted about fifteen minutes, and Garcia was sentenced to death, although as customary, they did not read the death sentence until last night, twelve hours before he was shot. Promptly at 7 o'clock last night a picket of soldiers halted in front of the cell. The captain in charge of the prisoners called "Pedro Garcia."

"Present," was the answer. "Prepare to come out," said the captain.

"Open," replied Garcia; "I am ready." He spoke as coolly as if he had been going out to sup with a friend instead of "capitula."

There was a rattling of keys, the sliding of heavy bolts, and then the ponderous iron swung slowly open.

"Farewell to all," said Garcia. "Farewell, and courage," exclaimed his comrades, with husky voices.

Garcia paused in the passage and called back: "At last I will gain liberty."

He never weakened, and he astonished his executioners by his coolness. The four executioners were had marksmen, and it was necessary for them to fire three volleys.

A TOWN ON FIRE.

Business Portion of Tullahoma Sustains a \$600,000 Loss.

Nashville, April 23.—Tullahoma, Tenn., this morning is burning, and Nashville is threatened with fire. The town on a special train with a fire engine. The fire started in the opera-house block, and has already caused an estimated damage of \$300,000. A high wind is blowing, and there is no hope of saving the business portion of the town.

Tullahoma is a thriving town of 2,500 inhabitants, on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis road, seventy-five miles south of Nashville. A large number of the buildings are new, the town having suffered by fire some months ago.

The case was under control at 3 A. M., and the loss, as stated by president dispatches to be about \$600,000. The business portion is badly scorched. Full particulars are not obtainable, nor is the number of buildings burned.

Strange Death in Court.

Hollister, Cal., April 23.—"May God strike me dead if I am the murderer of Bernardino Assero," cried Joseph Cicado in the courtroom here yesterday. The last word had scarcely left his lips when with a shriek he toppled over the railing and fell to the floor.

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Shearing in Morrow County.

Heppner, April 26.—The weather, while cool, is not interfering with shearing, which is now in full blast. Wool is coming in slowly, and it is much better condition than last season.

The Arch of States.

Omaha, Neb., April 26.—Amid imposing ceremonies, the corner-stone of the trans-Mississippi exposition arch of states was laid this afternoon. There was a long parade of military and civic societies. Grandmaster Phelps, of the Nebraska Masons, officiated, assisted by officers of the grand lodge. Addresses were made by Mayor Broach, Lieutenant-Governor Harris and ex-Secretary of Agriculture Morton.

Attempt to Kill Uruguay's President.

Montevideo, April 26.—An attempt has been made to assassinate the president of Uruguay, Senor Jildarte Borda. He was shot at in a hotel in North river. The bullet missed its mark. The president's assailant was arrested.

New York, April 26.—The British cruiser Talbot arrived this morning from Jamaica and anchored in North river. The Talbot will represent the British government in the naval display at the Grant monument celebration. The royal garr commission are on board the Talbot.

ACTION ON BANKRUPTCY BILL

Nelson's Substitute Is Passed by the Senate.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR GREECE

House Considers Senate Amendments to the Indian Appropriation Bill Without Reference to Committee.

Washington, April 24.—The session of the senate today was one of the most eventful since congress assembled. Allen offered a resolution providing that the chief executive express the sympathy of the American people to the government of Greece. The senator declared the contest was one between Christianity and Paganism. During the debate, Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, to whom the resolution was referred, promised speedy action.

The debate on the senate committee aroused Morgan to a speech of unusual severity. He spoke of "dictatorships" and of the subordination of public business to politics. He characterized the condition of insurrection in the house of representatives as the most gigantic and unhealed filibustering ever attempted. In conclusion, Morgan said that the speaker of the house, who had been known as the "great white czar," would be hereafter known as the "great white filibuster."

Another stirring chapter on the same subject was added by Allen, who proposed a complete cessation of senate business, except to consider appropriation bills, until committees were filed. The resolution led to another heated debate, in which Chandler and Allen participated. The resolution finally went over.

The bankruptcy bill was passed by a decisive vote of 49 to 8. The bankruptcy bill as passed is the substitute offered by Nelson of Minnesota. The success of the substitute in displacing the committee bill was a great surprise to all onlookers. The judiciary committee, which had reported a comprehensive measure, known as the Torrey bill. It was regarded as a personal triumph of Nelson. The Nelson bill as passed provides for voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy.

The "free livestock" bill was made the unfinished business of the senate. A committee of fifteen senators was named to participate in the Grant ceremonies.

The announcement of the death of Representative Holman was made, and the senate adjourned as a mark of respect.

The house today adopted a special order for the consideration of the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill without reference to a committee.

The Democratic dissenters again came to the surface. Bailey and his followers joined with the Republicans on this proposition, after the special order had been modified so as to cover the other appropriation bills. Bland protested vigorously against the course, but only had the following of twenty-four, not enough to get a second vote. Simpson is out of the city, and therefore was not in evidence.

The senate amendments of minor importance were concurred in, excepting that providing for the removing of the Indian supply depot from Chicago to Omaha. The amendment relative to the opening of the Uncompahgre reservation was not acted on today.

While it was being debated, the death of Judge Holman was announced, and as a mark of respect, the house adjourned.

TELEGRAPHY REVOLUTIONIZED.

Synchrograph is Expected to Accomplish its Function.

New York, April 26.—At a meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers last night Albert Cushing Clark, professor of physical science, of Dartmouth college, exhibited an instrument designed to revolutionize telegraphy.

"By the use," he said, "of the synchrograph, 3,000 words a minute can be telegraphed, and what is, of course, equally important, can easily be received and recorded. A duplex line will carry 6,000 words a minute."

