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Leaves Corvallis	11:35 A. M.
Arrives Albany	12:15 P. M.

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Leaves Corvallis	12:00 P. M.
Leaves Albany	1:30 P. M.
Arrives Detroit	6:20 P. M.

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Arrives Corvallis	11:15 P. M.

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" Sacramento	3 p. m., 4:35 a. m.
" San Francisco	7:45 p. m., 8:15 a. m.
" Ogden	5:45 a. m., 11:45 a. m.
" Denver	9 a. m., 9 a. m.
" Kansas City	7:25 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Chicago	7:45 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Los Angeles	1:20 p. m., 7 a. m.
" El Paso	6 p. m., 6 p. m.
" Fort Worth	6:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
" City of Mexico	9:55 a. m., 9:55 a. m.
" Houston	4 a. m., 4 a. m.
" New Orleans	6:25 p. m., 6:25 a. m.
" Washington	6:42 a. m., 6:42 a. m.
" New York	12:43 p. m., 12:43 p. m.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which Is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Captain Connell had been warned of the Balangiga plot.

There is intense feeling against insurgents in army circles.

A sensational kidnaping case is reported from Philadelphia.

Czolgosz' work was praised at a meeting of London anarchists.

The state department urged the American Mission board to raise the ransom for Miss Stone.

King Edward is suffering from lumbago.

Serious riots occurred at the Hungarian elections.

Kitchener attacks the British government's war policy.

Sugar trust makes a deep cut in manufactured product.

Flanagan broke the hammer-throwing record at Louisville.

Columbia won the third race and the series from the Shamrock.

The speedy collapse of the Boer resistance is expected by the British war office.

Sunday-closing movement in Lewis county, Wash., declared at an end by the reformers.

Members of the Macedonian committee were implicated in the abduction of Miss Stone.

Banker Bush, of Salem, files new and stronger charges against ex-State Treasurer Metschan.

Secretary Hay may resign.

Martial law will be declared at Cape ports.

In attacks on two British forts 250 Boers were killed.

Anarchist Johann Most was discharged from custody.

President appointed Col. Wm. H. Bisbee a brigadier general of the regular army.

The Teamsters' and Longshoremen's strike at San Francisco has been settled.

The Industrial commission has issued a report on labor legislation at home and abroad.

Boers attacked Kekewich's camp near Pretoria and were repulsed, with heavy loss on both sides.

Harrowing details were connected with the slaughter of Americans in Samar. The president of Balangiga led the assault in person. A heavy force is being sent to punish the rebels.

The Turks are preparing to attack Koweit.

The cabinet discussed Mckay's Pacific cable scheme.

Venezuela is sending more troops to the Goajira frontier.

Pro-Boers in Bermuda aided Dutch war prisoners to escape.

Duke and Duchess of York began their homeward journey.

Prominent names are mentioned in connection with the Heistano affair.

German owners christen their ships in honor of Oregon and the Columbia.

Plans are about completed for the opening of the Fort Hall, Idaho, Indian reservation.

Important decision regarding the sale of lands, on which payments are overdue, by the Oregon State Land Board.

American ship Iroquois dismasted.

Dining car robbed of $400 at Ashland.

Colombia has a cabinet crisis on hand.

Heavy increase in visible grain supply.

Several miners killed in a mine explosion near Victoria, B. C.

Official investigation begun of the alleged Manila hemp combination.

The Duke and Duchess of York were royally entertained by Vancouver, B. C.

Sentinel was deceived in thinking there were intruders at the tomb of McKinley.

A new branch of a society to slaughter whites discovered in the Philippines.

Venezuela's finances are in bad shape, and the feeling against President Castro is growing.

Benjamin J. Goe confesses the murder of Edward McIntyre, in Cowlitz county, Wash., last week.

Admiral Evans, Captain Jewell and Commander Miller were the new witnesses before the Schley court.

Treasury officials figure out an accumulation of $540,000,000 of gold within a year.

