

SHOCKING FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Workman Caught in the Belting of a Planing Mill.

HIS BODY CRUSHED OUT OF ALL SEMBLANCE OF SHAPE.

John G. Pressley, Ex-Superior Judge and One of Sonoma County's Most Prominent Citizens, Dies Suddenly Near Cazadero—A Warehouse at Moscow, Idaho, Blown Up With Dynamite—Serious Runaway Accident in Santa Barbara County.

REDDING, July 5.—A shocking fatal accident occurred this morning at the planing mill of the Shasta Lumber Company, about twelve miles from this city. Louis W. Hamilton, an employe of the mill, was under the building shifting some pulleys, when in some manner he got caught in the big belt of a wheel, and was instantly killed. He was whirled with lightning rapidity around the wheel, and striking the floor, was crushed out of all semblance of shape. The shock of his body striking the floor was heard all over the building, and the workmen thought the engine had broken down. The engineer made an investigation and found the mangled body lying on the floor. A coroner's jury was summoned this afternoon and a verdict of accidental death brought in. Hamilton had no relatives known. He was a native of Missouri and aged 65 years. He was a member of Company A, Eighteenth Regiment of Missouri, having enlisted March 2, 1862.

NEW RAILWAY PROJECT.

Completion of the Survey of the Sonoma and Humboldt Road.

HEALDSBURG, July 5.—The survey of the Sonoma, Mendocino and Humboldt Railway is completed, and the surveying party, in charge of Engineers Lester and Stuckey, will leave for Humboldt County in the morning. The surveyors have been locating a railway line for the construction of a broad gauge from this city through Freese, Cazadero, Anderson Valleys into Eureka, a distance of 170 miles, with a branch line at Fort Bragg, extending to the coal fields of Round Valley. The estimated cost of the road will be \$8,500,000, of which a large amount has already been subscribed by Eastern capitalists.

In a statement for the press Mr. Lester writes: "I have found no difficult problem that cannot be overcome by the use of muscle and powder. It is a matter of cost per mile for construction purposes. Our survey corps will move from here in the morning to the terminus of the Alton River Railway, from which point we will make a location line this way along the preliminary line which we have just completed. The gentlemen back of this enterprise will extend the Alton road to Healdsburg, if they get any encouragement from here and along the route. The Alton road will be extended to Anderson Valley, and a boat line put on between Fort Bragg, Cazadero, Anderson and San Francisco, to connect with trains from Anderson Valley until the line is extended to this point."

JUDGE J. G. PRESSLEY.

One of Sonoma County's Most Prominent Citizens Dies Suddenly.

CAZADERO (Cal.), July 5.—Judge J. G. Pressley of Santa Rosa, aged 62 years, died this morning of heart disease, at Camp Pressley, in a tent. Judge Pressley left Santa Rosa a few days ago for his annual camping outing, apparently in the best of health. He was very prominent in Sonoma County for many years. He was a native of South Carolina and was a member of the Confederate army. He received a number of wounds while fighting in battle. He located in Santa Rosa over twenty years ago, and at once became a lawyer. He was elected County Judge and afterward elected Superior Judge, filling that office with great honor for a number of years. He was a candidate for Supreme Judge a few years ago, and would undoubtedly have been put forward by the Democratic party had he not also been a candidate in this section. He was prominent in church affairs, being a leading member of the Baptist Church at Santa Rosa. He leaves a large family. One of his children is Mrs. W. W. Phillips of Fresno. Only a few days ago the Judge prepared a record of his family. He said it might be found interesting to his children some time.

FRESNO BRIEFS.

Trial of a Ten Thousand Dollar Damage Suit Begun.

