

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

A freight train on the Boston & Maine railroad was wrecked by a wash-out near Woodsville, N. H. The engineer, fireman and brakeman were killed.

Reports from the south of France show the destruction by floods to be greater than earlier reports indicated. The losses are estimated at 200,000,000 francs in the aggregate.

That they may obtain funds to fight the carrying out of the death sentence of their son, the parents of Theodore Durrant will place his photographs on sale. The photographs will show Durrant in prison garb taking his daily exercise with the other condemned men within the walls of San Quentin prison.

A destructive cyclone passed through Lowrey, Minn. Four persons were killed and many injured. Every building in the village was damaged, seven dwellings, the depot, church, elevator and butcher shop being totally destroyed.

Owing to a peculiar land law, or rather no law at all, by which title to land can be acquired in Alaska, considerable trouble is being experienced in Juneau, where the only title to real estate seems to be vested in possession. If a man vacates his house, even temporarily, he is apt to find it occupied on his return, and the last occupant has as much right to it as the former occupant.

The Christian Endeavor excursion train from Oregon was saved from a frightful wreck near Cottonwood, Cal., by Charles Broadhurst, a farmer. Broadhurst discovered that a trestle 20 feet long had been burned out. He saw the Endeavor excursion approaching at a rapid rate, and knew that unless the train was flagged it would instantly be dashed to destruction.

The Simon pack at Astoria so far foots up about 2,000,000 ounces. Senator Davis has reported from the committee on foreign relations an amendment to the general deficiency bill to pay \$6,000 to families of three Italian sailors killed at New Orleans.

Lake Ann, Mich., a village of nearly 1,000 inhabitants, was practically destroyed by fire today. Mrs. Masters, aged 80, was burned to death while trying to rescue goods from her dwelling.

Special dispatches from Boulay state that from 600 to 1,000 rioters were killed during the recent rioting in the vicinity of Calcutta, and it is added that native officials put the death roll as high as 1,800.

The Sultan now shows signs of yielding on the question of cession of the Turkish frontier in the direction of Greece, and the ambassadors are expecting that negotiations of peace will be resumed when it is hoped every thing will be settled in accordance with the views of Europe.

While tamping a shot in the Morning mine, at Mullin, Idaho, an explosion occurred, injuring William Evans and another miner, whose names were not learned. Both men were taken to Wallace, Evans dying on the road. The other man is lying in a comatose condition, with several fractures of the skull.

There was a fatal accident at the San Francisco fireworks display. Edward J. Matthews, 20 years old, while watching the display, was instantly killed by the explosion of a mortar, and his companion, Miss Hildebrand, was badly lacerated on the face, and received a shock to her system which the doctors say may affect her mind.

Telegrams received President Rutherford, of the United Mine Workers, Ohio division, indicate that the order for a general strike of the miners has been complied with generally throughout the mining districts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania, and in some sections of West Virginia and Kentucky.

Averil Dimmick, foreman of the Winona mine, at Lead, S. D., was burned to death, and two others probably will die, as a result of a strange accident. A gasoline pump at a mortar, and the shaft refused to work, and they went to investigate. Gasoline had escaped and covered the wall of the shaft. Their candles ignited it and they were surrounded by fire.

United States Circuit Judge W. W. Morrow rendered a decision in the famous Blythe case which was in the nature of a surprise. He ordered a decree in favor of the English Blythes, as prayed for in their cross-complaint, by default, and in his findings made several rulings which are in direct conflict with those of the state courts.

Samuel Morrow and his daughter Annie were killed by a cyclone near Reno, Minn.

A terrific thunder storm which passed over the Lake St. John district, near Quebec, Can., caused loss of life and considerable damage to property. Owing to the storm the wires are in a demoralized condition, but it is learned that at John Queen's lightning struck the parish church while high mass was being celebrated. A portion of the roof was ripped off, two altars upset and the officiating priest struck. The church was burned to the ground.

THE STRIKE GROWING.

A Complete Shutdown in the Wheeling District.

Pittsburg, July 12.—Nineteen thousand men in this district are idle. There is an almost total suspension of work in the mines along the Monongahela river. The suspension is radically total on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, about five men working there. All the mines closed down today excepting the M. A. Hanna & Company, along the Panhandle; the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, and a few individual mines which can have but little effect upon the situation.

