

Scio Weekly Press.

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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

Caswell's mills at Lewiston, Me., were blown up. Four men were killed and several were injured. The mills are a total wreck, and the loss is heavy.

A dispatch from Berlin says that the powers, including Turkey, have assented to the appointment of Prince Francis Joseph of Hattenburg as governor-general of Crete.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Rome says the king of Greece is beginning to reassert himself and will soon be able to dismiss M. Ralli and to appoint M. Kalpatano as premier.

At Colfax, Wash., John Leonard, who murdered Jacob Malquist last July, was sentenced by Judge McDonald to be hanged July 2. The sentence did not affect the prisoner. He had nothing to say.

While George Allen, George Warren and his son Willie were crossing the Grand river at Fruita, Colo., in a temporary ferry, the cable broke and all three were drowned. The river is very high, and is half a mile wide at that place.

The New York Herald's correspondent in Guatemala cables that the government has issued a decree suspending specie payments for six months. The banks lend the government 1,500,000 pesos to be repaid in six months in silver.

Officers of the Cuban league have decided to attempt the raising of a fund of \$1,000,000 in the United States, believing that this will enable the Cubans to establish their independence. The fund is to be raised in two ways—by donations and by the sale of gold bonds at 6 per cent, payable ten years after the evacuation of Cuba by the Spanish troops.

E. C. Brice, whose claim to a process for making gold and silver from chemically pure antimony and other base metals has been under investigation by a committee of experts, with only negative results, has made application to the commissioner of patents for another test. In his request he asserts that the other commission did not follow his directions in important particulars.

The desire of the Turkish government calling for the expulsion of all Greeks from the Ottoman empire, has been suspended, in view of the peace negotiations.

Governor Ellerbe has announced that he will appoint, Congressman John L. McLaurin to be United States senator, in succession to the late Senator Earle.

The Cretan chiefs have sent a document to the Greek government declaring that they are almost unanimously in favor of political union with Greece, but asking the advice of the government as to the best course to pursue consistently and with due regard to national interests.

President McKinley sent a cablegram to Queen Victoria, congratulating her on the celebration of her 79th birthday. The message was as follows: "To the Ambassador of the United States, London: The president desires you to convey to the queen his sincere congratulations on the anniversary of her 79th birthday upon the celebration of her 79th birthday."

Governor Lord has appointed J. V. B. Butler, of Monmouth, to succeed himself; Judge John J. Daly, of Dallas, vice J. C. White, and E. C. Pentland, of Independence, vice P. Haley, members of the board of regents of the state normal school at Monmouth, Or., each to hold for six years. Judge G. C. Blakely, of The Dalles, has been appointed a member of the Oregon state board of pharmacy, vice M. M. Davis.

The 70-year-old captain and crew of the Samed Col, the millionaire freeminer manufacturer, has been sued by Norman Colt, of Seattle, and James B. Colt, of Washington, D. C., for a big slice of the estate which has been in control of herself or her son since the colonel's death in 1862. Mr. Colt accuses of alienating her husband's affection from his nephews by fraud and deceitful statements, while he was in a weak mental and physical state. Plaintiffs also aver that the millionaire's death was hastened by an overdose of medicine.

Seven years ago James Brazell made a proposition to the English government to send out 15,000 prospectors covering an area of 10 miles through British Columbia, in a westerly direction from Rossland. The cost of such an expedition was such that the English and British governments would have nothing to do with it. The hazard being one that the home secretary would not countenance. The proposition, however, has met with the approval of a syndicate of English capitalists, who sends forth 150 men from San Francisco, with James Brazell at the head.

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THE RIO GRANDE FLOOD.

Headgate of the Canal and Levee Breaks, Inundating El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., May 31.—The headgate of the large canal running through the southern part of the city, and the levee separating the canal from the river, gave way at 2:30 this afternoon, and the water came through in torrents, inundating the Santa Fe freight yards, and a half mile south thereof in behind the main temporary levee, erected in the past week to hold back the water, which had settled itself to a height of from 6 to 10 feet on the southern river front.

A general alarm was sent out by the fire department, and all the assistance possible was given to those in the midst of the flood. Some 75 residences between the Santa Fe freight yards and the canal on the river front were inundated within half an hour after the break, but nearly everything movable was carried to high ground. A new levee is now being constructed for a distance of two miles along Fourth street to hold the water back and turn it again into the river. A great many houses are filled with refugees, but there are yet 200 families shelterless. The families are encamped along the edge of the mesa, in the north side of the city.

