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C R Atkins.—Horses, I on right shoulder; cattle, C R on right hip Range in Grant and Morrow counties.

Atkins, J J—Horses, JA connected on left flank; cattle, same on left hip.

Bleakman, Geo., Hardman—Horses, a flag on left shoulder; cattle, same on right shoulder.

Bennett, Cy—Horses, B on left shoulder.

Brown, J C—Horses, circle C with dot in center on left hip; cattle, same.

Boyer, W G, Lena—Horses, box brand or high hip; cattle, same, with split in each ear.

Borg, E O—Horses, P B on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Brien, T. F., Lone Rock.—Horses o with bar under and over on right shoulder.

Barton, Wm—Horses, J B on right thigh; cattle, same on right hip; split in each ear.

Wm. Rudio, Monument.—Brands horses R on right shoulder. Range, Grant and Morrow counties.

Elmer Gentry, Echo, Or.—Horses branded H. S. with a quarter circle over it, on left stifle. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Allison, O. D.—Cattle brand, O D on left hip and horses same brand on right shoulder. Range, Eight Mile.

Cook, A. J., Lena—Horses, 90 on right shoulder; Cattle, same on right hip; ear mark square crop off left and split in right.

Currin, R Y—Horses, 22 on left stifle.

Cunningham, W B, Newton Ranch—Horses, with tigers 8 under it on left shoulder; cattl same on left hip and thigh, left ear square cut.

Cox & English, Hardman—Cattle, C with bar in center; horses, CE on left hip.

Cooper, H A—Horses H C on left shoulder; cattle H C on left side, swallow fork on right ear.

R. E. Cochran, Monument, Grant Co., Or.—Horses branded circle with bar beneath, on left shoulder; cattle same brand on both hips, mark under slope both ears and dewlap.

Douglass, W M—Cattle, R D on right side, swallow-fork in each ear; horses, R D on left hip.

Flock, Nelson—Horses, TF connected on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Ear mark, hole in right and crop off left.

Lienallen, John W.—Horses branded half-circle JL connected on left shoulder. Cattle, same on left hip. Range, near Lexington.

Florence, L A—Cattle, LF on right hip; horses F with bar under on right shoulder.

Florence, B P—Horses, F on right shoulder cattle, F on right hip or thigh.

Armstrong, J. C., Acton—T with bar under it on left shoulder of horses; cattle same on left hip.

Gay, Henry—GAY on left shoulder.

Goble, Frank—Horses, 7 F on left stifle; cattle same on right hip.

Gannage, A. L.—Horses, 31 on right shoulder.

Finneken, B A—Horses, 9 on left shoulder; cattle, 9 on left hip

Humphreys, J M Hardman—Horses, H on left flank.

Hayes, J M—Horses, wineglass on left shoulder cattle, same on right hip.

Junkin, S. M.—Horses, horseshoe J on left shoulder. Cattle, the same. Range on Eight Mile.

Johnson, Felix—Horses, circle T on left stifle; cattle, same on right hip, under half crop in right and split in left ear.

Kirk, J T—Horses 69 on left shoulder; cattle 69 on left hip.

Kirk, J C—Horses, 17 on either flank; cattle on right side.

Larsen, Rasmus—Horses, R L on left hip.

Lewis, J R, Lena—Horses, P with — over it on left shoulder.

J. W. Leahey, horses branded L N on the left shoulder; cattle branded the same on left hip; wattle over right eye, three slits in right ear.

Minor, Oscar.—Cattle, M D on right hip; horses M on left shoulder.

Morgan, S N—Horses, M) on left shoulder cattle, same on left hip.

McCumber, Jas A, Atwood—Horses, M with bar over on right shoulder.

Morgan, Thos—Horses, circle T on left shoulder and left thigh; cattle, Z on right thigh.

Mitchell, Oscar, Pettysville—Horses, 77 on right hip; cattle, 77 on right side.

McClaren, D G—Horses, Figure 5 on each shoulder; cattle, M2 on hip.