FRESNO, July 5.—The trial of a suit for \$10,000 damages before Judge S. L. Carter to-day. The plaintiff is J. W. Foster, and the defendant is ex-Sheriff E. W. Kay of Tulare County. The railway station at Goshon was robbed three years ago by three men, two of whom compelled the station agent to go with them outside of the building, while the third robbed the till. Sheriff Kay was told that Foster was connected in the robbery, and he was arrested. Foster was in jail from 2 o'clock until the next afternoon, when the Sheriff became convinced that he was innocent, and released him. A firm of pottery-makers in the northern part of the State have just reported on the result of an attempt to use clay from near this city. The clay is said to be excellent for the purpose, and the company has sent on an agent here to look over the county with a view of establishing a large factory here. It is reported to the effect that Cliff Regan, the cattle thief, for whom they have been riding for many months in the mountains, was in Fresno yesterday and viewed the parade from the Court-house square. He rode upon a horse, accompanied by a Mexican. The latter remained in his saddle, but the man supposed to be Regan alighted and mingled with the crowd. Someone was seen to whisper to him, and he quickly remounted and rode off at a gallop, and has not been seen since. The officers think that the outlaw would not hesitate to ride into town, although he is well known. H. W. Wilbur, railway agent for the Valley road, is here looking over the various routes under consideration by the joint highway and land grant and member of Commerce committee. They are more lines through the city are talked of, and the committee is at work getting indications from property owners along each of the proposed routes. Mr. Wilbur will probably have a conference with the committee before he leaves.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Three Ladies and a Man Seriously Injured.

SANTA BARBARA, July 5.—As Mrs. S. M. Smith, wife of the President of the

Cutting Packing Company of San Francisco, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ethel Smith, and Miss McNutt of San Francisco, was driving with a party this morning in a four-horse conveyance, their horses escaped control and dashed into a bank on the grade near El Rincon.

The second time blown up. A firm's Warehouse at Moscow for the second time blown up. SPokane (Wash.), July 4.—For the second time in two months the warehouse of Derhams & Kaufman, at Moscow, Idaho, has been blown up with dynamite. The second explosion took place last evening, and was of such force as to cause the buildings to sway, and window glass was shattered all over the town. Citizens of Moscow are aroused to a terrible pitch over the second outrage and will pinch the dynamiter if caught. A general hunt for the guilty wretches was made without success last night. Walter Good and James Jolly, who were arrested Friday, accused of having caused the first explosion, were in jail at the time of the explosion last night, and it is evident that others are engaged in the work. No motive is known.

DYNAMITE IN IDAHO.

A Shingle Mill Burned—Said to be of Incendiary Origin. SANTA CRUZ, July 5.—Ben Lomond was visited by a fire on Wednesday night between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock. It was the shingle mill owned by John Keogh, and the fire was first discovered by the station agent, who hurried to the spot and found the mill in flames. The owner and a couple of employes were on the spot, and succeeded in saving some shingles and one of the shingle machines. The loss is \$2,500, with no insurance. The watchman was away at the time, and it is said to be incendiary. Last night John Keogh's shingle mill was destroyed by fire, and this was rebuilt in its place, and a large amount of new machinery had just been put in place.

LIVERY STABLE IN FLAMES.

All the Live Stock and Buggies Were Saved. GRIDLEY, July 5.—A fire here at 6 o'clock this morning destroyed the large brick livery stable conducted by C. H. Block. The loss is about \$4,000; insured for \$2,000. The fire started in the oil-room and made rapid headway. Block managed to get the live stock and harness out of the building, and the harness shop of A. Edison adjoining the stable was also burned with its contents; loss \$500, with no insurance. The boot and shoe shop of A. J. Anderson suffered considerable damage, but his goods were removed from the building and the loss will be small. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Over Fifty Million Dollars on Hand, Nearly All of Which is Gold. SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—The annual statement of the United States Branch Mint located here is being prepared. J. Farley Wilder of the New York Assay Office is superintending the count of the coin. Altogether there is about \$58,000,000 in coin on hand, nearly all gold. No silver has been coined at the mint since May. Up to that time seigniorage amounting to about \$100,000 was coined in coin on hand, nearly all gold.