At 10 o'clock the flood has broken through the second levee on Fourth street, and the waters have advanced to second street, causing several hundred more poor families to flee from their homes. There will be over 400 homeless families on the streets of El Paso tonight, and a large number of them are without food, as they are laboring people, who have been fighting the flood instead of earning bread for the past 15 days. The water is running into the county jail and around the Texas Pacific depot. The river is reported falling.

El Paso, May 31.—At 10:30 o'clock the water broke through the reserve levee on Fourth street, and now covers one-half of the city. The destruction of property will be immense. Every available man and vehicle is occupied in moving families and household goods to high ground. The business portion may be invaded before morning.

A SPANISH WARNING.

Havana Paper Tells How We Would Be Worsted in a War.

Havana, May 31.—El Diario de la Marina in a leading editorial says: "We see in the American newspapers evidence that there are certain social classes in the United States not sufficiently alive to the importance of the issue. Don't monkey with the lion's tail. These classes are remarkable for the eagerness with which they evade jurisdiction in affairs, which, like the Cuban war, are exclusively the affairs of Spain. The persistence with which they recognize the belligerency of the insurgents is crazy and ridiculous. The important conservative interests of the United States should not forget that the patience of Spain may soon become exhausted. The Spanish government has given abundant proofs of its good will by ignoring the many inconveniences that have been caused by resolution in congress. Those interests ought to be thankful to us for our abnegation.

"But in case the sword should be unsheathed, Spain would certainly not be the heaviest loser in the fight. Spain has sent 300,000 troops to settle domestic difficulties. What would she do in the event of a foreign war, with the nation which for a century has abused our patience by ignoring Spanish honor and civility? President McKinley should consider this carefully, and if he is to deal with the means of his own hands, take the advice of an enemy and no longer trifle with us."

BIG BLUBBER SOCIAL.

Whale Killed Off Flattery by Seah Bay Indians.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 31.—Yesterday, while cruising in the neighborhood of Cape Flattery, the attention of Captain Clinger, of the tugboat Holyoke, was attracted to a great commotion to the southwest. Steaming to the spot, the captain and crew of the Holyoke were rewarded with the spectacle of a vicious fight between a canoe fleet of Indians on one side and a large whale on the other. The Indians handed their spears well, and from every point of the compass an attack was being made in rapid succession. The sinking from sight in the sides of the monster, which lashed the waters high into the air in its vicious attempts to crush the canoes and drown its tormentors. The Indians were too wary, however, and finally tired the whale out. Then a well-directed harpoon struck the whale in the side.

Having dispatched their game, the Indians were in a quandary as to getting the big fellow ashore, but Captain Clinger was equal to the emergency. A small hawser was passed into a canoe and taken to the dead whale, where it was being made a harpoon rope. Numerous canoes then hooked on to one another behind the whale, and the procession started for Seah bay, where it was met with great rejoicing by the natives who had remained at home. The whale was beached and the Seah bay tribe of Indians are now enjoying a big blubber social.

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BAD TRAIN WRECK IN IDAHO

A Wild Freight Crashes Into a Passenger.

NO ONE IS TO BE BLAMED

Nine Were Killed and Eight Seriously Injured Majority of Them Were Trying to Beat Their Way on Freight.

Boise, May 31.—The most disastrous wreck in the history of the Short Line railroad occurred at American Falls at 4:30 this morning. A runaway freight train crashed into the west-bound passenger train. Nine men were killed outright and eight others seriously injured. Both engines were demolished, the station buildings shattered to pieces and 18 or 20 cars smashed. The dead were:

C. W. Shields, residence unknown; D. L. Thompson, of Dayton, Wash.; John E. Cooper, of Wellsville, Utah; J. Steffen, of Dillon, Mont; five unknown men.

Excepting Cooper, these men were beating their way on the freight. Most of them were sheepherders. Cooper was just about to take the passenger train going west.

The passenger train had pulled into American Falls when it was standing at its accustomed place waiting for the freight to pass it on the sidetrack. American Falls station is situated in a depression, and there is quite an up grade in both directions.

The first warning of any danger was when Engineer Heckman heard the freight whistle back up. He at once reversed his engine, but the rails were wet and the grade heavy, and it was an instant or two before the train responded, and in that moment the freight train thundered around the curve and across the bridge, going at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The passenger train had hardly begun to move before the freight dashed into it.

