

General News.

Reports of losses from the prairie fires in Kansas continue to come in, although the fires have burned themselves out. Near Holland six members of the family of John McClure, a farmer, were burned, none fatally. At Holland the United Brethren Church and several small buildings were destroyed.

A Lewistown, Mont., dispatch says: Lewistown has been cut off from communication except by telegraph with the outside world for three weeks. Three trains are buried in the snow between here and Lombard. Nobody knows just where, although repeated efforts have been made to reach them with snow-plows.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific announces that they will offer home-seekers' excursion rates to Western points during March and April. The rate is on a basis of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, and is independent of the one way colonist rate, which went into effect on March 1. The first excursion will be on March 15.

John Turner, the English labor leader, who was arrested in October, while conducting a meeting, has since been detained on Ellis Island awaiting deportation on the ground that he is an anarchist, was released on \$5000 bail, pending the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on his application for a writ of habeas corpus.

Justice Pritchard overruled the motion of Samuel A. Groff, one of the recently convicted defendants in the postal trial, and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment in the Moundsville Penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$10,000, sentence to begin on arrival at the penitentiary. Groff immediately furnished bond for \$20,000 pending an application for a new trial.

Fire insurance rates on risks in the congested districts of large cities are to be advanced, according to the Journal of Commerce. The great losses in Baltimore, Rochester and other cities thoroughly aroused the underwriters in regard to the danger of conflagration in important business centers throughout the country and a committee of 20 was appointed by the executive committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to discuss the whole subject of business risks.

Among the snow-covered slopes of Pike's Peak, Wash., neighbors are searching for John Montague, an aged Pike's Peak hermit who has been missing for ten days, and who neighbors fear is lost. It is feared Montague has been lost in the timber. He is nearly 70 years old, and runs a small bunch of cattle on Pike's Peak, which is an eminence in the Blue Mountains southwest of there. He formerly lived in Walla Walla, but recent years have only seen him there when supplies were needed or when he had some of the products of his mountain ranch to sell.

Secretary of State Dunbar has received from the State Printer the first copies of the pamphlets containing the full text of the direct primary law, which will be voted upon by the people on June 6. Ninety thousand copies of each pamphlet will be printed. The printer has already turned out 30,000 copies of the local option law, and 60,000 copies of the direct primary law. The former fills 20 pages and the latter 52 pages. In a few days the Secretary of State will distribute these pamphlets to the several counties in sufficient quantities so that each voter may have one, free of charge.

At Baker City, Charles Regnier, a brother of William Regnier, the clever young forger who is under arrest awaiting a hearing before Judge Eakin, has paid all bills contracted by the young man as the result of his crooked work. William Regnier is only 19 years old, yet experts say he is the cleverest forger who has operated in this city for a long time. His work was so perfect that the man whose name he forged could not tell which was the bogus and which the genuine signature by comparison. The forgery was detected by reason of the fact that the man knew that he had not issued checks for the amounts called for, and for the further reason that the checks in his checkbook of the corresponding numbers with the forgeries had not been torn out.

Thomas Emerson, a colored man who was stabbed in the heart Monday by his sweetheart, has been the subject of an unusual operation at Philadelphia. His heart was lifted out of the body and six stitches were taken to close the big gash made by the negro's knife. The organ was replaced and Emerson is recovering. After the assault Emerson walked without assistance to the hospital, a distance of five blocks, and was put under the influence of ether as soon as the wound had been examined. On the operating table the heart was exposed by a long incision which necessitated the breaking of several ribs. The operating surgeon inserted two fingers and lifted out the heart. It was drawn clean out of the trunk, yet it went on with its work with almost normal steadiness and regularity. The cut was a large one and required six stitches. The pleura was opened and a gathering of blood removed. After the wound had been

dressd Emerson was extremely weak, but is rallying slowly, and the surgeons believe he will recover.

At Aberdeen, Wash., a jury in the Superior Court fixed the rate of boomage charges on the Humpulips River at 50 cents per 1000 feet on logs. The verdict was rendered in the case of the Gray's Harbor Boom Company vs. the Little Logging & Mercantile Company. The boom company sued to recover a boomage charge of 65 cents a thousand on logs boomed for the defendant, and the defendant considered that 35 a thousand was a reasonable sum to be charged. After listening to the evidence for two days the jury returned a verdict fixing the charge at 50 cents, thereby cutting the amount in dispute in two. The verdict is important as it will effect the charges of all loggers on the river.