The Hanna mines have about one-third of their usual number of men at work. The coming out of the men along the Baltimore & Ohio is a decided victory for the miners, because these men are working under an ironclad agreement, and by their loyalty to their brethren forfeit \$8,000 in wages which the company holds out.

The situation as to the supply of coal cannot be called serious as yet, because there are from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels of black diamond in stock at the various pools along the river which can be placed in Pittsburg at short notice, and, if need be, a portion of it could be shipped to the lakes.

Up to the present time, no sign of lawlessness has developed among the strikers and there is no evidence whatever that there will be.

A careful review of the situation proves the assertion of the mine officials that the Wheeling division is solidly advocating the strike. Five cars were loaded at the Germania mine yesterday, but it was with coal which had been lying on the dump since work was suspended last week.

It is said that President Gompers will offer to raise a fund of \$60,000 per week to assist the strikers in their struggle.

The Number of Men Out. Columbus, O., July 12.—The United Mine Workers' headquarters report that from 125,000 to 130,000 miners are out.

Florida Filibusters. New York, July 12.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Havana says: An expedition of Cuban filibusters from Florida is reported to have landed on Sunday in Havana province at the mouth of Juncos bay.

When the cruiser arrived at the spot and disembarked her marines, they were fired upon and driven to their boats by a strong rebel force in ambush. After a brief bombardment of the insurgents' position the warship hurried to Havana for reinforcements.

When the filibusters had already left with their munitions and supplies for Castillo's headquarters in the Tapaste hills, closely pursued by Fondevila's Spanish column, which had marched overland from Minas to intercept their movements.

Dr. Augustine Clemente Betancourt, an American citizen, after years of incarceration as a military prisoner in Pinar del Rio and in Cabanas castle as a political suspect, has been liberated and ordered to leave the island, no proofs to substantiate the charges against him having been found.

Manuel Fernandez Cabuquileo, an American citizen captured with the insurgents near Juncos, 12 months ago, and since then confined in Cabanas fortress, has been notified to prepare for an early trial.

Railroads Confiscate Coal. Chicago, July 12.—Railroad companies issued orders to confiscate all coal being carried over their lines. The order carried confusion with its execution, and local coal companies, who expected to receive special shipments to meet the demand of the day, were thrown on their own resources to overcome the difficulty.

The Elks' Grand Lodge. Minneapolis, July 12.—The grand lodge of Elks this afternoon elected the following officers: Grand exalted ruler, M. D. Detweiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; grand chief, leading knights, M. B. Allen, Birmingham, Ala.; Louis Hauser, Newark, N. J.; Charles M. Foote, Minneapolis; grand secretary, George A. Reynolds, Saginaw, Mich.; grand treasurer, Ed S. Ortis, Meadville, Pa.; grand tyler, Scott Holmes, Cincinnati; grand seque, Lew A. Clark, St. Louis; grand inquest, George E. Meyer, Jr., Pittsburg; grand chaplain, Rev. Dr. S. D. Timberlake, New Albany, Ind.; board of directors, Jerome B. Fisher, Jamestown, N. Y.; Hunter A. Graycroft, Dallas, Tex.; George B. Cronk, Omaha.

A Portland Man Drowned. New York, July 12.—The body of a man found in the North river Wednesday with \$207 in his pockets, is believed to be that of Edward J. Johnson, of Portland, Or., who left that city June 11. He was a seaman, and is supposed to have been drowned.

In Session at Toronto. Toronto, Ontario, July 12.—The national conference of charities and corrections began here today.

Destroyed by Fire. Leadville, July 12.—The large plant of the Big Four Mining Company was destroyed by fire today, one miner losing his life. The mine is located about three miles from the city on Breese hill, and is a complete wreck. Three miners were at the 400-foot level and James Gallagher was at the bottom, 1,400 feet below. The man called to him to climb up and he reached a point within seven feet of the level when his strength gave out and he dropped back into the darkness. The other men made their way to the surface through another shaft.

THE CONVENTION IS OPENED

Hundreds of People Turned Away From the Hall.

COAST IS WELL REPRESENTED

Oregon and Washington's Booths Are Among the Finest—Over 30,000 Delegates From the East.