Both engines were demolished and the freight cars piled up one on the other, jamming in the side and demolishing one whole end of the station building.

Just as the engines met, Engineer Heckman jumped and came to the ground in the midst of flying timbers and debris.

John Cooper, Frank Burke and Night Telegraph Operator Charles Goodwin had been talking on the platform an instant before the crash. The freight coming. Cooper ran into the depot and was killed instantly. Burke and Goodwin ran out behind the building and escaped. Bronnan, who was on the platform at the same time, was hurled in the wreck.

The station building was demolished to the partition between the depot and the private rooms where Agent St. Clair and his wife and three children were asleep.

The dead and mangled bodies of two of the killed were hurled against this partition. Beams were forced through it and the bodies of the children, but miraculously not one of them was injured, although the room was twisted and shattered almost to fragments.

The freight train had run away on the hill west of American Falls. It was thought that the engine, the shapers or hobbs had cut off the air. The air brakes would not work, and on the hill the train was found unmanageable. Conductor Cook and brakemen Davis and Weston were on top setting the brakes, and Fireman Cogrove had climbed back to the top of the train, but they proved of no avail. The train shot down the grade and across the bridge into the passenger train.

Only the cool nerve of Engineer Heckman in remaining at his post and reversing his engine saved the lives of dozens of his passengers, as well as of the family at the station agent sleeping in the building.

The wreck presented a scene of indescribable destruction. The cut in front of the station and the spot where the broken cars, demolished buildings and shattered engines. Ties were torn up and telegraph poles and wires were down in the ruins.

The dead were recovered and the injured cared for as rapidly as possible, and at 11 o'clock a special left the Falls with the wounded for the hospital at Salt Lake.

A CUBAN CONFERENCE.

Important Meeting in Re Held in Philadelphia Next Week.

Philadelphia, May 31.—It is definitely settled that the most important conference held in America in connection with the Cuban cause will assemble in Philadelphia some time next week. General Palma will preside. With him will be Quesada, the charge d'affaires. They are coming here, it is said, to prepare plans that may meet with entire approval of the administration.

It is said that as soon as Senator Sherman became secretary of state he sent for Quesada. That interview has had more to do with the coming conference in Cuba affairs since the inauguration of the war two years ago.

Looking for a Sunken Safe.

Tacoma, Wash., May 31.—Diver O'Keefe, of San Francisco, is now trying to find the safe of the Northern Pacific railway, that was buried in the Sound in the landslide two years ago. Several futile attempts have been made to find it. It contains \$100,000, and the finder is promised \$4,000 to recover it.

There are more American vessels on the great lakes than on the ocean, and their combined tonnage is greater.

Employee Hurt in a Panic.

Chicago, May 28.—Three men were injured today during a panic caused by a fire in the Johnson Chair Company's factory. They are Joseph Larson, Adolph Krueger, Frank Wolski, all employees. The fire caused a loss of \$40,000.

A Lawyer Drowned Himself.

Lexington, Ky., May 31.—Judge Henry M. Buford, city collector, committed suicide by drowning in a pond near the home of Matt Simpson, this county. He was 52 years old and unmarried.

FIRST VOTE ON TARIFF.

First Amendment Reducing Rate on Boracic Acid Defeated.

Washington, May 28.—The first vote on the tariff bill was taken in the senate today. It came after two hours' debate on the item for boracic acid, which, although comparatively unimportant, afforded an opportunity for the first alignment of the various elements. Senator Vest, a Democratic member of the finance committee, moved to make the rate for boracic acid 3 cents instead of 5 cents a pound, as provided by the committee. This presented a direct issue between the committee and the opponents of the bill. The amendment was defeated, 34 to 20. The vote was largely on party lines. The debate was participated in by Senators Vest, Jones of Arkansas, Aldrich, Perkins, White, Caffery, Gray and Stewart. Senator White, a Democratic member of the finance committee, opposed Vest's amendment, urging that the rate for boracic acid be 5 cents a pound. Seven paragraphs of the bill were considered during the day, the committee being sustained in each instance.

The resolution was agreed to authorizing the secretary of the navy to employ any suitable ship in forwarding relief supplies to India.

Killed His Son and Himself.

