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Fatal Accident.

PRESIDENT (A. T.), July 23.—George Opydyke, a California pioneer of 1850, but who has resided in Arizona since 1868, was thrown from a wagon by a runaway horse on the 21st inst. He was killed by the fall, and his body was buried to-day.

Another Electric Railway to be Built.

SUTTER CREEK (Cal.), July 23.—The Directors of the Amador Railway and Light Company have closed a contract with W. E. Marsh, a civil engineer, to commence the survey of the electric road, running from Ione to Jackson via Sutter Creek. The work on the preliminary survey will begin to-morrow, and will be pushed as rapidly as is possible.

Joe Dye's Slayer Acquitted.

LOS ANGELES, July 23.—The jury in the case of Mason Bradford, for the killing of Joe Dye, this afternoon, returned a verdict of not guilty. The record of defense was Dye's murderous ground and continuous threats, causing the partial insanity of Bradford.

A Hot Day in Portland.

PORTLAND, July 23.—The Weather Bureau report says: The temperature to-day has been higher than ever known in this city, the thermometer reaching 102 from 2 P. M. till 5 P. M. the thermometer stood from 100° to 102°.

Regular Earthquake Weather.

CARSON (Nev.), July 23.—There have been lightning, wind and rain in Carson since 6 P. M. The entire heavens are covered with golden clouds. Masses of dust are flying over the city. It is regular earthquake weather.

Fierce Forest Fire.

ANDERSON (Cal.), July 23.—A fierce forest fire has been burning south of Anderson for two days. This afternoon it came near town, forcing the citizens to back fire to save it. The fencing and buildings at Dwinelle were destroyed.

Compton Court-martial.

WALLA WALLA (Wash.), July 23.—The Court-martial of Colonel Compton will close to-morrow. The cross-examination of the witnesses elicited nothing new. Argument for the accused was begun, but not concluded.

Willamette University President.

SALEM (Or.), July 23.—The Board of Trustees of the Willamette University to-day elected Rev. George Whittaker of Marshall, Tex., President, to succeed Thomas Vanocoy, resigned.

Wheatland Hops.

WHEATLAND, July 23.—The first bale of new hops was shipped from the Rodden Bros. ranch to-day. General picking will continue on August 10th. The crop is fine.

Found Guilty of Assault.

YUBA CITY, July 23.—Jerome Calmes, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on Samuel Estlow in a drunken row at Nicolaus in April last, was sentenced on Monday.

Death from Sunstroke.

SONORA, July 23.—Samuel Wyman died near Columbia to-day from the effects of sunstroke. He was a native of Maine, and aged 45 years.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Officers Elected by the General Grand Chapter.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 23.—The General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons this morning elected Joseph P. Horner of New Orleans General Grand High Priest.

It was decided to hold the next convention at Topeka, Kans., in July, 1892.

The General Grand Council, R. & S. M., will also hold theirs at the same time.

Additional officers were elected as follows: Deputy High Priest, George L. McComb of Baltimore; King, R. C. Leman of Toledo, Ohio; Scribe, James W. Taylor of Loxville, Ga.; Treasurer, Daniel Strike of Hastings, Mich.; Recorder, C. G. Cox of Buffalo, N. Y.; Captain, A. G. Holland of Lowell, Mass.; Principal Sojourner, T. Dyas of Paris, Wis.; Royal Arch Captain, William C. Swain of Milwaukee.

Including native troops, the English establishment in India is about 220,000 men.

RELIGIOUS DISSENSIONS.

Dr. Paxton Says the Church is on the Verge of a Revolution.

PITTSBURGH, July 23.—Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton of New York, when asked as to the outcome of the religious dissensions of the day, said: "It wouldn't take an angel to tell that the church is undoubtedly on the brink of a revolution. The case is analogous to the years preceding the rebellion. The South was gasconading and the North vacillating. It needed the great crisis to arouse the people around the flag. In the Presbyterian Church such is the present situation. The followers of Dr. Briggs are openly defiant, and the General Assembly and church is undetermined."