San Francisco, July 12.—The long-anticipated "California, '97" of the Christian Endeavor became a reality with the assembling of the two vast audiences at the Mechanics' and Woodward's pavilions this morning. Ten thousand people filled the Mechanics' pavilion as early as 9:30 this morning, and crowds of delegates and visitors who came later were turned away, no room being left for them on the inside. The hall was a vast bouquet of colors. All was animation and happiness, with the thousands eager to applaud or cheer at every opportunity.

The formal opening was by Rev. F. E. Clark, the founder and president of the great Christian Endeavor movement. Dr. Clark received with frenzied applause by every person in the building. Every man, woman and child stood upon benches and chairs waving aloft flags, banners, handkerchiefs, in fact, every conceivable object to be had. The demonstration lasted several minutes, and Dr. Clark appeared much affected by the heartiness of the welcome.

The meeting at Woodward's pavilion, while not so large, owing to the smaller capacity of the building, was equally enthusiastic. The hall was crowded and hundreds of delegates and visitors gathered outside. Secretary Willis Haer formally opened the convention at this meeting.

The Christian Endeavor hosts have completed their conquest of this city. They have arrived in such numbers during the last 24 hours as to permeate every quarter of the city. All through the late hours of the night and every hour this morning, trains have arrived from east, north and south, bearing thousands of delegates and visitors. Special boats have carried the crowds across the bay, and at the ferries they were met by scores of white-capped guides whose sole duty it is to make the delegates welcome and to pilot them to the headquarters at the Mechanics' pavilion, where every delegate is registered and directed to comfortable quarters in some part of the city.

The scenes at the pavilion resemble a national political convention, except that names are more in evidence on this occasion than usually attend great gatherings. In fact, fully two-thirds of the delegates are of the gentler sex. But their presence tends to make the scene more striking in color and more animated in spirit. All the streets in the business district of the city and in the neighborhood of the different headquarters are congested with the countless thousands of visitors.

Every one seems to be on the move, as if the coming breezes from the Pacific are most welcome after a journey through the burning alkali plains. Men and women alike are decked with ribbons of purple and gold, Endeavor colors, on which are words announcing their state and town. Streams of delegates poured into the pavilion throughout the night and this forenoon, and the young women engaged in the registration department were prepared for anything, and not even the big Massachusetts delegation could rattle them.

The busiest scenes this morning are about the California headquarters. There are 30,000 Endeavors in California, and it seems as though most of them intended putting in an appearance at some time during the convention. Not the least attractive part of this part of the pavilion is the score of pretty California girls who are engaged in distributing badges and imparting information to all those who call.

Oregon and Washington. The work of decorating the different state booths is about completed, and the installing of the coat-of-arms of each given life and color to every nook in the building. One of the largest and handsomest booths is that of Oregon, decorated in purple and gold, the state name appearing in gold letters. The other Northern coast state, Washington, has handsome quarters, violet and white being the predominant colors.

These Passed Ogden. Salt Lake, July 12.—The Endeavor westbound movement is practically over. The Rio Grande Western handled 71 trains, carrying 17,232 passengers, from Grand Junction to Ogden.

Again at Flood Mark. Minneapolis, July 12.—The Mississippi river is within six inches of the highest mark reached in the unprecedented floods of April last. Between 4,000 and 5,000 are out of employment as a result of the necessary closing down of sawmills, and there will be heavy losses on logs if the rise continues. The new power dam has been damaged, repairs resulting from the freshet being in progress and the work being wholly unprepared for this unexpected flood.

Six Burned to Death. Louisville, Ky., July 12.—An Evening Post special from Pineville, Ky., says Hugh Jesson's family living 15 miles north of his place, was burned to death Tuesday night, being unable to escape from the house, which was fired over their heads. The dead are: Hugh Jesson, Mary Jesson, Fanny Jesson, John Jesson, a daughter 8 years old, and Maggie, a daughter 6 years old. The remains of all six were found in the debris.

Suicide of Father and Daughter. Cleveland, July 12.—The bodies of Horace J. Johnson and his daughter Effie were discovered this morning floating near the bridge at Lakewood, lashed together. A 30-pound stone at the end of a rope served to hold the bodies at the bottom of the lake. It is evidently a case of suicide.

