

**After Brother Baker Again.**

Brother Baker, of the Tillamook Headlight, says that it is easy to distinguish between people at Tillamook who have gone out from North Yamhill and "North Yamhillers" areso far behind the times that they have not yet learned the benefits derived from use of wide tire farm wagons, says North Yamhill Record. "We quite agree with Brother Baker as to the superiority of the wide tire, but are not a little surprised to learn that any one considers them unpopular at North Yamhill, since, to our knowledge, there are many of them in daily use at this point. There are, some narrow tires still in use at this place, and it is quite possible that those who persist in using them are, as Brother Baker suggests, away behind the times; and this fact, if it is a fact, would more clearly account for their going to Tillamook for an outing."

To which Brother Baker, of the Headlight, will politely add, had these people located in Tillamook instead of Yamhill county they would have become so prosperous that they would have procured wide tire wagons long, long ago, and would not be exposing their poverty now by driving about in antediluvian vehicles, cutting up the roads and smothering everybody in dust and mud as they do about North Yamhill. And no wonder that these "North Yamhillers" want to come to Tillamook, for here they breathe the pure air, enjoy the even temperature, see the meadows green with thousands of milch cows in splendid condition grazing, and, above all, an industrious, intelligent, prosperous and contented class of people; and, as for enjoyment, they know that North Yamhill is the last place in the world to find it. It would do the North Yamhill Record man lots of good to visit Tillamook, for then he would wonder why in h—l he remained in that dusty, dirty looking burg so long running a poropieric newspaper, and a patent outside sheet at that, with the expectation of getting support from people who continue to use narrow tire wagons.

**NEHALEM.**

The mill is still closed down and the tug and barge still remain there.

Supervisor Smith has a crew of men at work putting in the bridge north of Rocky point and improving the grade to the approaches. This is a piece of work that will be much appreciated.

Capt. Thompson is now doing the freighting from the mouth of the river up.

Steve Scovell and Rob Crawford took out a band of beef cattle last week.

There will be a Sunday picnic on the South Fork at Balm on Sunday next.

**NETARTS.**

Henry Crenshaw brought quite a crowd over from Tillamook Sunday to spend the day on the beach.

Mr. Briggs and family spent Sunday on the beach.

A crowd of campers went to the Light house on Sunday.

Geo. W. Phelps went to Tillamook city on Saturday.

Willard Bzell and family and Mrs. Pearmaine left for their homes in the valley the first of the week.

Peter Asp and family of Cape Meares spent Sunday boating and fishing on the bay.

Geo. Baibe and family left Tuesday for their home in Sheridan after a pleasant outing on the beach for the past two weeks.

Marion Phelps went out to Beaver Tuesday.

Quite a lot of people from Tillamook and Fairview are camping on the beach.

Frank Rogers and family, of McMinnville, left for their home Tuesday. They will camp on the Nestucca river and fish two or three days.

**Work of Four Bandits.**

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 19.—Four masked men, fully armed, made a rush through the rear entrance of the Log Cabin saloon from Resort street at 10:45 this evening, and demanded all to hold up their hands. Dangerous-looking shotguns and revolvers were flourished in a wild manner, and the occupants of the gambling room complied with the order. One of the bandits covered the fargo dealer with a revolver. His hand shook like a leaf. Another took the bank-roll, \$300. The other two men got the money \$100, from the safe in the saloon, in front, and had ordered the bartender to open the till, which he did, when the man who was covering the fargo dealer in the back room accidentally discharged his revolver in his nervousness. The ball just missed the dealer's head and lodged in the wall. All four men ran quickly out the back door, while the astonished crowd of bystanders, who still had their hands up, watched a crowd gather from the street.

The robbers left behind the money in the till, about \$50, and \$250 on the crap, roulette and "21" tables.

It was evident the men were inexperienced, and the police think they will get the robbers.

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**Items of General News.**

The Hiatt & Reesner saw mill at Gales Creek, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon. The loss is \$3000 and there is no insurance.

During a severe storm on Tuesday night the steamboat City of Golconda capsized, while trying to land at Crowells six miles from Pederalu Ky. The boat turned over while the passengers were at supper. There were about 60 persons aboard at the time, and 35 persons were drowned or missing.

Captain Sycamore of Shamrock II, who witnessed Monday's race between the Constitution and Columbia, when asked what he thought of these two boats, remarked that they were so much alike that he did not care which one would be put against the Shamrock II. He thought however, that the Constitution is a much finer finished boat than the Columbia.

It has been finally decided to dredge the Robertson log raft out of the mud at the entrance to Westport slough, as the tugs Tatooch and Richard Holyoke have been unable to pull it into deep water of the river channel. Captain Robertson is in Portland trying to secure a dredge, and it will be several days before the work is accomplished.

Oregon will have a banner crop of apples this year. Conservative estimates place the total amount of first-class fruit to be harvested at 700 cars, or to be more exact in detail, at about 21,000,000 pounds. These figures have been gained from Commissioners of the State board of Horticulture, who closely inspect the various districts at regular intervals.

The American Minister, Mr. Conger, is urging Washington's attention to the persistent occupation of Tien Tsui University by the Germans, who refuse to vacate the building or pay rent, thereby preventing Dr. Tenny from continuing his educational work, which the Chinese desire him to resume.

Dr. Louis Knapp, aged 40, a practicing physician of St. Louis, has forever separated himself from his wife and four children, and will become isolated from the world, to nurse Doug Gong, the Chinese leper who was found there two weeks ago. The doctor, who is a graduate of a Detroit medical college, took final leave of his family.

The Secretary of the Interior has received a telegraphic report from ex-Governor Richards of the sale of town lots at the three county seats in the newly opened reservation in Oklahoma. At Lawton 609 lots have been sold for \$286,370. At Anndako 647 lots brought \$160,665, and at Hobart \$107,194 was paid for 652 lots. These prices are considered good.