SEVERE HAILSTORM.

Much Grain Destroyed in Minnesota and South Dakota.

ST. PAUL, July 23.—A hailstorm in Deuel and McPherson counties, S. D., last night destroyed thousands of acres of grain. A destructive hailstorm also passed through Norman county, Minn., covering a strip two miles wide and thirty mile long.

SEVERE LOSSES.

ABERDEEN (S. D.), July 23.—Reports are coming in of a destructive hailstorm which passed through the counties north of here Tuesday. The track of the storm extends from Hosmer, forty miles west of Frederick, eastward over one hundred miles and on to the far miles wide. In some localities great damage was done. Hailstones of an immense size fell near Westport, some measuring fourteen inches in diameter. The hail was accompanied by a strong wind of fifty to one hundred miles per hour.

A DEATH BLOW.

WELLSVILLE (O.), July 23.—A terrific wind, rain and electric storm visited here to-night. Trees were uprooted, many small buildings blown over, cellars flooded, and the water that had escaped everything ever seen here. Property of all kinds suffered severely. Telegraph, telephone and fire alarm wires were rendered practically useless.

CROP BULLETIN.

The Average Condition of California Wheat 98.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The agricultural crop bulletin issued to-day says: The average condition of California wheat is 98.

New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania show fine prospect for peaches. Delaware about the average, Maryland unusually good and Virginia rather low. In Ohio and Virginia the crop is very short. In California peaches will yield a full medium crop and pears also.

Concerning California grapes the reports are generally favorable, but wine men feel dependent over the exceedingly low prices for wine prevailing. The phyloxera and Anthonis disease are decimating the vineyards very fast. The outlook for the industry, once so bright, is very gloomy.

Never, perhaps, have the grain crops looked more promising. The acreage of potatoes is considerably more than last year. Southern California is producing a great many export apples. East Los Angeles and neighboring counties will have about 2,500 carloads for export.

About 1,000 carloads of Lima and white navy beans will be shipped from Ventura county.

Concerning wool, special reports show that there has been great improvement in the blood of flocks during the last ten years and a consequent increase of wool.

California sheep, including half breeds, is slightly more than four and a half pounds. The present return, after careful examination and consolidation, makes the average four and nine-tenths pounds, or an increase of nearly half a pound per head. No estimate of the total clip can be given at this time.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS.

Prices Obtained in Eastern Cities Yesterday.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The Porter Bros. Company sale at auction to-day for account of California Fruit Union, realized for Crawford peaches \$2@2 1/2, average \$2 3/4; Purple Duane plums, \$1 15@1 60; Washington plums, \$1 15; Bulgarian plums, 75@80; California plums, 75c; German plums, \$1 25@1 45; Bartlett pears, \$2@1 75; Fontainebleau grapes, \$1 10; Tragedy prunes, \$1 15.

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The Ford Fruit Company sold two carloads of California fruit to-day at auction at the following prices: Bartlett pears, \$1 35; German plums, \$1 00; Washington plums, \$1 75; Gage plums, \$1 30; Purple Duane plums, \$1 05; Royal apricots, \$1 10; Hale's Early peaches, \$1 02@1 50; Strawberry peaches, \$1 25; Governor Garland peaches, \$1 30; St. John peaches, \$1 75; Tuscan Gage peaches, \$2.

BOSTON, July 23.—Blake & Ripley, agents of the California Fruit Union, sold a carload of California fruit to-day, averaging for Bartlett pears, \$1 85; Crawford peaches, \$2 17. Car sold gross for \$1,000.

GOVERNMENT MULLING.

Belief That Thayer Cannot Legally Hold the Office.

OMAHA, July 23.—A veritable bomb has exploded in Nebraska State politics by the announcement of Hon. John C. Watson, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee, that General Thayer, who was declared Governor after the failure of James E. Boyd to qualify for the

GREED FOR GORE.