That Joe Monaghan, who herded cattle and rode the range about Ontonagon, Or., for 25 years in the guise of a man, and whose real sex was not known until her death, was none other than Kate Bender, the notorious Kansas murderess, is the rumor current there. While there is no proof positive that this statement is true, it is a well-known fact that Joe Monaghan appeared at Ontario only a short time after the escape of Kate Bender. It is also claimed that Mr. and Mrs. Bender, father and mother of the notorious Kate, and as deeply implicated in the multi-murders at their Kansas road-house, as was their daughter, now reside on Snake River, not far from Ontario. However, the Bender disappearance has been one of the historic mysteries of the West, and although many have professed knowledge concerning its true solution, nothing authentic has ever resulted. Who Joe Monaghan really was will probably never be known, but there is, of course, a chance that the truth will at some time become known regarding her strange life and lonely death.

Flee From the Flood.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 7.—A cloudburst occurred above Dixie, in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, about 6 o'clock tonight, and as a result ranchers along Mud Creek bottom have been compelled to flee from their homes to the hills, and communication with Dixie and points intervening has been broken off.

Fears are entertained for Dixie, which lies only four feet above the creek. Trainers report the water overflowing the track, and rushing down the hills in torrents. Details of the damage cannot be obtained, owing to communication being interrupted. The creek here, to which Dry Creek is tributary, was about three feet higher than usual at midnight. Ranchers along Dry Creek report the rise of the water unprecedented.

Mob Kills Negro.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 7.—Richard Dixon, a negro, who fatally shot Police-man Charles Collins yesterday, was taken from the County Jail at this place tonight by a mob of 800 men and shot to death in the jailyard. Later the body was hung to a telegraph pole at the corner of Main street and Fountain avenue, and the mob spent half an hour riddling the body with bullets from several hundred revolvers.

Collins was shot by Dixon Sunday morning while the latter was in his room in a hotel here removing his baggage. He had decided to quit the place, and fearing trouble with Anna Corbin, a woman with whom he was acquainted, Dixon asked Collins to go to the hotel with him. While in his room Dixon and Miss Corbin quarreled, and Dixon is said to have shot her in the breast. The policeman then attempted to arrest Dixon, when the latter fired into the officer's body, inflicting fatal wounds.

All afternoon the killing of Collins was the sole topic of conversation in town, and both Police Judge Miller and Common Pleas Judge Mower were freely censured. They had both sentenced Dixon at various times to the jail and the workhouse from two to six months, but he was always released before the expiration of his sentence. It was the general feeling that a trial would only result in an insufficient sentence, and talk of a mob was frequently heard before supper.

Parson is a Slugger.

MILTON, Or., March 7.—Rev. R. L. Cartwright, pastor of the Christian Church of this city, and Otis Ingle, one of the leading members and also president of the Christian Endeavor Society, as well as a leader in the temperance cause in this city, engaged in a fist encounter this afternoon on Main street. It appears trouble has been brewing between these two ever since the appointment of Rev. Mr. Cartwright to this charge two years ago, where he was called from Kentucky. He is a single man, and has won considerable favor with the fair sex of his congregation, much to the annoyance of Ingle, who is somewhat of a winner himself.

This afternoon Cartwright called at Ingle's place of business and asked him to take a walk. They were noticed to engaged in an animated conversation, in which language was overheard unbecomingly Christian gentlemen. When in front of the residence of one of the leading physicians of the city, they were seen to exchange blows. A clinch followed, and the reverend gentleman showed him-

self to be master of the situation, and remarked: "I will chew his face off." It soon became evident to Mr. Ingle that he was carrying his words into effect, and Ingle's lusty cries for help soon brought assistance.

Ingle, smarting from the severe punishment, and thirsting for revenge, proceeded to swear out a warrant for the arrest of the clergyman, but was again outwitted by the reverend gentleman having immediately paid his fine to City Recorder Tolson.

It is learned that Cartwright has resigned his pastorate. Ingle is a nephew of Charles Ingle, the saloonkeeper of Freewater, who was one of the principals in the disgraceful scene at Freewater last Saturday night.

REPEAL IS URGED.

Timber and Stone Act is Attacked.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The commission appointed by the President on October 22, 1903, consisting of W. A. Richards, commissioner of the General Land office; Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester of the Department of Agriculture, and F. H. Newell, Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service, to make suggestions regarding revision of the laws relating to public lands, has made to the President a partial report which was sent to Congress today. It recommends the repeal of the timber and stone act, and the substitution of suitable provisions for selling, after appraisal, the timber on public lands that is needed in large or small quantities for industrial purposes.