Proposed Silver Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—There is every indication that the State Silver Convention, called to convene in this city on August 1st, will be largely attended, and will result in important action being taken to promote the cause of bimetallism. The call was issued by the Executive Committee appointed by the meeting of citizens held in this city on June 10th, and already letters of inquiry have been received from all but three counties, to all of which invitations were given for securing representation at the State Convention.

Regulators going to Camp.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—The First United States Infantry, with the exception of one company, will start for Monterey to-morrow morning to go into camp for about a month's field service. The one company is Company H, Sixth Infantry, which will be sent to the front by the 8th, 10th, and 12th regiments, and Troop C is already there.

Salmon Fishing at Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, July 5.—The salmon this year is splendid, and the local fishermen many. Yesterday was about the best of the season. There was scarcely a boat that caught less than three. Dr. C. W. Doyle and J. F. Cooper landed nice beauties. The fish are quite early, and the visitors are quite enthusiastic over the sport.

Three Horses Perish in the Flames.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, July 5.—This morning a fire destroyed the private barn of E. W. Steel, on his ranch three miles south of here. Three horses perished in the flames. Two wagons, two sets of harness and some hay were destroyed. It is supposed that sparks from a railroad engine started the blaze.

A Child Badly Injured.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 5.—This afternoon at 6 o'clock a little daughter of O. P. McMullin, living on Fourth street, ran over by a hack driven rapidly around the corner through a crowd. The child was badly trampled by the horses, but the doctors think she may recover.

Suicide at Ventura.

VENTURA, July 5.—Jacob Karn, a native of Switzerland and a well-known character in these streets for years, committed suicide at noon to-day. He was despondent over having failed to have received a prize in the California parade yesterday.

Fell From a Train and Killed.

SPokane (Wash.), July 5.—Ruth, the four-year-old daughter of John Sutherland of Portland, fell out of a window of a Great Northern passenger train near Glasgow, Mont., yesterday, and was instantly killed, her neck being broken.

A Murder in Nevada.

THE NEEDLES, July 5.—The murder of a white man, who lived eighteen miles north of here in Nevada, is reported by Indians. The Sheriff will leave for the place in the morning.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

COLON, July 5.—A boiler of the electric works at Cartagenas exploded to-day, destroying three houses, killing ten persons and wounding eighteen others.

TOPICS OF THE TURF.

Some Fast Trotting and Pacing on the Minnehaha Race Course.

HALF-MILE TRACK PACING RECORD BROKEN AT PEORIA.

Opening Day of the Race Meeting at Brighton Beach—Close of the Grand Rapids Driving Club Races—Events at Kansas City, Oakley, Lexington, Milwaukee, San Francisco and Portland—Fresno to Have a Big Meeting in the Fall.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 5.—To-day was a day of fast time at the Minnehaha track. The slowest mile was in the three-minute trot, and the slowest time, 2:23, was made in the first heat. The 2:17 pace brought out some of the fast stappers, but the event of the day was the 2:25 race. Ithural won in three straight heats in better than 2:18.

Two twenty-three paces, unfinished from yesterday, \$1,000, Bright Regent won, Graceful second, Davy B. third. Best time—2:18.

Three-minute trot, \$1,000, May Rose won, Turquoise second, Dalgatta third. Best time—2:23.

Two-twelve trot, \$1,000, Chamois won, S. G. A. second, Burly F. third. Best time—2:12.

Two twenty-five paces, \$1,000, Ithural won, Rosetta second. Best time—2:15.

HALF-MILE TRACK RECORD BROKEN. PEORIA (Ill.), July 5.—Strabher, owned by Dr. William Scott of Centerville, Ia., paced a mile here this afternoon in 2:30, breaking the world's record for a half-mile track.

OPENING DAY AT BRIGHTON BEACH. NEW YORK, July 5.—Considering that the weather was anything but fine, and that yesterday was a holiday, the attendance on the opening day at Brighton Beach was very flattering. Attendance 3,000; track very heavy from frequent showers this morning.

Selling, seven furlongs, Drum Major won, second, Time—1:04.

Selling, five furlongs, Emotional won, Tenderness second, Time—1:04.