Horrible Scenes Witnessed About the Execution Place in Paris.

CROWDS WAITING TO SEE CRIMINALS GUILLOTINED.

The Police Forced to Charge the Mobs In Order to Quell the riotous Demonstrations of the Blood-Thirsty Participants—The World's Fair Commissioners to England Formally Presented to Lord Salisbury by Minister Lincoln.

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PARIS, July 23.—Horrible scenes have been witnessed the past week on and about the Place de la Roquette, where criminals are executed by the guillotine. Crowds of the lowest of the low have assembled there every evening, and passed the night in the vicinity, eagerly waiting to witness the execution of murderers and accomplices. On Saturday morning a large crowd gathered about the place in expectation of seeing the execution, which was postponed on account of the marriage of Executioner Derbier's son. Since that time, Sunday morning excepted, vobious and their consorts, as well as a certain number of people of the better class, have gathered every morning about the prison and execution place, singing, shouting, fighting and using profane language.

This morning the crowds were more riotous and otherwise offensive than usual. Consequently the police were compelled to charge the mobs, making many arrests and somewhat clearing the air of the neighborhood.

The garottes, cages and other public resorts in the neighborhood have throughout the week been doing a booming business as the result of this blood-thirsty expectancy, and when the police had cleared the streets the officers had another quite as lively task in clearing out the most disorderly of these drinking places. Here again many arrests were made, and a high percentage of men and women, yelling and fighting, were escorted to the police stations, soiling the very air through which they passed by the horrible language with which they profaned it.

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

The Pope Will Continue to Recognize the Republic.

ROME, July 23.—In connection with the reception accorded Monday to Monsignor Ferrata, the new Papal Nuncio at Paris, by President Carnot, and the Nuncio's announcement that he hoped to draw closer the ties existing between the Vatican and France, it is learned that prior to his departure from Rome Ferrata had a long conference with the Pope and Cardinal Rampoldi, and that the result of that conference he must have mapped out the line of conduct for the application in France of the republican policy of Cardinal Lavigne.

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WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSIONERS.

Minister Lincoln Presents Them to the President.

LONDON, July 23.—United States Minister Lincoln to-day presented the World's Fair Commissioners from Chicago to Lord Salisbury. The British Premier expressed pleasure at meeting the commissioners, and inquired into the prospects for the completion and preparations for the fair.

Lord Salisbury added that the Queen had been invited to the appointment of the Royal Commission for the purpose of supervising the British exhibit, adding that the names of the British Commissioners would be gazetted to-morrow. Ex-Congressman Butterworth, in behalf of the United States Commissioners, returned thanks for the prompt action of the British Government in accepting the invitation of the United States.

After some further conversation Lord Salisbury invited the United States Commissioners to attend a luncheon party at the Director of the Naval Exhibition entertained the United States Commissioners at dinner at the Naval Exhibition.

Irish League Convention.

DUBLIN, July 23.—The League Convention opened to-day with a large attendance. Parnell, who was the presiding officer, was warmly cheered. Referring to Balfour's promise as outlined, of a Local Government bill for Ireland, Parnell said he would join Timothy Healy in making it as comprehensive as possible. The convention adopted a programme which included manhood suffrage, land law reform and the reinstatement of evicted tenants.

Government Victory.

STYENNE (N. S. W.), July 23.—In the debate in the House of Parliament yesterday on the sheep-shearers' strike, Dibbs, the Opposition leader, was defeated by a vote of 100 to 57.

Peruvian Duty on Lard.

CALLAO, July 23.—A specific duty of 11 cents a kilogramme has been imposed on all lard imported into the republic of Peru. The gross weight and measurement, according to the metric system, must be marked on the packages.

Damaging Floods.

VIENNA, July 23.—The serious floods which have prevailed for some time past in Moravia and Silesia has caused enormous damage to farms and crops. Bridges and roads have been swept away.

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