Neel, Andrew, Lone Rock—Horses A N connected on left shoulder; cattle same on both hips

Newman, W. R.—Horses N with half circle over it on left shoulder.

Nordyke, E—Horses, circle 7 on left thigh; cattle, same on left hip.

Oller, Perry, Lone Rock—P O or left shoulder

Pearson, Olave.—Horses, circle shield on left shoulder and 24 on left hip. Cattle, circle shield on left hip. Range on Eight Mile

Pearson, Jas., Pine City.—Horses b2 on left hip low down.

Parker & Gleason, Hardman—Horses IP on left shoulder.

Piper, J. H., Acton—Horses, JE connected on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip, under bit in each ear.

Henry Patberg, horses branded with a Roman cross on left shoulder; cattle branded with Roman cross, bar at bottom, on left hip.

A. C. Pettys, Pettysville—Horses, diamond P on left shoulder. Cattle, J HJ connected and inverted on left hip; crop off left ear and split in right wattle or inside of right fore leg above the knee.

Rood, Andrew, Hardman—Horses, square cross with quarter-circle over it on left stifle.

Reninger, Chris—Horses, C R on left shoulder.

Rector, J W—Horses, JO on left shoulder. Cattle, O on right hip.

J.

Spray, J. F.—Horses branded SF connected on right shoulder; cattle same on both hips.

Spray, J. C.—Horses branded S on right shoulder, cattle branded S on the right hip and a smooth crop off of the left ear.

A. L. Swaggart, Ella, horses branded 2 on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip. Crop on left ear, wattle on left hind leg.

Straight W. E.—Horses shaded J S on left stifle; cattle J S on left hip, swallow fork in right ear, underbit in left.

Sayer, Robt—Horses, S on right shoulder; cattle square on right hip and S on right shoulder.

Swaggart, L, Alpine—Horses, S S on righ shoulder.

Sapp, Thos.—Horses, S A P on left hip; cattle same on left hip.

Shobe, Dr A J—Horses, DS on on left hip; cattle, same on left side, wattle on left side of neck ears cut sharp at point.

Stevenson, Mrs A J—Cattle, S on right hip swallow-fork in left ear.

Shelton & Son—Horses, S on its side over an on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Sperry, E G—Cattle, W C on left hip, crop off right and underbit in left ear, dulap; horses, W C on left shoulder.

Swaggart, G W—Horses, 44 on left shoulder; cattle, 44 on left hip.

Stewart, Geo., Hardman—Horses circle c on left shoulder.

Smith, E. E, Lone Rock, Or. Horses branded a crossed seven on left shoulder; cattle same on left side. Range, Gilliam county.

Thompson, J A—Horses, Z on left shoulder cattle, 2 on left shoulder.

Tippets, S T—Horses, C— on left shoulder.

Wade, Henry.—Horses branded ace of spades on left shoulder and left hip. Cattle branded same on left side and left hip.

Wells, A S—Horses, s's on left shoulder; cattl same.

Wyland, J H, Hardman—Circle C on left thigh

Woodward, John—Horses, UP connected on left shoulder.

Wallace, Charles—Cattle, W on right thigh, hole in left ear; horses, W on right shoulder, same on left shoulder.

Wren, A A—Cattle, running AA with bar across on right hip.

J. S. Young, Gooseberry, Or.—Horses branded T S on the right shoulder.

W. H. Crowley, Long creek—Horses branded circle 5 on left shoulder.

Whittier Bros., Drewy, Harney county, Or.—Horses branded W B, connected on left shoulder.

## LAND NOTICES.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Oct. 9, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, Oregon at Heppner, Or., on Oct. 26, 1889, viz:

*Elihu B. Stanton,*

Hd. 2008, for lots 3 and 4 and S½ NW¼ Sec. 1, Tp. 4 S., R. 24, E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

J. H. Jones, Fred Ashbaugh, O. D. Allison and Wiley McBee, all of Eight Mile, Or.

(43-48) F. A. McDonald, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Oct. 9, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, at Heppner, Or., on Nov. 27, 1889, viz:

*Edward Rood,*

Hd. 994, for the S½ NE¼ and W½ SE¼ Sec. 4, Tp. 4 S. R. 24, E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Jake Williams, J. H. Allen and Herman Neilson, of Eight Mile, Or., and J. S. Young, of Gooseberry, Or.