The river Dee in Scotland has had more poems written in its honor than any other stream on the British isle.

The English bought $360,000 worth of American shoes in 1898 and increased their purchases last year to $1,150,000. English shoe firms are trying to save themselves by putting in American machinery.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED

Rear-End Collision of Freight Trains on the Panhandle Road.

Logansport, Ind., Oct. 8.—Four Panhandle trainmen met death near Onward, 14 miles southeast of here in a rear-end collision of freight trains, the bodies of three being taken out badly mutilated and the fourth being almost entirely consumed by fire.

During the night, Conductor Weaver, in charge of the second section of train No. 79, an engine and two cabooses, left Hartford City for Logansport. In the rear caboose were Galbreath, Brosius and Greely, who had been working on the gravel train at Hartford City and who were en route to this city to spend Sunday with their families. They were all asleep when the train stopped near Onward to make up steam. The flagman was sent out to watch for the third section from the east, and no danger was thought of until the train loomed up too close for any to escape except Weaver, who jumped and got off uninjured. The third section, with Engineer John Patterson, had attained a high speed, and when it struck the rear caboose the engine reared into the air, turned clear around and came down on its side in the ditch, smashing a number of cars into kindling wood and burning in the debris the sleeping trainmen and the fireman.

EXCITEMENT AT PUEBLO.

Frequent Murderous Assaults Upon Women and Girls.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 8.—This city is in great excitement over a series of murderous assaults upon women and girls. From what can be learned they seem to have been committed by the same person, a Negro or a very dark white man with his face blackened. Last night Mrs. J. P. Henderson was a victim, being half killed with a club while alone in her home, the assailant having induced her to admit him by pretending he had a telegram. He stole a revolver when he departed. Later, a girl in a family named Hamilton was terribly choked by a man who had forced his way in. He left on the bed where the girl had been sleeping, the same revolver stolen at the other place. Mrs. Hickey, who was struck down while riding a bicycle two nights ago is still at the point of death with a fractured skull and can give no clear account of what occurred. Two very young girls have recently been victims of assaults of the most atrocious description. In another case a Negro who seized a young lady on the porch of her home, was chased two blocks by a young man who came out, but escaped. The police have been unable to get any definite information. Report comes late tonight of another case, which is now being investigated.

INSPECTION IS FAULTY.

Engineering Experts Report on Condition of Brooklyn Bridge.

New York, Oct. 8.—District attorney Philbin has made public the report of Edwin Duryea and Joseph Mayer, the special engineering experts appointed by him to look into the condition of the Brooklyn bridge after the breaking of several suspender rods and suspender bands July 24 last. These experts were appointed to make this report with a view to presenting the matter to the grand jury, if it should be found that the bridge department had been negligent. The experts found that the inspection of the structure, as maintained by the bridge department is faulty, but that the bridge is now practically as strong as when completed. One trouble is that the moving loads which cross the bridge have increased so rapidly that the structure must be strengthened. The accident of July 24 is found to have been due to the wind pressure blowing against the platform cars, causing a pressure transverse to the bridge, thus causing the rods to bend. Had careful inspection been maintained, the bending and breaking would have been prevented The experts maintain that the inspection of the brigde should be done by engineers, and not by mechanics, as at present. They find that the safety of the bridge can be increased by remedying the certain defects in the design. They hasten to say, however, that they do not criticise the designer, and call attention to the fact that since his structure was designed, great advancement has been made in such work.

Rev. McCammish Exonerated.

Carbondale, Ill., Oct. 8.—The coroners' jury summoned to inquire into the killing of John C. Brown on the streets of this city yesterday, rendered a verdict last night, exonerating Rev. Joseph McCammish, who shot him. Brown, jealous of the preacher, attacked him with a knife on the public square, but McCammish, who had been told that Brown had threatened to kill him, was armed and shot his assailant through the lung.

No Mining in Siberia.