New York, May 28.—Charles Kemble Hilliard, a great nephew of Charles Kemble, the great actor, and second cousin of Frank McCoppin, and Algonzo Sartoris, who married Grant's daughter Nellie, was found dead yesterday, lying by the side of his 13-year-old son, William Kemble Hilliard, at their home, 212 Grand avenue, Brooklyn. Both died by the same means. No person knew exactly when the act was committed, for, although there were two pistol shots, no person in the house among the neighbors heard them. Hilliard was a Christian scientist. Beside his table stood a Bible on a stand, open at the 5th chapter of St. Matthew—Christ's sermon on the mount. Near the Bible on the table was a scrap of paper, on which was written in pencil:

"What does he know of trouble—an idle little child."

Then in ink: "I some times doubt whether I am quite sane, for I fell astray, as like one in a dream, came to no good."

Frank J. McCoppin Dead.

San Francisco, May 28.—Frank McCoppin, postmaster of this city for the past five years, and a prominent Democrat, died this morning as a result of a surgical operation.

Frank J. McCoppin had an active and honorable career in California. He was born in Ireland in 1834, and came to America in 1853 with his parents, who settled in Illinois. Five years later he came to California. In 1860 he was elected supervisor from the 11th ward and held the office seven years, when he was elected mayor. Under his regime Golden Gate Park was laid out. He was elected to the state senate in 1875, and at the expiration of his term went to Hawaii, where he engaged in sugar planting until 1888, when he went to Australia, as commissioner to the Melbourne exposition. In June, 1896, he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland, and had still one year to serve.

The postmaster-general was immediately notified of his death, and the bondsman of the deceased postmaster promptly appointed his assistant, P. E. Doyle, as his successor, ad interim. It is believed that under the circumstances President McKinley will fill the vacancy by appointing a postmaster for the next four years immediately.

Lost in the Desert.

San Diego, May 28.—K. Detrick, a desert prospector, has arrived at Banner, in this county, almost in danger from having been without food for three and a half days. From the story which he tells it is quite possible that two men who were with him on the desert are now dead.

Detrick and Kerrens had been prospecting for a year. At Pacheco they picked up an old Arizona prospector named Anderson. The three men arrived at Salton on the 17th inst. From there they set out for the San Joaquin mountains. Last Thursday Detrick went on ahead of his companions, but they failed to follow. He went back and found their trail, which led out of the desert toward Yuma. He followed the trail for 30 miles, and then, turning back, made his way nearly dead to Banner. A searching party will go out from here.

Water Curtains for Theaters.

San Francisco, May 28.—Chief Sullivan, at yesterday's meeting of the fire department committee of the board of supervisors, announced that he had notified the proprietors and managers of all theaters that they must provide water curtains for the protection opening in each of such buildings in accordance with the provisions of the fire ordinance applicable to such places.

Whisky Drinking Contest.

Chicago, May 28.—Jacob Conrad is dead, Joseph Bolom dying and Carl Eisen in a critical condition as the result of a whisky-drinking contest. Carl Schoepfer, the saloon-keeper, who furnished the liquor, is under arrest, charged with manslaughter.

New Guns for German Artillery.

Berlin, May 28.—The rechartered adopted a credit of 30,000,000 marks for the purpose of rearming the German artillery with improved fieldpieces. Herr Richter, the radical leader, said his party was willing to vote for that amount three times as much as the amount of the rejected naval bill.

"We know well," he said, "that in the matter of artillery, what is saved in iron we might perhaps make up in blood."

Alaska Boundary Treaty.

Washington, May 28.—The senate foreign relations committee today agreed to accept the recommendation of its subcommittee for an amendment to the Alaska boundary treaty so as to provide specially that the acceptance of Mont St. Elias as the initial point of the meridian boundary between Alaska and British possessions shall not operate as concession of any claims of the United States on the sea line between the two countries. As thus amended the committee will recommend the ratification of the treaty.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE

Senate Rushing Through the Tariff Bill.

SOME TEN PAGES DISPOSED OF

Final Conference Report on Sundry Civil Bill Agreed to—It Includes the Suspension of Forestry Order.

Washington, May 28.—The senate made good progress on the tariff bill today, disposing of about 10 pages. Several votes were taken, the finance committee being sustained in each case by majorities varying from six to sixteen. The drug schedule was under discussion, and the debate was largely technical. Occasionally, however, it branched off to general phases of the tariff, though at no time during the day was there a speech of more than five minutes' duration.