One mile, Charrade won, Sir Francis second. Time—1:18.

MILWAUKEE, July 5.—Results: Six furlongs, Jennie J. won, Clinton second, Baldar third. Time—1:13.

Seven furlongs, Lucy Belle won, Madeline second, Lamore third. Time—1:24.

Five furlongs, Legion won, Legion second, Beatrice Mara third. Time—1:02.

Six furlongs, Zaldiver won, Dago second, Frankin I. third. Time—1:14.

Two and one-eighth mile, Montepense won, Fakir second, Lady Ross third. Time—1:55.

AT GRAND RAPIDS. GRAND RAPIDS (Mich.), July 5.—The July meeting of the Grand Rapids Driving Club ended to-day, with excellent racing. In all fifteen heats were trotted, and the 2:37 trot was declared off.

Two and one-eighth mile, Montepense won, Fakir second, Lady Ross third. Time—1:55.

Two-twenty trot, \$1,000, Queen Allah won, Baker second, Brunell C. third. Best time—2:15.

Two-seventeen trot, \$1,000, Col. Cuser won, Win. Toll second, Fredonia third. Best time—2:15.

Two-forty trot, \$500, Cora Wilkes won, Kaiser second, Ethel G. distanced. Best time—2:27.

AT KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY, July 5.—Only two favorites came to the front to-day over a track knee-deep in mud. Six races were on the program, and the bookies got back early. The crowd was large, and the public on the Fourth. John P. had the fifth race won, but Hager, the boy on him, went to sleep in the stretch, and Cooley, on Motor Drive, beat him.

Five and a half furlongs, The Reel won, Poll Tax second, Camden third. Time—1:10.

Four furlongs, Zarf won, Bill Powell second, Madonia third. Time—0:53.

Six furlongs, Bill Arp won, Charlie Weber second, Postboy third. Time—1:02.

Seven and a half furlongs, Josephine won, La Gartia second, Foushway third. Time—1:43.

Five and a half furlongs, Major Draps won, John P. second, Bon Wilson third. Time—1:13.

Six furlongs, Murphy won, Wanda T. second, Emperor Bilet third. Time—1:22.

AT OAKLEY. OAKLEY (Ohio), July 5.—After the tremendous Fourth of July crash, the good attendance to-day looked small. C. Horn rode three winners out of four mounts. Summaries:

Five furlongs, Democles won, Monteth second, Kirk third. Time—1:03.

Seven furlongs, Orrin Rogers won, Newcom second, Dorga third. Time—1:24.

Five furlongs, Sallie Clocquot won, M. H. second, Miss Frances third. Time—1:02.

Handicap, one mile, Flying Dutchman won, Toots second, Fred Advice third. Time—1:32.

Selling, one mile and seventy yards, Egbert won, The Sculptor second, Clementine third. Time—1:43.

Selling, seven furlongs, Flash won, Medler second, Granum third. Time—1:23.

AT TOLEDO. TOLEDO, July 5.—Unfinished 2:35 pace, Humming Bird won, Donna C. second, Nellie S. distanced. Best time—2:24.

Two-twenty-two trot, MacDuff won, Julia Jackson second, Corey McGregor third. Best time—2:19.

Two-forty trot, Clark Wright won, Pabette second, Peter Piper third. Best time—2:15.

Two-forty trot, Honey T. won, Babe second, Misspa third. Best time—2:31.

AT LEXINGTON. LEXINGTON (Ky.), July 5.—The races closed to-day. Two-forty trot, Aldonzo won, Judge Rice second, Julian May third. Best time—2:18.

Two-twenty-one trot, Lizzie Harold won, Santos second, Colonel King third. Best time—2:20.

Six furlongs, handicap, Borras won, Bernardo second, Centurion third. Time—1:14.

Four furlongs, Regal won, Reno second, Amigo third. Time—1:02.

AT PORTLAND. PORTLAND (Or.), July 5.—Several interesting harness events at the Irvington track yesterday and to-day had to be postponed on account of the rain. The association will probably extend the program a couple of days next week. Two races were run to-day on a muddy track.