Seattle, Oct. 8.—D. Evcanhoff, a representative of the Russian government, who has returned from a trip of inspection to Nome and Siberia, states that American miners will be strictly prohibited from either mining on their own account or working for wages, in Siberia. He also states that next spring the treasury department of the Russian government will patrol the Siberian coast with revenue steamers.

NEWS OF THE STATE

TEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Three prisoners escaped from the Lane county jail.

General prosperity is reported from the Grand Ronde valley.

Chinese pheasants are unusually plentiful in Linn county.

Farmers about Salem refuse to sell wheat at 45 cents a bushel.

The business portion of Gresham was almost wiped out by fire.

Rich strikes are becoming frequent in the Cable Cove district.

A Roseburg Chinaman has had both legs amputated below the knee.

A drunken man was robbed of $400 in the depot waiting room at Roseburg.

Hops about Woodburn are beginning to move freely at about 10 cents per pound.

Astoria has not school room enough to accommodate her increased school population.

Placer miners on Hungry creek near Grants Pass make from $5 to $10 per day.

Great interest is manifested by Umatilla farmers in the fair to be held at Pendleton.

The men who robbed the dining car at Roseburg have been arrested in San Francisco.

At the government fish hatchery on the Clackamas over 240,000 salmon eggs were taken in one day.

A 4-year-old child was kicked on the head by a horse near Switzerland, Marion county, and instantly killed.

The Harney County Stockmen's association has passed strong resolutions condemning the leasing of ranges.

Several teams are busy hauling the new machinery to the Maiden's Dream mine, seven miles northwest of Sumpter.

A 12-year-old boy near Woodburn accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded his 1-year-old brother with a gopher gun.

The steamer Altona made her first trip of the season to Independence.

The Golden Standard mine on Galls creek near Ashland has been sold for $40,000.

Machinery is on the ground for a 10-stamp mill for the Gem mine, near Sparta.

John Hart, aged 22 years, was killed by his horse falling on him near Ashland.

The Aurora flouring mills were totally destroyed by fire, supposed to be incendiary.

Oil prospectors in Southeastern Oregon report unmistakable evidences of oil in abundance.

The total assessed valuation of Polk county is $3,771,447, or $641,656 greater than last year.

Close investigations reveal that the feed prospects for the interior stock districts are very poor.

Portland Markets.

Wheat — Walla Walla, nominal 53@53½c; bluestem, 54c; valley, 54.

Flour—best grades, $2.65@3.50 per barrel; graham, $2.60.

Oats—Old, 90@$1 per cental.

Barley—Feed, $15@15.50; brewing, $16.00 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 @ 18; middlings, $20@21; shorts, $19@20; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $11@13; clover, $7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, $5@6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27½c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12½@15c per pound.

Eggs—Storage 20c; fresh 23@25c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½@13c; Young America, 13½@14c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.00@4.00; hens, $4.00@4.50; dressed, 10@11c per pound; springs, $2.00@3.50 per dozen; ducks, $3 for old; $3.00@4.00 for young; geese, $6@9 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@15c; dressed, 10@12½c per pound.

Mutton — Lambs, 3½c, gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound; sheep, $3.25, gross; dressed, 6c per lb.

Hogs — Gross, heavy, $6@6.25; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

Veal — Small, 8@9c; large, 7@7½c per pound.

Beef—Gross top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, $3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 5½@6½c per pound.

Hops—8½@9½c per pound.

Wool — Valley, 11@13½c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 20@21c per pound.

Potatoes—$1@$1.15 per sack.

Keats commonly wrote a short poem in a single day, taking two or three more to polish and complete it.

A South Orange, N. J., man, who has just succeeded in eating 420 clams at a sitting, now offers to eat 500 on a wager.

Oliver Stevens, of Boston, has been the county district attorney for 27 consecutive years. He is a democrat, but has been twice re-elected by the republicans.

BRITISH WAR OFFICE

Closely Revises Reports From South Africa—Kekewich Was Surprised.