Before taking up the tariff bill the final conference report on the sundry civil bill was agreed to, including the provision suspending until March 1 next the executive order creating extensive forest reservations.

Representative Lewis of Washington endeavored today to bring before the house the Cuban question as a privileged question, on the ground that it concerned a friendly relation. Lewis offered a resolution declaring it to be the sense of congress that the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents should be recognized. Speaker Reed declared it out of order, and, on appeal, the house by a vote of 91 to 57 sustained the speaker.

The Pooling Bill Amended?

Washington, May 28.—The senate committee on interstate commerce practically agreed today upon the final amendments to the Foraker pooling bill, which there will be an effort to have reported at the next meeting of the committee, to be held one week from today.

Votes taken on the amendments today leave little doubt that the committee's recommendation will be favorable to the measure when reported. The bill has been perfected, and would have been reported today but for the opposition of Senator Chandler, who is anxious to postpone to the pooling bill. He made a speech before the committee denouncing the railroad pools as trusts.

The amendments agreed upon are numerous and important. The first of these is one limiting the existence of pooling contracts to four years. Another amendment, relating to orders of disapproval by the commission, will read as follows:

"The effect of any order of disapproval, whether made upon the investigation and consideration of such contract in the first instance, or in any subsequent proceeding after the same has gone into effect, shall be to render the contract to which such order relates null and void from the date so fixed, except as to any claims between the parties to such contract arising prior to that date."

There is also an important change in the provisions relating to favoritism in the way of rates, false billing, classification and weights. In the original bill, the offenders in either case were made subject to punishment only by a fine of \$5,000 and for only one offense. The section is amended so as to provide a fine of \$5,000 for the first offense, and "for either a first or second offense or imprisonment for one year for each subsequent offense."

CASE THROWN OUT.

Proceedings Against Henry O. Havemeyer Dismissed.

Washington, May 31.—"Certainly I am satisfied with the verdict," said Henry O. Havemeyer, a few minutes after the jury had returned a verdict of not guilty.

"The verdict," he continued, "ought to be satisfactory to every decent man in this and every other community."

This was the only expression the president of the American Sugar Refining Company would make upon the result of his trial.

The conclusion of the trial was abrupt. The defense produced no witnesses. When the government rested its case yesterday, the defense moved that the court instruct the jury to order an acquittal on six reasons, the principal of which was that the committee did not have jurisdiction, and that the questions asked were not pertinent.

A General Strike.

Pittsburg, May 31.—The national executive board of the United Mine workers of America have decided to order a general strike throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia to secure the 69-cent rate for mining. The order is expected to be in the hands of the workmen within a very few days. More than 40,000 miners will be affected by the order, and a desperate struggle between the men and operators will result. The order, it is said, has been decided upon because of the fact that 13 of the large coal companies in the Pittsburg district have secured control of the lake-front dockage.

Mining Prospectors are Safe.

San Diego, Cal., May 31.—A telegram from Salton states that Kerr and Anderson, the mining prospectors who were thought by their partners, Detrick, to have perished in the desert, are safe at Fish springs, a few miles from Salton on the desert.

The average daily attendance of children in the public schools is highest in Pennsylvania, being 779,000, while in New York it is 757,000.

San Francisco, May 31.—For the last few days the What Cheer stables, on Jackson street, near Davis street, have resembled a veterinary hospital. Over 30 horses have been taken there, and during that time five have died. Not a horse escaped, and those that are now alive were only saved by unremitting attention. It is believed that arsenic or some other poison was mixed with their food.

According to opticians, the eyesight has been seriously affected in some parts of London by the fumes arising from the wood pavement.

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

The Rio Grande Levee Breaks at El Paso, Flooding the City.

Dallas, Tex., May 27.—A special levee. El Paso says that at 10 o'clock this morning the fire alarm sounded the people in the lower part of the city. The levee had broken and the flood waters of the Rio Grande were rushing through the city. The levee that broke was on the canal on Stanton street. The river has reached its highest point since 1891. In a few minutes a large force of men was at work trying to check the rushing waters with sacks filled with sand, but a second break above nacked up the water on the workmen, and they had to retire.