HALF-MILE DASH, Paddy Ryan won, Bill Howard second. Time—0:50.

Three-quarter-mile running, Plonie won, Emma M. second. Time—1:20.

RACES FOUR WEEKS. FRESNO, July 5.—Arrangements were commenced to-night for the greatest racing event Fresno has ever had. The Fresno Trotting Association was organized, and the date of the races was fixed for the first week in October. Prizes aggregating \$10,000 will be offered.

BURNED AT SEA. Fate of the Norwegian Ship Fjord Settled at Last. SAN DIEGO, July 5.—The fate of the Norwegian ship Fjord has been settled at last. She burned at sea, and her crew of twenty-seven men escaped in boats, and after drifting fourteen days were picked up by the ship Centaur, bound for the United Kingdom. The news is brought by the British ship Mariner Fraser, Captain Wall, which arrived yesterday from Newcastle, Australia, after a passage of eighty days.

Captain Wall reports that he had a fine passage as far as Pitcairn Island, making the distance, which is almost three thousand miles, in twenty-seven days. From that time on his run was tedious, with continuous light contrary winds. When at a point about two miles off Pitcairn Island, and almost past, Captain Wall's attention was called to the signaling of three boats putting off from the shore. He brought his ship around and awaited the approach of the occupants, islanders, who brought forty-three letters from the survivors of the Fjord, directed to relatives in the United States.

All hands were well when the Centaur left the island.

A CONTRACTOR'S TERRIBLE DEED. HE MURDERS HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. Ending His Own Existence at the Same Time—Gas Used to Accomplish the Crime. CHICAGO, July 5.—Frederick Hellman, a contractor, last night murdered his wife and four children by asphyxiation, and died with them. The victims of the horrible crime were: Ida Hellman, the wife, 34 years of age; Fritz, Hellman, 12 years; Ida Hellman, 9 years; William Hellman, 8 years; Hedwig Hellman, 4 years, and Frank Hellman, 2 years.

The place of the tragedy was the Hellman cottage, 601 Cornelia street. The house is small, but it was their own, and the Hellman family was supposed to be living happily together.

The murder was deliberately planned by the father of the family during the past few weeks, seems beyond doubt. Ever since Hellman built his house he had been quarrelsome with his wife, and there had been no fixtures in the house. Several weeks ago Hellman had the gas connected, and fixtures put in the family bedroom only, the entire family sleeping in one small room. It seems now certain that Hellman had the gas put in for the express purpose of using it in the murder of his family.

The gas was turned on after the family, who had been sleeping in the bedroom, had gone to bed. The mother and none regained consciousness. The body of Hellman showed evidence of a struggle. He first shut the doors and windows, and then turned on the gas, and laid down to die with his family.

There is only one explanation for the frightful deed, and that is that Hellman had been quarrelsome with his wife, and to have had no family dissensions. He was naturally of morose disposition, but the exact cause of the deed is not known. He left a note for his brother, in which he gave instructions regarding the disposition of his property. He says that he had been living when the note is received, but he says in it nothing of the premeditated death of the rest of the family.

LAWN TENNIS. Summer Hardy Declared Champion at the San Rafael Tournament. SAN RAFAEL, July 5.—The championship round for the eighth annual tournament commenced to-day at 2 p. m., and the Hardy brothers of the New Lakeside Club were pitted against each other to combat for the honor of champion, and to hold the new \$200 cup presented by the association for the ensuing year.

Samuel Hardy lost the toss, and as he was the favorite, he had to serve. In a few minutes Hardy took the first game without losing a stroke, and served so well in the second that he repeated this dose, winning eight strokes in succession.

The third set was the most exciting of the afternoon, and both players seemed to realize that the winner of the cup would be the victor who won the set. They each played excellent tennis, eliciting great applause from both galleries. The match lasted exactly one hour and ten minutes, and as it was so intensely hot, both players had to be in excellent trim to be able to keep up playing their game all the time.