The committee also recommends the repeal of the law permitting assignment of entries under the desert land law and urges the importance of a more careful administration of law especially as to those provisions relating to obtaining an adequate permanent water supply.

It advocates the restricting of the commutation clause of the homestead entry where such entries are located within forest reserves or where the land is chiefly valuable for timber. It suggests the outlines for a law permitting homestead entries upon agricultural land within forest reserves and the survey and description of such agricultural lands by metes and bounds rather than by the regular system, thus permitting the agricultural lands to be selected along the valleys and to embrace the good tillable land without taking in extensive tracts of side hill.

The recommendation also is made that when lands are restored to entry after temporary segregation ample time should be allowed homesteaders to exercise their rights, giving them the preference over persons who may wish to select the land by the use of script or other form of entry.

SOUTH PRAIRIE.

Everyone is anxious to have warm spring weather, especially dairymen, as grass is short and the bad weather has been hard on stock.

The new bridge across Tillamook will be completed this week.

There was an enjoyable dance given at the factory by Mr. Grey.

Wm. Bibby has gone to Ashland, Or., to visit his aunt.

Mr. Darby is able to be up and around, after suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

Miss High's school will close on the 18th of March. She has been engaged to teach another term.

Hay is getting scarce with some of the dairymen.

Willis Powell has traded his fine draught team of horses for a smaller team, with a good margin to boot.

BEAVER.

Alley Poland was seen out horseback riding a few days ago after being lamed up with a broken leg.

W. A. Sailing, Mr. Brown and Miss Sailing visited Tillamook the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Ginn is teaching school at her home now.

Mr. Bays and daughter, of Blaine, have been visiting his son, Marcus and wife, at the store.

Fred Bigelow and wife moved out in the valley last week. Tommy King took them out.

Mr. Farmer is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. West visited him Sunday.

I claim that there has been three dispensations of God's will. 1st. To the circumcision under the law by the Leviticus priesthood known as the old testament from Abraham to John. 2nd. What is known as the new testament which covered the life and works of Christ and his disciples. 3rd. The age in which we live which began on the day of Pentecost under the administration of the Holy Ghost, the conscience being our way of comprehending the true standard of righteousness. The new or old testament has no jurisdiction over those who are led by the spirit.—J. C. GOVE.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County, administratrix of the estate of Henry H. Alderman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified as by law required at the office of Eddy & Bots, attorneys at law, at Tillamook City, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this February 4th, 1904. EDITH M. ALDERMAN, Administratrix of the Estate of Henry H. Alderman, deceased.

TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon. March 2nd, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

HENRY DUNSTAN, Of Tillamook City, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4966, for the purchase of the W 1/2 of sec 34, Se 1/4 of Sw 1/4 and lot 4, of Section No. 31, in Township No. 2 south, Range 10 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon, at Tillamook City, Oregon, on Saturday, the 4th day of June, 1904. He names as witnesses: Charles B. Wiley, James M. Morgan, Edward Morgan, Andrew Wiley, Austin of Seltis, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of June, 1904. ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon. February 13th, 1904. 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 Tillamook County, at Tillamook City, Ore., on March 26th, 1904, viz: NEL NELSON; H. E. No. 12155, for the Sec. 14, sec. 2, tp. 3 north, range 10 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andrew Klein, Charles A. Handy, Dan J. Handy John E. of Seltis, Ore. ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon. February 23rd, 1904. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by MELBA HILZ HILZ, contestant, against homestead entry No. 13871, made January 28th, 1904, for Sec. 14, and Sec. 15, Sw 1/4, section 21 and Nw 1/4, Sec. 14, section 20, tp. 1 south, range 10 west, by HARTWIG A. KLEIN, contestant, in which it is alleged that contestant is well acquainted with said tract of land and knows the present condition of the same, and that the said entryman has never established his residence on said tract of land and did not within six months of the date of his said entry establish his residence in a house on said land; that said entryman has never built a house on said land or caused the same to be done; that the said entryman has abandoned said lands for more than six months next prior to the making of this affidavit, to-wit: since or about January 1, 1902, and has not at any time since that date resided on said land or any part thereof and that the said absence of said entryman from said land was not due to his being engaged in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or mariner, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States has been engaged, and that he is hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a.m. on March 19th, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon.

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