The Texas & Pacific railway officials realizing that hundreds of families were being flooded from their homes, backed in a large number of empty freight cars for the accommodation of the homeless. Not less than 120 houses were swept away, and tonight several hundred men are at work on a levee. They have thrown up a strong bankment to check the advance of the flood, which is running over one of the international street-railway bridges. The splash of the walls of falling houses is mingled with cries of afflicted women and children, who are driven from their homes and moving to the foothills of Mount Franklin.

Several families are now housed in freight-cars, standing in a sea of water. Should the improved levee on Stanton street break tonight the water will flood the business portion of the city.

The ringing of the fire bell this morning saved the lives of many people, who were asleep, ignorant of their danger.

Floods in New Mexico.

Denver, May 27.—A special to the Republican from Santa Fe, N. M., says: Rio Grande flood waters have inundated a part of the town of Socorro, flooding the railroad yards, and scores of farms and orchards are under from one to three feet of water. The damage will be very heavy to fruit trees and crops. Many settlers have been driven from their homes, and scarcely hope now to save even their fine orchards, as it is raining along the valley again tonight, and everything points to a continuance of the floods for weeks to come. The Santa Fe company has a large force working day and night to protect its tracks.

DYNAMITED BY CUBANS.

Cubans Attack a Spanish Military Train Killing and Wounding Fifty.

Havana, May 27.—It is reported from Santiago de Cuba that a Spanish military train from El Cristo to Songo was attacked by 600 insurgents. The train was carrying troops to reinforce the garrison at Songo. At the first shot of the insurgents the train stopped, and Lieutenant Lafuente, who was in command of the Spanish troops, ordered his men to fire on their assailants, but at that moment several dynamite bombs which had been previously placed on the track by the Cubans exploded, killing Lieutenant Lafuente and 12 Spanish privates and wounding 32 others. The locomotive and one car were destroyed by the explosion.

The Spaniards surrendered and the Cubans, after plundering the train and securing a large supply of provisions and munitions of war, burned the remaining cars.

Sixty Spanish soldiers and 200 prisoners, employees of the railroad and officers of the Spanish government, were made prisoners. Two hours later they were set free by order of General Calixto Garcia.

The Spanish military commander of Songo was afraid to go to the aid of the troops, but waited until they were released and the insurgents were far away. Then he sallied forth, and near the town killed two of his men, one of them a non-combatant and the other a Cuban of his own forces. He then returned to town, reporting a victory over the insurgents.

The Only Solution.

New York, May 27.—Nathan Page of Washington, the lawyer who conducted the Moro claim against Spain, has just returned from a visit to England, France and Holland. He was asked about the consensus of opinion in Paris and London concerning the result in Cuba. He said:

"In Paris I met many highly educated Spaniards, and they do not see how Spain can retain Cuba. They and others in Europe think it is only a question of time when Cuba will go to the United States. They do not see any other solution of the problem, and they do not seem to grieve over the situation."

Went to Lee for Relief.

Havana, May 27.—A rumor was circulated in Guanabacoa, near this city, yesterday, that General Fitzhugh Lee, the United States consul-general, was going to distribute money to the poor. In consequence, about 600 persons gathered in anticipation of receiving relief. They were advised by the police that there was no truth in the rumors, and were ordered to disperse. The crowds, however, refused to obey, and the police were compelled to disperse them by force.

Ran Into a Trolley Car.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 27.—An engine on the Jamaica railway ran into a trolley car today, killing three persons and injuring four others.

Debs' Commonwealth.

Chicago, May 27.—E. V. Debs is coming to Chicago soon to promote his socialistic co-operative colony scheme, which involves the raising of an army of 100,000 unemployed men and marching them across the country to some Western or Southern state where a new commonwealth is to be founded.

Paris, May 27.—During a display of fireworks at Nates last evening five persons were killed and a score injured by the explosion of a bomb.

A Woman in the Closet.

St. Louis, May 27.—May Campbell, a variety actress, who came here from Cincinnati, hid in a closet, in Maud Devere's rooms today. She listened while her husband made love to the Devere woman and heard him arrange for an apartment. Then Mrs. Campbell emerged with a revolver and put five bullets into her husband, and into Maud Devere. She then walked to the four courts and gave herself up. Campbell was taken to the hospital, in a dying condition. The woman's husband is slight.

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 special term of circuit court for Grant county will be held at Canyon City, July 19 next.

Fred and Tobey Hanna of Olex, Gilliam county, last week, after plowing was over, killed 1,200 squirrels.