In Germany the bridal wreath is usually formed of myrtle branches; in Switzerland and Italy of white roses; in Spain of red roses and pinks; in the United States, France and England, of orange blossoms.

GOLD CONVENTION.

Miners and Mine-Owners in Session in Denver, Colo.

Denver, July 9.—The first international gold mining convention opened today. The most important action of today's session was the adoption of a rule excluding politics from the consideration of the convention. A permanent organization was effected with Governor Prince, of New Mexico, as president.

In point of numbers the convention will satisfy the expectations of its most ardent supporters. There are 600 delegates in all sections of the Union. The Broadway theater, in which the congress convened, was handsomely decorated with national emblems and banners.

At 10:30 o'clock R. F. Hunter, chairman of the executive committee, called the convention to order. After prayer by Rev. M. A. Ellis, Secretary Irwin Mahon read the call. Acting Mayor Scooby welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city, and was followed by Governor Alva Adams, temporary chairman, who delivered an address of welcome with the explanation of the purposes of the convention.

A committee was chosen to draft a memorial to congress to create a department of mines and mining, with a place in the cabinet.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Scott, of Omaha, chairman of the credentials committee, reported that there were no contests, and that the committee had invited all who were interested in mining to become delegates and participate in the discussions. The report was unanimously adopted.

B. F. Hunter, chairman of the committee on organization and order of business, recommended Bradford Prince, of New Mexico, for permanent president; David T. Linton, of Illinois, John Dorn, of Utah, and General Alex Barrera as vice-presidents-at-large, and that each state select a vice-president and member of the executive committee from its delegation.

Hon. Irwin Mahon, of Colorado, was named as permanent secretary, and O. W. Crawford, of Illinois, as assistant. It was also recommended that all discussions be confined to mines, mining and kindred subjects, and that every state, territory or foreign nation be allowed 10 votes, providing they have that many delegates present; if not, then one vote for each delegate. The report was adopted.

INTO THE RIVER.

Terrible Accident to a Bay City, Mich., Trolley Car.

Bay City, Mich., July 9.—An interurban electric car bound for Saginaw from this city crashed through the open draw of a bridge two miles outside this city at 11 o'clock today, and seven passengers were carried down into the river.

A woman, with three children from this city, whose names have not been learned, were drowned. The other three passengers were men. They were seriously injured. The river was dragged, and the body of the woman recovered.

The three male passengers jumped, but all were injured. One of the latter was E. Jenkins, assistant general freight agent of the Michigan Central. He was partially out of the car window when the car went through, and was injured about the arms and body.

Frank Mayo, of Essexville, was badly injured about the legs. A woman, a traveling man from Geneva, O., was so badly injured he cannot recover.

The exact cause of the accident is unknown, but it is believed the motorman was racing with a railroad train, which is a competitor for suburban traffic, and could not stop after the bridge began to swing. The woman who was drowned was found to be Mrs. McClelland, of Bay City.

WILL BE COERCED.

Two American Warships Are on Route to Tangier.

New York, July 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The emperor of Morocco is to be coerced by American men-of-war in order that his subjects may be protected against the subjects who assaulted an American citizen. The vessels are on their way to Tangier. They are the San Francisco, flagship, and the Raleigh. The San Francisco is expected to reach Tangier in a few hours. The Raleigh will arrive at her destination the latter part of the week.

The orders of the San Francisco and the Raleigh were the result of a request received by the state department from Consul-General David N. Burke, stationed at Tangier. Mr. Burke announced that an American citizen had been brutally assaulted; that he had asked the Moroccan government to arrest and punish the American's assailant, and that up to the present time there were no indications that the request would be granted.

Forest Reserves Divided. Washington, July 9.—For the purpose of more effective administration and protection, the forest reservations west of the Rocky mountains has been divided into two districts. Those in California and Arizona are one, and those in Oregon and Washington the other.

Sacramento, July 9.—The governor this afternoon granted another reprieve in the case of Salter D. Worden, the condemned train-wrecker, who was to have been hanged at Folsom penitentiary on Friday next. The present reprieve is until October 15 next.

A bullet reposes in the brain of Oliver Lever, a 10-year-old boy of Ashtabula, Ind. It entered his head about a year ago, while he was playing with a revolver. It causes him no trouble whatever.