New York, Oct. 7.—Discussing the military situation in South Africa, the London correspondent of the Tribune says:

"Colonel Kekewich's force was surprised by Commandant Delarey, as was suspected by military men when the earliest bulletins bearing the marks of close revision by the war office were published. While this engagement supplies fresh proof that scouting is either a lost art or else ineffectual against the stealthy approach of mobile and crafty foes like the Boers, the veterans are satisfied with the fine fighting form displayed by Colonel Kekewich's command. They assert that the British army had grown stale while only half employed in watching railways and moving across stretches of empty country, where Boers eluded pursuit and would not stand, but it is again on its mettle when there is real fighting.

"Colonel Kekewich is regarded by South Africans as a vigilant officer, with a narrow mind and a lack of flexibility While he defended Kimberly successfully it was Cecil Rhodes who recruited the volunteer force of Colonials and imparted courage to the people of the town. Colonel Kekewich did not get on well with Mr. Rhodes, who was the real defender of Kimberly. There is a story that when General French entered Kimberly, Colonel Kekewich asked him to put Rhodes under arrest, but was laughed at. He has been one of Lord Kitchener's trusted lieutenants as an experienced officer, who thoroughly understands Boer tactics."

MAMMOTH DRYDOCK.

Largest in the World—Will Be Boated From Baltimore to the Mississippi.

New York, Oct. 7.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says:

With a general agreement reached by the insurance companies which is expected on the day fixed by the builders, the largest floating drydock in the world will start from Baltimore on October 15 on a hazardous trip down the Atlantic and around the Gulf and up the Mississippi to its new station at Algiers, La. A conference has been held this week between a representative of the firm building the dock and Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, and an agreement reached to start the dock away. It is said that all the companies having insurance on the risk will agree on the date named and the big basin will float off then. Next Saturday it will take the water and the work of preparing it for the cruise will begin. This dock has a lifting capacity of 17,500 tons, and is by far the largest in the world. It is the design of two Englishmen, Clark and Stanfield. The great mass of steel, enclosed on all sides is longer, wider and deeper than the greatest warship ever built, and cost the government over $1,000,000.

KRUGER GROWING WEAKER.

Only Held Up By His Intense Hatred of Great Britain.

The Hague, Oct. 7.—A. D. W. Wolmarans, one of the Boer envoys who has been visiting Mr. Kruger, found the mental condition of the ex-President of the Transvaal to be by no means satisfactory. Mr. Kruger is slowly growing weaker, physically and mentally.

His slowness in reaching a decision on important questions is found to be a serious hindrance to those working in Europe in behalf of the Boer cause. At the slightest question regarding his health, Mr. Kruger exhibits intense irritation and vehemently denies that anything is wrong. The approach of winter causes anxiety, as Mr. Kruger refuses to leave Holland. According to a remark made by a prominent Boer, the ex-presidents' condition would long since have been much worse if hatred of Great Britaiin did not nerve him to continue.

New Chief of Ordnance.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Captain William Crozier, ordnance department, stationed at the Army building in New York, will be selected to succeed General Buffington as Chief of Ordnance of the army, on the retirement of the last named officer next month. Captain Crozier was military representative of the United States at the Hague conference.

Sedition-Makers Revealed.

London, Oct. 7.—The correspondent of the Times at Pretoria says the treason trials have revealed the presence of sedition-makers, who have not only taken the oath of allegiance to the British crown, but, in many cases, have been receiving relief from British authorities. In spite of this they communicated freely with their friends in the commandos in the field, feeling confident that they would be treated leniently if caught. There is no doubt that 10 of the men could be proved guilty.

Butchers Form a Company.

Patterson, N. J., Oct. 7.—Articles of incorporation of the Volunteer Packing company, the formation of which resulted from the strike of the butchers in Muh's establishment, have been filed in the county clerk's office at Patterson. Soon after the strike was declared the striking butchers decided to form an independent company and to run it on the co-operative plan as far as possible. The authorized capital is $100,000.