Mrs. Sarie J. Engdahl, who was found dead beside the road three miles south of Pendleton, caused her own death by taking an overdose of oil of tansy. This, in substance, was the verdict returned by the Coroner's jury. Mrs. Engdahl was a book canvasser. She had been riding in a road cart, bound toward McKay Creek, having just left the home of H. H. Hoopes, where she had dined. The body was found by J. S. Holmes.

The hopcrop of Yamhill County this year will be about 55,000 bales, as against 30,000 bales last season. The recent warm weather has been highly beneficial to the crop, destroying mold, lice and other insects. The quality of the hops will be first class. Buyers are offering nine to ten cents per pound in advance for picking purposes. Few growers, however, are signing contracts, as they have or can secure money for picking without pledging their crops.

The steamer John S. Kimball arrived from Nome on Monday, the first vessel for two weeks. She sailed from Nome August 8. The passengers bring hard luck stories from Nome, and say that when winter sets in there will be the usual number of destitute men, who will have to face starvation or be given transportation to Puget Sound. Most of the passengers had money upon reaching Nome, but through efforts to reach reported strikes have expended their last dollar, and are now seeking work.

The resignation of Charles M. Hays, as president of the Southern Pacific Railroad, is an assured fact, and it can be stated on most positive authority that his successor will be Samuel Morse Felton, the president of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, now located at Chicago. With the selection of Samuel Morse Felton as president of the Southern Pacific, there can be no doubt that the Union Pacific Railroad has absorbed the California system, and the policy of the local railroad will be directed hereafter from the headquarters of the Union Pacific lines in Omaha.

General MacArthur by an interviewer in San Francisco, said: "War has wrecked the Philippines and laid waste whole districts. The people in many districts have relapsed into barbarism. The best conditions prevail in Northern Luzon. You may say that the whole territory is pacified, but not tranquilized, but it will not be many months before law and order are observed everywhere. While the conditions are not perfect, they are gratifying. A few groups of armed insurgents are still at large, but they will soon surrender, as their power is broken and they are not being aided by the natives. These natives have come to see that surrender does not mean death and they are coming in every week with their rifles."

Those at the head of the movement which was started some time ago to present a loving cup to Admiral Cervera, for his kindness to Lieutenant Hobson and his men while they were prisoners at Santiago, express themselves as much gratified with the interest which has been taken in the matter. A. P. Clark, a resident of that town, says that testimonials are being received constantly, heartily favoring the plan, and that among these was a letter from Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, saying: "I shall be glad to see a testimonial of his magnanimity given to Admiral Cervera." Lieutenant Hobson has asked to be allowed to head the list of subscribers.

The longest railroad tunnel in the United States, and one that will be num-

bered among the four longest in the world, will be built through the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, if the present plans of E. H. Harriman are carried out. Chief Engineer Hood has sent out a corps of 15 men to make preliminary surveys, and their work is expected to be completed in six weeks. The tunnel project, which will involve an outlay of from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, contemplates the boring of a hole 27,000 feet, or something over five miles in length, through the heart of the Sierras. Besides saving a climb of 1500 feet, the tunnel will shorten the road about seven miles, and is expected to effect a great saving in operating expenses. It is stated that with Sierra tunnel built and the other plans of the company for the straightening of curves and reducing of grades in Nevada and Utah completed, passenger trains could be run between San Francisco and Chicago easily in two and a half days. This means an average speed for the whole distance of not more than 40 miles an hour.

The regular northbound extra freight train that left Grant's Pass Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock was wrecked two hours later near tunnel 7, north of Gledale. The wreck was one of the worst in the history of the Southern Pacific. The train crew escaped with slight injuries, some of them receiving cuts from broken glass of the caboose and engine. The train was a long and heavy one, drawn by three engines, with Engineers Gray and Dempsey in charge. Near the middle of the train were three cars loaded with giant powder. In going up the steep grade near Tunnel 7, the train broke in two. The emergency brake being instantly set, brought the train to a sudden stop, the severe concussion of which exploded the giant powder in the three cars, blowing them to atoms and damaging those immediately in front and behind them.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, erstwhile a Free Silver Republican, and in 1896 a supporter of Bryan, but since his last election a good straight Republican again is quoted as saying in regard to the next Republican candidate for President: "In my opinion, Senator Hanna will be nominated. He seems to have the best chances thus far of any of those mentioned, and I believe the more the people understand him the better they will like the idea of his candidacy. Mr. Hanna is capable of handling the affairs of the White House. He is a much stronger man than some people give him credit

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for, and the campaign developments of the last four years demonstrated that he is one of the ablest men in the country. I think he would make a great candidate, and I look for his nomination."

**Coffee on Free List.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Felix A. Reeve, acting solicitor of the Treasury, has rendered an opinion on the question raised by Federico DeGetau, resident Commissioner to Porto Rico, as to whether a customs duty of 5 cents a pound should not be imposed on all coffees imported into Porto Rico from the United States, under the terms of the Foraker act. The solicitor holds adversely to Mr. DeGetau's contention, and in the course of his opinion says:

"It is evident from the care with which coffee was excluded in the Foraker act from the free list in respect to importations from the United States during the existence of the 15 per cent duty system, that it was the intention of Congress to recognize and protect the coffee industry in Porto Rico. But I regret to say that I see no escape from the conclusion that the broad and unrestricted provision of section 3, abolishing all tariff duties on merchandise and articles going into Porto Rico from the United States, upon the enactment of a local system of taxation" etc., embraces the duty on coffee as well as the duty on any other article of merchandise. The case seems to me to be one of inadvertence on the part of Congress."

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