Caused by a Broken Flange. Pittsburg, July 9.—A freight train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad was derailed at Faison, Pa., this morning, 10 cars being precipitated over an embankment into Beaver river. Forty tramps were on the train and some of them were caught in the wreck. One unknown dead man and three injured but not taken out so far, and six others are missing. The accident was caused by a broken flange.

Close observation is formed by the united action of the brain and the eye.

DECISIVE VOTE IN THE SENATE

The Upper House Passes the Tariff Bill.

PARTY LINES WERE BROKEN

Seven Present Did Not Vote—One Democrat and Two Silver Republicans Voted for the Bill.

Washington, July 10.—By the decisive vote of 35 to 28, the tariff bill was passed in the senate but 5 o'clock last evening. The culmination of the long and arduous struggle had excited the keenest interest, and the floor and the galleries of the senate chamber were crowded by those anxious to witness the closing scene. Speaker Reed, Chairman Dingley and many members of the house of representatives were in the rear area, while every seat in the galleries, save those reserved for foreign representatives, were occupied.

The main interest centered in the final vote and, aside from this there was little of a dramatic character in the debate. The early part of the day was spent on amendments of comparative minor importance, the debate branching into financial and anti-trust channels.

By 4 o'clock the senators began to manifest their impatience by calls for "vote, vote," and thereafter the last amendment was disposed of and the final vote began. There were many interruptions as pairs were arranged, and then, at 4:45 o'clock, the vice-president arose and announced the passage of the bill—aye, 35; noes, 28.

There was no demonstration, but a few scattered handclaps were given as the crowds departed. Senator Aldrich withdrew his vote to pair with Senator Murphy.

An analysis of the final vote shows that the affirmative was cast by 35 Republicans, two silver Republicans (Jones of Nevada and Mantle) and one Democrat (McHenry). The negative vote was cast by 25 Democrats, two Populists (Harris of Kansas and Turner) and one silver Republican (Cannon).

Eight Republicans were paired for the bill, and the last named against it: Aldrich and Murphy, Chandler and McLaurin, Frye and Gorman, Gear and Smith, Hansbrough and Daniel, Hoar and Harris of Tennessee, Thurston and Allen, Wolcott and George.

The senators present and not voting were: Populists—Allen, Butler, Heitfeld, Kyle and Stewart. Silver Republicans—Teller and Pettigrew.

Following the passage of the bill a resolution was agreed to asking the house for a conference, and Senator Allison, Aldrich, Platt of Connecticut, Burrows, Jones of Nevada, Vest, Jones of Arkansas and White were named as conferees on the part of the senate.

A Six Weeks' Debate. The tariff debate began May 25, on which day Aldrich, on behalf of the finance committee, made the opening statement on the bill. The actual consideration of the bill began the next day, May 26, when the schedules relating to chemicals was taken up. The debate has been continuous since then, covering six weeks and one day.

It has been notable in some respects, although it has lacked many of the dramatic and oratorical features marking past debates. From the outset the advocates of the bill refrained from set speeches, and the discussion was narrowed to a consideration of rates and schedules, rather than general principles.

Aldrich's illness took him from the chamber, and since then the bill has been in the immediate charge of Allison.

The opposition has been directed in the main by Jones, of Arkansas, and Vest, while White, Caffery, Gray and Allen have frequently figured in the debate.

The bill, as it goes back to the house, re-enacts the anti-trust sections of the Wilson act, while the senate reciprocity and retaliatory provisions are substituted for those of the house.

House Conference Named. Washington, July 10.—The house committee on rules today presented a special order sending the tariff bill to conference as soon as it was received from the senate.

The house adopted the special order by a vote of 143 to 107, and agreed to the resolution to meet in conference on the senate amendments, and agree to a conference. The speaker appointed the following conferees on the tariff bill: Dingley, Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Republicans; Bailey, McMillin and Wheeler, Democrats.

First Conference Held. Washington, July 10.—The first meeting of the conferees of the senate and house on the tariff bill began at 2 o'clock. The Democratic members of the conference remained less than 10 minutes. They withdrew, upon intimation of the Republicans that they desired an opportunity to reconcile their differences before consulting the Democrats. With the departure of the Democrats, the Republicans entered upon a general exchange of views. The conferees will meet daily at 9:30 A. M., and continue in session until 6 P. M., with an hour for lunch. They will reassemble after dinner and continue in session until 11 o'clock.