43-48 F. A. McDonald, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Sep. 19, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, Oregon at Heppner, Or., on Nov. 12, 1889, viz:

*Solomon Mayfield.*

Hd. 1199, for the lots 3 and 4 and E½ SW¼ Sec. 18, Tp. 2 S. R. 26 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land viz:

John Hughes, Frank Goble, John Yount and Chas. Linn, all of Heppner, Or.

340-45 F. A. McDonald, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or., Sept. 5, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, at Heppner, Or., on Oct. 21, 1889, viz:

*Justus Beaman,*

Hd. No. 2457 for the SE¼ Sec. 4, Tp. 2, S. R. 26 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Frank Goble, William Barton, Geo. Shipley and Frank Gentry, all of Heppner, Or.

338-43 F. A. McDonald, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or., Oct. 11, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Morrow county, Or., at Heppner, Oregon, on Nov. 26, 1889, viz:

*James W. Leahey.*

D. S. No. 8648, for the W½ E½ Sec. 10, Tp. 3 S. R. 27 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land viz:

James Neville, Mat. Hughes, W. G. Roger and W. M. Batty, all of Heppner, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

343-348 Henry Rinehart, Register

### NOTICE OF INTENTION

Land Office, La Grande, Or., Sept. 25, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Morrow county, at Heppner, Oregon, on Nov. 12, 1889, viz:

*Robert Burkhardt,*

D. S. No. 8947 for the E½ SW¼ & W½ SE¼ Sec. 23, Tp. 5 S. R. 28 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Wm. Warren, Joe Nelson, W. R. Casey and S. W. Floreon, all of Heppner, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above-mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

03-N7. Henry Rinehart, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at LaGrande, Or., Sept. 25, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge, or in his absence before the county clerk of Morrow county, at Heppner, Or., on Nov. 9, 1889, viz:

*Andrew J. Cook,*

Hd. No. 8112, for the W½ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼ & NE¼ SE¼ Sec. 9, Tp. 3 S. R. 29 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

B. B. Mann, E. Padgett and James Daugherty, of Lena, and Thos. Howard, of Heppner, Or

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

03-N7. Henry Rinehart Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles Or., Sep. 24, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Morrow county, at Heppner, Oregon, on Nov. 12, 1889, viz:

*Albert J. Stuckey.*

Ds. No. 8661, for the SW¼ NW¼ Sec. 13, and SE¼ NE¼ and E½ SE¼ Sec. 14, Tp. 4 S. R. 25 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz:

Robt. Knighton, Theodore Tox, Frank Kramer and Wm. Reininger, all of Heppner, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

340-45 F. A. McDonald, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at LaGrande, Or., Sept. 9, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county or in his absence before the clerk of said county at Heppner, Or., on Oct. 25, 1889, viz:

*Annie Crump*

Hd. No. 4419 for the N½ NW¼ SE¼ NW¼ & NW¼ NE¼ section 20 Tp 1 S, R 27 E. W. M.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

N. A. Kelley, John Williams, W. Doonan, Andy Tillard, of Heppner, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

339-44 Henry Rinehart, Register.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles Or., Sept. 13, '89.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Morrow county, at Heppner, Or., on Oct. 28, 1889, viz:

*Thomas L. Buckley*

D.S. 8657, for the NE¼ section 24, Tp. 2 S, R 26 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

John Willingham, James Leahey, Dick Howard, E. Eskelson, of Heppner, Or.

339-44 F. A. McDonald, Register

## SHOT BY A NEGRO.

### Thomas B. McDevitt and Son Wounded by H. E. Gibbs.

### WOULD-BE MURDERER ESCAPES.

The Boy's Condition Critical—Father's Injury Not Dangerous—A Murderous, Unprovoked Assault—Officers in Pursuit.