In Chicago last night Professor Crehore's collaborator in the invention of the synchrograph, Lieutenant George Owen Squier, United States navy, was describing the remarkable machine to another branch of the same institute.

It may be stated that these two gentlemen, Crehore and Squier, invented the polarizing photo-chronograph with which the most successful experiments were made at the electrical laboratory of the United States artillery school at Fort Monro. The photo-chronograph is a machine to measure the velocity of projectiles.

The receiver of the synchrograph will receive 3,000 words a minute and is a development of the principles of the photo-chronograph.

Novo Scotia Elections.

Halifax, N. S., April 22.—Practically complete returns from the localities for the local house show the election of thirty-one liberals and seven conservatives, making the liberals a strong in the house, under Premier Murray, as in the last. The conservative leader, John F. Stairs, was defeated in Halifax city.

Would Keep Them Out of Canada.

Toronto, April 22.—The Moral Reform League is agitating the exclusion from Canada of the kinetoscope pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight.

AGRICULTURAL BILL PASSED

Morgan's Cuban Resolution Went Over for a Week.

Washington, April 23.—Morgan's resolution that the state of war exists in Cuba was discussed briefly in the senate today, and then went over for a week, owing to the absence of Hale, who has been active in opposition. Morgan again urged the need of speedy action by this country to stay the devastation going on in Cuba. He had just listened, he said, to the testimony of a witness before the committee on foreign relations, which presented a shocking condition of affairs in Pinar del Rio. It was morally impossible that the people of the United States should close their eyes to these horrors much longer.

There he said, aroused by the plight of Greece and Crete, and Armenia, but the very stretch of these horrors is under our noses. He wanted Americans protected, and scenes worse than those in the bloody days of the Netherlands brought to an end. If the senate passed this resolution, he believed it would, human lives would be saved.

White stated that he had heard intimations that the president was about to send a commissioner to Cuba. Would it not be desirable to await the report from this commissioner before taking action?

There was no need of waiting further reports, answered Morgan. The country had been deluged with reports and unimpeachable evidence for the last two years. Morgan went on to say that he expected, when this commissioner came back from Cuba, another one would go. In the meantime devastation, ruin, cruelty and extermination were going on in Cuba.

The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up and passed without amendment.

At 1:40 the senate went into executive session, and at 2 o'clock resumed legislative session, and the bankruptcy bill was formally laid before the senate.

In the course of debate Allen announced that he would obstruct in every possible way any bankruptcy bill which included involuntary bankruptcy.

FIRST CUBAN COINS.

Five-Peseta Pieces Are Soon to Be Issued.

New York, April 22.—The Journal this morning says: The Cuban dollar will be on the street within a few days. It will be a silver coin known as five pesetas. Five million dollars worth of bullion is to be converted into the coin, which, even if it is no more than a souvenir of the Cuban struggle, will still be worth its weight.

The Cuban junta indorses the circulation of silver coin bearing the stamp of the provincial government. The money to buy this bullion and to defray the mechanical expense of the issue is said to have been raised through the exertion of A. J. Corbett, a local broker. He professes ignorance as to the identity of his principals. At the office of A. Krans further information was obtained.

"Men with money have been figuring on this thing for a long time," he said. "The junta is behind us. We start in with a million dollars worth of five pesetas. The coin is about the size of the American dollar and resembles it much."

"The new Cuban coin, which must not be called a medal or a souvenir, will be accepted for its weight in silver anywhere. The design for the face of the coin will consist of a head or a figure indicating liberty. The seal of the Cuban republic, already familiar on its bond and postage stamps, will be on the reverse."

"The friends of Cuba who will have made this issue of coins are men of wealth. They will back the Cuban enterprise to the extent of ten millions if necessary. An agreement has been made with the junta here in New York as to the recognition of these coins when the Cuban republic comes into its full rights and possessions."

WELL DIGGER'S HEROIC DEED.

Braved Death Vainly Trying to Save a Companion.

Crawford, Ind., April 22.—Richard Bennett lost his life last evening in a well filled with black mud. Edward Reynolds, his companion, also died through injuries he received while trying to rescue his companion. Bennett saved Reynolds from drowning, but it was no fault of the latter that he did not repay the debt.

The men were digging well, and had reached a depth of five feet. They returned after dinner to resume work, and Bennett was first to go down. Half way to the bottom he was overcome and fell out of the bucket. Reynolds knew the trouble was due to foul gases, but without hesitation he started down to the rescue. He fainted and fell.

Reynolds recovered consciousness and a rope was lowered, but he refused to accept the chance of escape. Instead he attached the rope to Bennett and the dead body was dragged out. Reynolds had just life enough to tie the rope about himself when it was next lowered, and was hauled out senseless and almost dead. The chances are against his recovery.

It is estimated that the cost of vessels now being built at lake shipyards is close to \$5,000,000, as compared with \$3,000,000 a year ago.

Archbishop Ryan's Jubilee.

Philadelphia, April 22.—The jubilee in celebration of the silver anniversary of Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan, began this morning, and will continue with varied exercises until Friday evening.

Billy Birch, the Minstrel. New York, April 22.—Billy Birch, the old-time minstrel, died at his home this afternoon of paralysis of the brain and chronic Bright's disease. He had been very ill for over a month.

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BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

A contract has been let to build a new courthouse at Coquille City, to cost \$11,625. The liabilities of Crook county, on March 31, last, were \$35,687, and the resources \$43,548.

For the first time in twenty-five years the circuit court for Benton county concluded a session without a jury trial.

Superintendent J. F. Nowlen has been examining Umatilla county schools. He reports all to be in excellent condition.