The successful match was followed by Summer Hardy—Games 21, points 13, double fault 1. Summer Hardy was declared the champion.

CHAUTAQUANS. Delegates to the Meeting Having a Good Time at Pacific Grove. PACIFIC GROVE, July 2.—After celebrating the Fourth in a glorious manner, the Chautaquans have settled down again to work. This morning the classes were well represented and some more delegates arrived yesterday to swell the already large crowd that enlivens this city. The weather has been beautiful, and the delegates are combining business and pleasure and having altogether a fine time.

The subject of "Economy in Education," was discussed.

At the opening of to-morrow morning's session the report of the Committee on the subject of "Economy in Education," was discussed.

Liquor Traffic in Iowa. A Drug Store Failed for Dispensing Beer. DES MOINES, Ia., July 5.—Mayor Hillis this afternoon visited one of the most notorious saloon drug stores in the city, and finding them drinking beer had the place pulled. For a long time he has been trying to get these places closed and officers reported it impossible. To-day he met Edward Clarkson of the Register on the street. Clarkson offered to show him one of the places, and they went together to A. M. Hillis's store. They walked behind the prescription case, and the Mayor went up to a man who was drinking and took the bottle and glass from him, smelled it and went out again. The Mayor ordered the other places pulled, and the end is likely to be in closing all places of this kind in this city. This afternoon the saloons of this city, after being closed two weeks, opened again and all are in operation. They were closed under order of the court on account of defective licenses. They are renewed through the petition of the necessary amount of names to comply with the law.

Kentucky Populists. LOUISVILLE, July 5.—The following tickets to-day nominated by the Kentucky Populist Convention: Governor, T. S. Pettit of Owensboro; Lieutenant

ACCIDENTS OF THE FOURTH.

Several Casualties the Result of Independence Day Celebration.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS A RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA.

Heavy Rainfall Causes Streams in Kansas to Overflow Their Banks—The North Side of the Town of Fort Scott Inundated—Families Driven From Their Homes, and Much Damage to Property Reported.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Five persons dead and thirty-three injured was the record of accidents of the Fourth of July of 1895 in Chicago up to 2 A. M. The dead were not all killed on the day itself, however. Three were the victims of the day before, and one fell dead from heart disease while watching the Evanston celebration, while one man was drowned. The pistol work in the death list, three of the four being victims of the deadly machine.

The Evanston celebration was the most successful of the day, and the crowd comprised his fellow club men, and the cause of rejoicing was the fact that George had duplicated his own record of seventy-five points in 1894, and in 1895, at the age of 37, which is a record for the man.

The value of this score can scarcely be imagined, except by those who saw the atmospheric conditions under which the score was accomplished. The weather conditions were against good scoring. Frequent showers fell, and the wind was irritating to the marksmen. The score was made under such conditions, and in addition the Californian only commenced shooting in earnest to-day, having fired but a few shots yesterday.

A. Strecker now takes second place on the ring target with 73, and still leads on the man with a duplicate score of his own record in the Milwaukee contest last month, 97. This score will hardly be beaten. E. Schuster's splendid score of 71 on the honor target, Columbia, is still high, and is a record for the day.

Young A. H. Pape was the first man to make three bull's-eyes on the honor target, Germania, during the tournament and holds the record for the day. Four consecutive red flags on the point target, while his 47 on the standard is only one point below the score, and he has made one honor target under such conditions. Strecker is considered by those whose judgment is worth putting some faith in to have a very good chance for the Schutzenfest. His average is about 183 on the point target.

All the above named have won gold and silver medals on the point target, and so have Richard "Pop" Ehrenfort, Bendel, Young, Factor and Alper.

Taking the standing of Californians all around, it looks as if they will sweep the board in the Milwaukee contest. The ranges, the "Golden" range, which is winning fresh laurels in popularity every day, and the general verdict of the best shot, these friends is that they are the best shot in the West.