A machine for cutting and buttering bread is in successful operation. It is intended for prisons and reformatories. After the bread is cut, it is pushed on a cylindrical brush spreads on a thin layer of butter.

Death of Senator Harris. Washington, July 10.—Senator Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, died in this city late this afternoon. The senator had been growing constantly weaker for several days, the intense heat which has prevailed greatly affecting him and both doubling his suffering.

BURNED AT SEA.

A Story of Marine Disaster Off the Barbados Coast.

New York, July 8.—Seventeen shipwrecked sailors who just arrived here on the Prince line steamship Sardulian Prince, from South America and West India ports, tell of a battle with that most dreaded of all enemies at sea, fire. The men embarked at Barbados, having been forwarded from there by the American consul. They belonged to the American ship Belle of Bath, which was burned at sea on June 18, about 150 miles eastward of Barbados. Their trip was one which they are never likely to forget.

The Belle of Bath left this port June 2, clearing for Hong Kong with a cargo of case oil. All went well until June 9, when the first week's journey was at an end. The ship was sailing along in fairly good weather, when suddenly it sprung a leak. Captain Curtis ordered all hands to the pumps promptly. The water gained upon them steadily, and every moment it looked as if the vessel would go to the bottom.

After 24 hours of constant work the water was reduced in the hold, but the leak could not be stopped, and the crew worked in relays for nine days pumping the water out.

When the men were almost exhausted on Friday afternoon and some of them on the verge of collapse the cry of "fire!" rang through the ship. First Mate Goddard little thought of smoking at the foremast, and quickly sounded the alarm. Captain Curtis, who was below, watching a few minutes' sleep, sprang on deck and ordered the hatches closed down. In a few minutes dense clouds of smoke were issuing from the foremast, accompanied by flames. The fire was shooting high in the air, and fanned by a breeze, was threatening the whole ship.

Captain Curtis realized at once that his ship was doomed, and that to endeavor to fight the fire would be useless and dangerous. Boats were hastily provisioned. The order was given by the captain to lower them at once. With marvelous rapidity the flames spread all over the ship, and the men were forced to make haste to get into the boats. The boats dropped away to leeward, and the men were put to the oars and rowed away to a safe distance.

By this time the ship was a blazing furnace. The flames had reached the oil and burst out from every part of the vessel. When the flames had eaten their way into the hold a tremendous explosion was heard. The decks of the ship flew up and the sides burst, and a great body of smoke and flame filled the air. It took perhaps half an hour to finish the work. When the smoke died away the men in the water could see the Belle of Bath had been burned to the water's edge.

A heavy sea was running, and with every sweep of the oars the little life-boat was in imminent danger of being swamped. Under light canvas 120 men were made, and after 24 hours' struggling in the rough water, land was sighted. It was early Sunday morning, and the crew uttered a prayer for their escape.

A GIFT BY THE STATE.

Silver Service Presented to the Battleship Oregon.

Portland, Or., July 8.—The magnificent silver service secured by the citizens of the state, as a testimonial to the battleship Oregon, was formally presented by Governor Lord, on behalf of the people, to Captain Albert C. Barker, commanding the battleship, and representing the officers and crew of the Oregon, yesterday afternoon at the Oregon.

The silver service was conspicuously displayed on a large table, resting amid the folds of an American flag. All the naval and military officers were in full uniform.

A conspicuous feature of the ceremony was the presence of 200 sailors, taken from the crews of the two monitors, now lying in the harbor. They were clad in their summer dress suits of spotless white, and presented an exceedingly attractive appearance.

The battalion of sailors was drawn up in line on the west side of the immense drill-room of the Army and, as Governor Lord, with the committee and naval and army officers, came in at the main entrance, the shrill piping of a whistle brought the line to a present, while the distinguished visitors and officers marched in the center of the hall.