Oregonian, Oct. 12.

Last evening, Thomas B. McDevitt, depot master of the O. R. & N. Co., and his son, James M. McDevitt, 15 years of age, were shot by H. E. Gibbs, a colored porter of a Pullman car.

The boy's wound is dangerous, but not necessarily fatal, while Mr. McDevitt's wound is not serious.

About 8 o'clock Mr. McDevitt went along the platform, from the O. R. & N. depot to the Fourth street crossing, to signal a train which was coming across the street bridge. He had a lantern in each hand, and was accompanied by his son.

While he was waiting for the train to come in sight, Mr. M. C. Pennington, cashier of the Pullman Car Company, came up in company with Gibbs, from a Pullman car, and told McDevitt that the porter had been abusive to him, and asked that he be placed under arrest. Mr. McDevitt, who is clothed with police powers, took both lanterns in one hand and laid the other on the porter's shoulder, saying, "Young man, you are under arrest."

The fellow at once broke away and pulling a revolver fired at McDevitt, the bullet striking in the left side just below the watch pocket, cutting off his watch chain, and following around the ribs. The boy seeing his father shot, rushed to his rescue, and Gibbs shot him, the bullet entering the right breast near the nipple and it is supposed passing through the lungs.

Mr. McDevitt handed his revolver to Nightwatchman Sherry, who came running up, and told him to pursue Gibbs who ran off, and then turned his attention to his boy, who had sunk to the platform. He was placed in a carriage and taken home. Dr. Rand was summoned, and when a reporter called, about 9 o'clock, he was awaiting the arrival of another physician before making an examination of the wound. The condition of the boy is very critical, but he bore up like a hero, while the father was paying no attention to the bullet in his side, but was only anxious about his son.

Mr. Pennington at once informed the police of the affair, and gave a description of the would-be murderer, who is a stout young negro, or mulatto of a yellowish color, with full face and protruding eyes, and weighing about 185 pounds. Detectives Gritzmacher and Barry and Captain Watson started out to look for Gibb's, and every effort will be made to prevent his getting away from the city.

GIBBS STILL AT LARGE.

Half an hour after the shooting, the officials at Albina arrested a colored man whose peculiar actions led them to believe that he knew something regarding the whereabouts of the guilty man if he was not the guilty man himself. He was held in custody until officers Griffin and Wing went there to identify him. One look at the man convinced them that he was not Gibbs and a rigid cross-examination satisfied them that he knew nothing regarding the whereabouts of that murderously disposed individual. He was then set at liberty.

At half past 11 o'clock last night chief of police Parrish and Officers Gritzmacher, Barry, Griffin and Belcher held a consultation as to the best method of effecting the capture. They were satisfied that Gibbs was in hiding somewhere along the wharves, and they were further satisfied that he could not make his escape by other means than walking. Telegrams had been sent in every direction, so that the authorities could intercept him if he left the city by any line of transportation, whether by rail or water.

LATER.

At 1:30 a. m. Drs. Bevan and Rand had finished dressing the boy's wound, and he was resting easily. He is shot through the lung and no attempt was made to probe for the ball. His condition is very critical, but hopes are entertained that he will pull through.

Mr. McDavitt was examined, but the position of the bullet was not ascertained. It is, however, supposed that the bullet has followed around a rib, and the wound is not considered dangerous.

THE END.

Retribution Overtakes a Young Woman's Betrayer.

Port Townsend, Wn., Oct. 9.—Charles Miller, a gambler by latter day profession, died Sunday of lung fever. He was accompanied during his last intervals by a handsome woman, introduced and known as his wife. Frequently, during delirious moments, in the presence of visitors, he would in most pathetic terms ask forgiveness from some woman whom he called Blanche, and refer to a child. Nothing was thought of the circumstance until after his death, when Sheriff Delantly received a telegram from Duluth, Minn., signed Blanche Miller, asking for particulars concerning her husband's death.