STRIKE AT AN END

SAN FRANCISCO TEAMSTERS AND LONGSHOREMEN WIN.

Unionism is Recognized—Governor Gage Acted as Intermediary in Bringing About the Settlement of the Controversy—The Strike Has Been On For Ten Weeks.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The teamsters' and longshoremen's strike, which has been on for the past 10 weeks, was settled this afternoon. While the terms of the settlement have not been made public, it is understood that the draymen's association has guaranteed to fill all vacancies with union men. Non-union men now employed are to be retained. The association also guarantees the union men that the present schedule of wages, hours and overtime is to be maintained for one year. It is also said to be stipulated that teamsters are to obey all orders relating to the disposition of freight. The Draymen's association alleges that the question of the recognition of unionism is provided for in the settlement and that it has won every point contended for.

The stipulation that present wages will be maintained for one year is considered a concession to the strikers. Governor Gage acted as an intermediary in bringing about a settlement of the controversy. When the news was made public this afternoon a wave of relief swept over the city. It is expected that a large number of men will return to work tomorrow.

The machinists' strike, which has been on since last May, is not included in the settlement.

TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

Schedule of Wages and Hours Shall Be In Force for a Year.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The terms of the strike settlement are substantially as follows: The Draymen's association, through its executive committee, guarantees that the wages, hours and over time schedule in force before the inception of the strike shall not be disturbed within a year; it agrees that former employes shall be reinstated as far as possible, but does not promise the discharge of efficient non-union men, and it agrees that there shall be no discrimination against union men. The City Front Federation and the Brotherhood of Teamsters agree that the teamsters' strike and the general sympathtic strike shall be declared off, and the men left free to return to work. Employes are to obey orders given by the employer in the regular course of business.

BRUTALITY BY OFFICERS.

Jail Officials Accused of Having Horsewhipped and Maltreated Prisoners.

Seattle, Oct. 4.—Sensational developments are expected to result from charges filed against the police department by George W. Dickinson, general manager of the Seattle Electric Company. In the charges, which were filed with the city council, Mr. Dickinson alleges that his 17-year-old son was horsewhipped at the city jail, after having been arrested by Police Clerk Easson. Young Albert Dickinson had come to the jail to see if his two cousins, who had been arrested at the Grand Theatre, owing to some difficulty, were to be held or released. He, too, was then arrested, but no charge was held against him. He charges that Clerk Easson brutally horsewhipped him while he was being taken to a cell. Patrolman Leighton, the arresting officer of the two boys at the theatre, is also charged with wanton brutality. It is claimed he struck both boys, knocking one against the iron cell, rendering him unconscious, and perhaps inflicting permanent injury.

Mr. Dickinson demands a searching investigation, which will be granted.

Both officers disclaim having used any brutal violence.

Strike at Port Costa Will Continue.

Port Costa, Cal., Oct. 4.—President Luce, of the Warehousemen's union, arrived here today and notified the men that the strike was declared off, and that they could return to work. The employers say that they will take the men back, paying them 30 cents an hour for 10 hours' work. The men will not agree to this proposition. Under these conditions the stevedores will not be allowed to work through sympathy with the warehousemen. The settlement of the strike in San Francisco will not change the situation here, unless the employers agree to pay 30 cents for nine hours' work and 40 cents per hour for overtime.

Grain Dealers' Association.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 4.—Fully 600 delegates from all parts of the country attended the open meeting of the sixth annual session of the National Grain Dealers' association in this city in the new auditorium, at 9 o'clock this morning. Governor Leslie M. Shaw, Mayor Hartenblower and Lafe Young, of the Cereal Club, welcomed the delegates. President B. A. Lockwood, of Des Moines, delivdere his annual address.

A MONTANA LYNCHING.