The presentation was made by Governor Wm. P. Lord. The response was by Captain Albert C. Barker, commanding the battleship Oregon. When he had finished his address, accepting the testimonial, he was loudly applauded, and a moment after the presentation ceremonies came to a close with three rousing cheers for Oregon and the flag. Immediately after the floor was cleared of tables and chairs, the silver service carefully cared for, and the announcement made that the battalion of sailors would give an exhibition drill. This proved to be a great feature. The precision with which the men responded to trumpet orders astonished the spectators, and at the close of each evolution the sailors were heartily applauded. Some of the movements were exceedingly graceful, particularly the calisthenic exercise with guns, and the admirable performance was watched with the closest attention.

Hartsville, Tenn., July 8.—A frightful boiler explosion occurred on the farm of W. A. Allen this afternoon, by which nine people were killed and five badly injured. Some of the victims were mangled beyond recognition, and pieces of the boiler were blown 700 yards.

The 75th anniversary of the wedding of Jonathan Kaufman and his wife was recently celebrated at their home, in Peñask, Pa. They have had eight children, all of whom are living.

Cleveland, July 8.—An aged man, accompanied by a young woman, his son, a boat here yesterday and went rowing on the lake. When they were out some distance they were seen to be engaged in a struggle, which resulted in both falling into the water, and drowning. The case seemed mysterious until today, when they were identified as H. A. Johnson and his daughter, Eva. The daughter was drowned, and at times very headstrong. It is believed that she became violent in the boat, and that, when her father was trying to quiet her, both fell into the water and lost their lives.

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.

Edward Walker was killed near Brownish by a bucking horse. In Sumpter, Baker county, a man was knocked down and robbed of \$150. Jacob Burchhardt fell in the river at the foot of Flinders street, Portland, and was drowned.

An enterprising man named Long has put in a photo gallery, a newspaper and a steamboat at Wauia. The Pendleton roller mills are grinding about 2,000 bushels of wheat every 24 hours, turning out daily 400 barrels of flour.

Goods to the amount of \$533 were stolen from a store at Pleasant Hill. Rewards aggregating \$550 are offered for the apprehension of the thieves. The Eastern Oregon Association of Baptist churches held its annual meeting at Adams. L. E. Penland, of Helix, was elected moderator, and Rev. Hugh Miller, of Pendleton, was elected clerk.

The McKenzie wagon road across the Cascade mountains is now free from snow, and in good condition for travel. Several thousand head of cattle have already been driven across the mountains on this road.

A herd of sheep that were being driven to the Canyon creek range, back of Strawberry, in Grant county, ate some poisonous weed just before reaching the range, and several hundred of them died on the hillsides. Denny pheasants will be more numerous in the Willamette valley this year than ever before. The weather was fine for hatching and raising the first crop, now being cared for by the cocks, while the second crop is being hatched out.

Peachbottom, an old Indian woman who has been roaming up and down the coast from Rogue river to Humboldt bay, is reported to have perished while attempting to cross the mountains from Crescent City to Happy Camp, on the Klamath river. She was caught in a snow storm. For the scalps of gophers and squirrels, Marion county pays 10 cents apiece for the former in quantities of 10, and 5 cents apiece for the latter in amounts of 20. For wildcats, \$1 is the rate, coyotes \$2.50, bear \$1.50, and congars \$2.50. During the month of June the county treasurer paid out on this account about \$192.

Mr. Wilcox, of Eagle Lake, missed one of his cows a few days ago, and when he finally found her, he discovered that she had adopted a young fawn, and was taking proper care of it. A few days later she gave birth to a calf, and now the calf and fawn receive the same motherly attention.

Washington. The Okanogan river is so low that navigation has been suspended for the season. There are 2,100 children of school age in Walla Walla, being an increase of 81 above the census of last year. The Washington State Philological Society held its second annual convention in the state university at Seattle.

Work on the new cannery building at Blaine is advancing satisfactorily. A force of about 25 or 30 men is employed in construction. Ed McNeil, of Timwater, has made a number of violins of Washington wood. The violins are said to be of excellent tone. The plat of township 24 north, range 11 west, has been placed on file in the Olympia land office, and the township thrown open for entry.

George Brown was drowned in the Hoh river, Chelan county. Indians who recovered the body say he was seized and held under the water by man-o-war eels. John H. Walsh, of Okanoke, has received from the secretary of the navy his appointment as a cadet at Annapolis. Emery Hathaway, of Seattle, has been named as an alternate