To-morrow the California delegation will do little shooting, as they are going up the Hudson River as the guests of the Winchester Arms Company.

FLOODS IN KANSAS. A Heavy Rainfall Causes Streams to Overflow Their Banks. FORT SCOTT (Kan.), July 5.—The heaviest rain that has fallen in this section in many years occurred last night, when there was a precipitation of 4.19 inches of water. The Marmater River and Mill Creek overflowed and the north side of the town is completely inundated. Families have been driven from their homes and much damage to property has resulted.

The Missouri Pacific shops are under water, necessitating the suspension of work. The town is joined on National avenue and the water is still rising. So severe was the storm that most of the country roads were for hours impassable.

MEETING OF EDUCATORS. Annual Session of the National Council of Education. DENVER, July 5.—The thirty-fourth annual session of the National Council of Education began this morning in the Supreme Court room. The room was tastefully decorated, ferns and plants adorning the platform, with the national colors in the background. About twenty-five of the sixty members of the council, in addition to a good-sized audience of visitors, were present. Vice-President Frank Lytle of Millersville, Pa., and Secretary Dougherty were in their respective places.

President Rounds, in his opening address, outlined the work and dwelt on the importance of the education of the people. He was opposed to the study of the Bible as literature in the public schools, because the teachers would not know when the recitation of it was put on a denominational character.

Professor Barnes mentioned several sections of the country, viz: Parts of New York State, Indiana and California where it was impossible to have Bible reading in the schools, because of a sectarian feeling. He predicted that the day would come when the Bible would be wiped out entirely moral and religious study in the public schools.

President Rounds stated that he was not in favor of ending the public school system by forcing the Bible on the teachers and pupils, although he thought it unfortunate that the Bible could not be studied as literature in the schools.

This evening the report of the Committee on Elementary was read by the Chairman, Miss B. A. Dutton of Cleveland, O., and the subject of "Economy in Education," was discussed.

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Wheat Crop Outlook. TOLEDO (O.), July 5.—During the past few days C. A. King & Co. have received replies from the principal wheat States, which generally raise two-thirds of the winter crop of the United States. These States will average about half of last year's crop. Michigan and Missouri report the best—about two-thirds. Altogether about half a crop will be turned out in Illinois.

An Aeronaut's Last Ascent. ST. LOUIS, July 5.—A special from Milan, Mo., says that John Cunningham, an aeronaut, was instantly killed at St. Joseph, Mo., for employing lottery yesterday evening. He made three successful ascensions during the day, but the fourth time his parachute failed to open, and his body was washed to a pulp.

Forbidden the Use of Mails. WASHINGTON, July 5.—The use of United States mails because of an alleged fraudulent intent has been prohibited to the Nebraska Manufacturing Company from Abasco to Mexico. A number of scientific students are with the Mazamas parties.

TWO BUILDINGS BURNED. Contents of a Millinery and Residence a Total Loss. ANTOCH, July 5.—A fire last night burned two frame buildings belonging to A. C. Hartley. One building was occupied by Miss Jean White as a millinery store and residence, and another by F. Christian as a jewelry store and by George Norris as a barber shop. The contents of the millinery store and residence were a total loss. Nearly every thing was saved from the jewelry store and barber shop.

THE LOSS OF A. C. HARTLEY ON BUILDINGS WAS \$1,500; INSURED FOR \$300. MISS WHITE'S LOSS ON MILLINERY AND RESIDENCE WAS \$1,500; INSURED FOR \$1,000. THE LOSS TO THE JEWELRY STORE AND BARBER SHOP WAS TRIFLING. THE FIRE ORIGINATED INSIDE THE BUILDING; CAUSE UNKNOWN.

OREGON TRAIN ROBBERS.

Three Men Under Arrest Suspected of Committing the Deed.

OFFICERS CONFIDENT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT PARTIES.

James Poole, Albert Poole and John Case the Names of the Men in Custody, All of Whom Have Unsavory Records—Report That a Large Portion of the Robbers' Plunder Has Been Found at Poole's House.