An old acquaintance of Miller's said a few years ago Miller was a respected, industrious man, employed in Duluth, and became infatuated with a young woman of good family, whom he betrayed and was compelled to marry. Leaving Duluth on the day of the marriage, he came West and plunged into reckless debauchery, which ended by some one shooting his arm off. Several months ago he married a respectable girl of Tacoma, who was unaware of his gambling profession. Miller was a handsome man of good family, and well known throughout the Northwest.

Notable Death.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 13.—Judge Mortimer M. Jackson, consul at Halifax from 61 to 62, deid here to-day.

## A MANSION IN ASHES.

The Palatial Home of Studebaker at South Bend.

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 9.—The magnificent stone house of Clem Studebaker, which cost about $300,000, was almost entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The residence was one of the largest and costliest in the world. The interior was finished in the costliest of native and foreign woods, while it was furnished in the richest style throughout, and the art gallery was filled with rare works of art, and these are all destroyed.

Studebaker was absent as member of the international congress, and was to have entertained that body in his home the 19th instant. The rest of the family, except Mrs. Studebaker and her grand child, were also away.

Mrs. Studebaker discovered fire this morning in a closet under the rear stairway. It was evidently started by the spontaneous combustion of some old rags the painters had been using and thrown in there.

The flames spread all over the building in an incredibly short time. The servants had a narrow escape, and Mrs. Studebaker herself was found on the terrace almost insensible and dangerously burned, and clasping her grandchild in her arms.

Owing to the careful manner in which the structure was built, it was supposed to be nearly secure from fire. Studebaker carried but $20,000 insurance.

## MR. VILLARD AGAIN.

A Gigantic Railway Consolidation Scheme.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—A dispatch from Milwaukee says that a private letter written by President Colby, of the Wisconsin Central and Northern Pacific to the stockholders reveals a gigantic railway consolidation scheme that will connect the two oceans and revolutionize railway traffic. It is the consolidation of the Wisconsin Central and Northern Pacific systems. An amicable traffic agreement was the first step.

Henry Villard, through an alliance with Charles and Joseph Colby, has obtained a majority of the stock of the Northern Pacific, and a sensation in railroad circles is promised within the next ten days. Henry Villard will be restored to the presidency of the Northern Pacific, and one of the greatest railway consolidations of the world will be consummated.

Even now contracts have been signed whereby the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is to enter into an agreement with the consolidated Wisconsin Central and Northern Pacific lines, connecting the two oceans. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe system is also in the deal, reaching Mexico and Southern California.

Chicago will be made the center for operating the three great railroads.

The Northern Pacific will be extended from Puget Sound and built into Alaska, making a continuous line from New York to Sitka.

## THE O. R. & N. LEASE.

The Proposed Modification Does Not Affect the Rental.

New York, Oct., 9.—Dow, Jones & Co. issue the following, dated from Boston "In the circular sent out by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company regarding a modification of the indenture of the lease, nothing was said concerning a 5 per cent. rental. Inquiry on our part shows that the modification does not affect the rental in the least, except to confirm and strengthen it."

## AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

A Woman's Land Entry Rejected by Commissioner Groff.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Land Commissioner Groff has rendered a decision in the case of Mrs. Barr, formerly Wasson, a resident of the Mitchell, Dakota, land District.

It appears from the testimony that in July, 1885, Mrs. Barr, then a resident of the state of Iowa, went to Dakota on a visit and while there took up eighty acres adjoining the tract then recently entered by Michael Barr. She purchased a house and had it moved on her claim, broke one acre and made other improvements. At that time, she says in her testimony, she had no intention of marrying Mr. Barr, but later they were married, when they moved their houses up close together on the line and sodded them up all around on the outside, making one house. They were then married and Barr put his bed, stove, table, etc., in his house, and she put her bed, stove, table, etc., in hers. There was no means of communication between the two different parts of the house, except by going outside, each having an outside door.

She testified that she acted in good faith in making the entry, not knowing Michael Barr at the time and having no understanding with the Barr family; that she complied with the homestead law fully.