Masked Men Took a Brute Out of Jail and Hung Him to a Telegraph Pole.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 4.—James Edward Brady, the man who committed an unusually brutal assault upon 5-year-old Ida Pugsley, in Helena, was taken from the jail and hanged to a telegraph pole in the haymarket square, about three blocks from the jail. The crowd was orderly and after the man had been hanged quietly dispersed. There were about 200 men engaged in the affair, and they were all masked. They attacked the jail door with a battering ram and it soon yielded. On gaining admittance, they demanded the keys of the jailer at the point of a gun, and threatened that if he did not yield the man up they would kill him. The jailer then got the man out of his cell and he was given to the mob. When they first took him, Brady asked: "What is it gentlemen?"

The march to the hanging place was quiet. Brady was given a chance to say a word. He declared that they had the wrong man, although he had been positively identified by his victim and a score of other people who had seen him with the child. He also asked that some money that was due him from the Montana Central railroad be sent to a niece, and then he was pulled up. The end of the rope was tied to the pole and the crowd dispersed. Later Sheriff McConnell cut the body down and placed it in a coffin. There will be an investigation today.

MORE LAND FOR SETTLERS.

Fort Hall Reservation Soon to Be Opened—Quinalt Reserve Will Be Next.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The interior departmet is rapidly completing plans for the opening of Fort Hall, Idaho, Indian reservation. The date for the opening has not been fixed, as the preliminary work has not been completed, but it is expected that the reservation, which contains 400,000 acres, will be thrown open to settlement within a few weeks. The Quinalt reservation in Washington, comprising 300,000 acres, will probably be thrown open to settlement next spring. The contract for surveying the reservation is about to be awarded. Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, said today that it was probable the old "sooner" system would be adopted at the opening of both these reservations.

MORE KLONDIKE GOLD.

Steamer Humboldt Brings the Second Largest Shipment of the Season.

Seattle, Oct. 4.—The steamer Humbolt arrived from Skagway today with 216 passengers and about $1,000,000 in gold, half of it in care of the Alaska Express Company. It is the second largest shipment of the season from the Klondike. Among the passengers were well-known Klondike claim-owners, and Lieutenants Camding and Blake, of the revenue service.

The Humbolt brings the news that Sept. 25, the first day on which the press dispatches reached Skagway from the States, was regarded as an epoch in Alaskan history. All the telegraphic news was strongly featured. The story is also told of a fabulously rich quartz strike in the Atlin district, assaying $25,000 in gold to the ton.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION.

Causes a Loss of Nearly Half a Million Dollars—Entire Business Section Threatened.

St. Louis, Oct. 4.—Fire that broke out at 10 a. m. in the plant of the Standard Milling company, on the river front at Alton, Ill., destroyed that and several other buildings, casuing a loss of about $400,000. A high wind blew the sparks broadcast, threatening the destruction of the business section of Alton, and St. Louis was appealed to for help. A special train carried two engines from here, and they, with the local department, got the fire under control at 1 o'clock.

Five Bluff Line freight cars loaded with wheat, the freight house of the Diamond Jo steamship line, and seven buildings of minor importance were also destroyed.

Mission Burned By Boxers.

London, Oct. 4.—A cablegram to the Times from Hong Kong says the Basel Mission at Piang Tong, northern Kwang Tung, has been burned by members of the Triad Society of Rebels. The Missionaries escaped and have arrived at Kia Ying Chow.

London, Oct. 4.—"Thousands of rebels," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong, "after sacking the German Mission at Piang Tong, attacked Hin Nan, a city near Cochin. They were repulsed, but they then attacked Shakma, where they were again repulsed. Two thousand Chinese troops have been sent to suppress them.

Gold Commissioner Suspended.

Seattle, Oct. 4.—Dawson dispatches state that J. Langlois Bell, assistant gold commissioner for the Klondike district, has been suspended from office. No reason has been given for the change. Dufferin Patullo, chief clerk for the office, is taking his place for the time. Mr. Bell has been in Dawson holding this office for 18 months. It is stated his official affairs will be investigated.