Mrs. Barr's claim is rejected on the ground that a husband and wife cannot maintain a separate residence at the same time in the same house, so that each by virtue of said residence may perfect an entry under the homestead law.

It is said that there are a number of cases in the general land office similar in all important respects to the case of Mrs. Barr.

## A NEW TIME SYSTEM.

A Revolution in the System of Transmitting Correct Time.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—What is claimed to be a revolution in the system of transmitting time from a central point is soon to be inaugurated by the Western Union Telegraph Company. The idea is to transmit daily, or as many times a day as required, correct time to each individual clock under the jurisdiction of the system. The clocks were self-winding—that is, from year's end to year's end no hand need touch them, the whole machinery being run by wires of the Western Union. The first week or so wires will be connected with the government signal service at Mare island. In a few weeks, however, the clock at the Lick observatory will be synchronized with all the other clocks of the system. For ordinary business purposes this will be done at 11:55 each day, and for which purpose the Western Union will close their lines to the public for ten minutes.

For special purposes, such as jewelers, railoads, and others, clocks can be synchronized every fifteen or thirty minutes. During the period of synchronizing, the standard clock at the observatory will take possession of the wires and temporarily control all the clocks connected with it, securing absolutely uniform time throughout the entire system.

It is intended to use the system all over the state. To inaugurate the system, Superintendent Jaynes says it will cost about $4000.

It is proposed to make a charge of $1 per month for the service. The omnibus, cable and railway company is having clocks placed throughout its offices, and the Southern Pacific Company is investigating the matter with a view to using them over its entire system.

## WALLA WALLA NEWS.

A Desperate Convict Shot While Attempting to Escape.

Walla Walla, Oct. 10.—This morning a convict named Charles Clark, sentenced from Seattle for a term of thirty-six years, made an attempt to escape by jumping on the break beam of the train loaded with brick for Spokane Falls. The warden ordered him off, but he refused to obey. Two guards fired, one ball making a flesh wound in his arm; the other bullet entered the fleshy part of his leg. He tumbled off when shot, and the doctor who was called in pronounced the wound in the leg serious, but thought he could save the limb The wound in the arm was slight.

Harry Neville, an old typo of Walla Walla, well known throughout the entire Northwest, died at his home in this city to-day of hemorrhage of the lungs.

Mrs. Marshall, an old pioneer of Walla Walla, died to-day. She suffered a severe stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago, since which time she has been slowly sinking.

This afternoon a little daughter of T. J. Baily fell down a stair opening a distance of fourteen feet, striking on her head. Her skull was fractured and her face badly cut, and it is thought she will die.

## FROM ASTORIA.

Election at Astoria of K. of P. Grand Officers.

Astoria, Oct. 10.—The following officers were elected at to-day's session of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias of the Oregon jurisdiction: Grand chancellor, O. H. Irvene, of No. 7, Albany; grand vice chancellor, A. A. Cleveland, of No. 17, Astoria; grand prelate, C. E. Bayard, of No. 9, The Dalles; grand keeper of records and seal, Ward S. Stevens, of No. 2, of Portland (his ninth re-election); grand master of exchequer, Walter B. Struble, of No. 2, Portland; grand Master at arms, Adam Crossman, of No. 27, La Grande; grand inner guard, Gustaf Schulze, of No. 12, Portland; grand outer guard, Charles Fellows, of No. 2, Portland. The installation will probably take place to-night.

## GREAT IS DAKOTA.

A Wheat Crop of Over 44,000,000 Bushels Reported This Year.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 9.—Commissioner of Immigration Hoggarty, has issued the last report of the bureau of immigration of the territory of Dakota, in which he says: "Reports were sent broadcast over the country that the crops in Dakota were almost a total failure, yet, out of what seemed to be disaster, Dakota surprises the world with a succession of splendid crop totals. Again the Empire territory distances every state and territory in the production of wheat, and rolls up a grand total of 44,009,092 bushels, a total based upon a careful estimate, nearly every bushel of this great amount being of the very highest grade."

## TACOMA NEWS ITEM.

Lattin, the Murderer of Grant, Indicted.

Tacoma, Wn., Oct. 9.—The grand jury to-day brought in a true bill in the case of Lattin, alias Martin, charged with the murder of C. C. Grant, his roommate, some months ago. Grant was the man who came from Spokane Falls some months ago with Lattin, and was murdered in a lodging house for his money. Two widows claimed his estate.

## PROBABLY A FAKE.

Vice-President Smith, of the B. & O., Says There Is Nothing in It.

Baltimore, Oct. 9.—Regarding the great railroad consolidation scheme reported from Chicago, First Vice-President Orlando Smith, of the Baltimore & Ohio, said this morning, "There is nothing in it."

He believed that the cause of the rumor lies in the fact while the Baltimore & Ohio inspection party was in Chicago recently they looked over the terminals of the Wisconsin Central Company there.

## PAT KILLEN STILL EXPLAINING.

A Half Pitiful Attempt to Maintain His Fallen Prowess.

St. Paul, Oct. 9.—Pat Killen has posted a forfeit of $500 here for a fight to a finish with any heavy weight in the country, Joe McAuliff preferred, for $2500 a side. He says if McAuliff will come to St. Paul he will guarantee his expenses. In a letter to a local paper Killen says he dislocated his shoulder in the third round of his California mill, and was not able to fight after that.

## A GOOD COUNTRY TO LEAVE.

Great Destitution Reported in Stevens County, Kansas.

Topeka, Oct. 9.—The governor has endorsed the appeal from the people of Stevens county for aid, and urges that a hearty response be given to the call for food, fuel and clothing. The farmers of that country have suffered four successive failures of crops, and they are without means of support for the approaching winter.

## IT IS UNCLE SAM'S ROAD.

### UNION PACIFIC'S SWINDLING PLOT.

The Company to Escape Payment of Its Enormous Debt by Surrendering the Old Line and Operating a New and Better One.

[From the Chicago Herald.]

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 2.—Quietly and without any undue advertising of the scheme a railroad deal is being manipulated west of the Rocky Mountains which interests every taxpayer to just the extent that the general government is the creditor of the Union Pacific non-subsidized lines from the subsidized system and the placing of the non-subsidized lines out of the reach of the government, against that day when the Union Pacific shall be called to a reckoning, from which there shall be no escape. The name of the consolidated system of lines divorced from the Union Pacific is the "Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern Railway Company." It embraces the Oregon Short Line Railway, running from Granger, Wy. T., to Huntington, Oregon; the Utah Northern Railway, a narrow gauge road running from Ogden, Utah, to Silver Bow, Anaconda, Butte City and Helena, Montana; the Utah Central Railway, running from Ogden to Salt Lake City and thence to Frisco in the southern part of Utah; the Utah & Nevada and the Ogden & Syracuse railroads. The general offices of the new system, which is a corporation by itself, standing entirely independent of all other corporations, have been located at Salt Lake City. The Oregon Short Line is the Union Pacific's route to Oregon and Washington, and it connects with the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company at Huntington. The Oregon Short Line Railway is the lessee of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and the Union Pacific has nothing to say to the Oregon Navigation that does not pass through the hands of the Oregon Short Line. This consolidation strips the Union Pacific of all its feeding lines west of the Rockies, leaving nothing except the main line terminating at Ogden. The officers of the consolidated system, as it is known here, are all Union Pacific men, and include President Charles Francis Adams, who fills the same position on the Union Pacific, and George M. Cummings, general manager, also assistant general manager of the Union Pacific. Edward Dickenson, general superintendant of the Union Pacific, is also a prominent figure among the stock holders of the consolidated system.

It is interesting to recall right here the manner in which the Utah Northern Railway, one of the most important lines divorced from the Union Pacific, was built. The government was not given to the practice of allowing the Union Pacific to openly divide its surplus earnings among its stockholders in the old days when tariffs were higher than the Sherman pass