THE TERRITORY.

What a Mining Expert Saw on the Skagit.

POLITICS IN THREE COUNTIES.

Work Begins Monday on the Port Townsend Southern—Blaine Will Generously Aid the West Coast—Walla Walla as a Railroad Center—Hop-Pickers at Puyallup Coming in Freely.

TACOMA, Sept. 22.—George Bethune, an eminent assayer, who has been actively engaged in Colorado and California, and who recently located here, has just returned from a trip of some weeks through the Skagit river country. He has been up in the hills and claims to have tired out the local engineers of that district in climbing, and subsequently bought a canoe at the headwaters and floated down to the Sound, carefully studying the country as he came. He speaks of the result of his trip with enthusiasm.

"I found ledges of excellent iron ore running from 15 to 50 feet wide and the croppings extending 3000 feet in length. I secured samples of this ore and reduced it and find they run from 40 to 70 per cent. metallic iron. The ledges are situated on the mountain and dip toward the river, affording every facility for cheap mining. The country is well timbered with pine and fir sufficient for all mining purposes. I found both magnetic, hematite and carbonate ores. They are situated in a schist, and are properly a chloride. They are all below the coal measures, of which I found several of excellent quality, some being a very good coking coal carrying 70 per cent. of fixed carbon.

"Both coal and iron dip well for the most economical mining, some of the ledges cropping out within a stone's throw of the river, with a slope that would run it down to the very water. The transportation would thus be at a minimum of cost. I can see nothing to interfere with the cheap manufacture of good coke and merchantable pig iron. The La Conner mine is a tremendous body of coal, and the La Conner iron mine is also a fine property.

"I know of no country that affords such a fine field for the prospector as the Skagit. In every gulch I entered I found strong indications from the sandstone and slate of underlying mineral. Specimens of copper I found on every hand, and as for quartz, I traveled over miles of it."

Mr. Bethune was asked for more exact locations for his treasures, but refused to particularize, saying that he went into the country to investigate for interested parties and could not give away their business.

He repeated, "the whole country as I say, shows fine possibilities for the alert prospector. I told some of those people up there that some day they would all be numbered with that large class to be found all over the world who seem to take a grim satisfaction in telling others what fine opportunities they once had but let slip. Many of them have been there for years, and most of them seem to know in a vague way that the country is rich but are doing nothing to profit by it, and allowing new men, whom perchance they call 'tender feet,' to come in and take up the claims before their very eyes, and perhaps when it is all gone they will scramble around and look for it."

SKAGIT DEMOCRATS.

They Nominate a Ticket None Too Strong.

LA CONNER, Sept. 22.—The Democratic county convention met at 1:30 p. m. Twenty-two delegates were present, including proxies. M. W. Atkinson was elected chairman and M. May secretary. The convention proceeded immediately to business. The nomination for auditor was unanimously tendered H. Clothier four times, but he declined. The following nominations were made: Treasurer, B. N. L. Davis, by acclamation; sheriff, Thomas Costello; assessor, James O'Loughlin; surveyor, George Savage; probate judge, F. D. Cieves; school superintendent, G. S. Blake; county commissioners, Patrick McCoy, Mr. Cochran, H. P. O'Brien; coroner, Dr. Gilkey; wreckmaster, Samuel G. Dunnett. The convention resumed consideration of the auditorship and M. McNamara was nominated.

A committee consisting of W. E. Schricker, M. W. Atkinson, and H. Clothier, was appointed to confer with Whatcom county regarding the prosecuting attorney. The following central committee was chosen: W. E. Schricker, chairman; Jasper Gates, J. M. Warren, James O'Loughlin, Mr. Cochran.

The ticket is not considered as strong as leading Democrats would wish.

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

A Ticket Nominated That Gives the Republicans Joy.

CHEHALIS, Sept. 22.—The Democrats representing the several precincts of Lewis county, met in convention here to-day. The attendance was small, some of the delegates carrying from four to seven proxies. The general Democratic enthusiasm was expressed. They didn't want free whisky, but the saloons entered many accounts on their books. The chairman chosen was an ex-Republican. The ticket, though chosen from their best men, is a weak one and holds not a winning name. One candidate is an Englishman, who has been a citizen two months. The result of to-day's Democratic work is a presage of overwhelming victory for the Republicans of this county.

Mr. Ward of Olympia, candidate for prosecuting attorney, made a speech to-night to some 60 Democrats. He gloried over his being born a Southern Democrat.

THURSTON DEMOCRATS.

A County Ticket Nominated—Mr. Fredson for Joint Representative.

OLYMPIA, Sept 22.—The Democratic county convention met to-day and nominated the following ticket: D. B. Henry, auditor, A. H. Chambers, treasurer; R. B. Hoy, sheriff; M. E. Hicks, probate judge; G. S. Prince and L. Bettman, commissioners; B. F. Ruth, assessor; James Frazier, surveyor; H. Hadlan, coroner; C. Ethridge, wreckmaster; Theodore Young, school superintendent. A committee of three was appointed to confer with a delegation from Mason county, which resulted in the nomination of M. Fredson, of Mason, as candidate for joint representative. The following county central committee was chosen: Wm. McLane, John M. Murphy, Dr. Ostrander, S. Davenport, F. Henry.

BLAINE'S RAILROAD BONUS.

Liberal Feeling Toward the West Coast—Arrival of the Starr.

BLAINE, Sept. 22.—At the meeting to-day it was agreed unanimously to extend a bonus to the West Coast railroad in proportion to the liberality shown the town by that company. A committee was appointed to secure right of way through the county. Right of way and depot grounds will be given in town. A liberal spirit was manifested throughout.

The steamer George E. Starr arrived on her first trip to-night. The people are happy.

PORT TOWNSEND.

Railroad Grading Begins Monday—Political Pot-Pie.

PORT TOWNSEND, Sept. 22.—The coming week bids fair to be the most eventful one in the history of Port Townsend. The hoarse whistle of the iron horse can already in fancy be heard by the pushing spirits who long to see the port of entry take her proper place as a large and active metropolis. In other words, grading on the Port Townsend Southern railroad commences Monday. The first shovelful of dirt will be thrown by Judge Briggs, the oldest pioneer on the bench. Instead of the murmurs of discontent which erstwhile were wafted on the wings of every breeze, all hands are now singing psalms of praise to the "go-ahead-derness" of the railroad company. That they mean business and are assured of backing is evinced from the sum of money they are laying out. Outside of the immense amount of material purchased, the several hundred men secured and the numerous other necessaries obtained, a fine building will be erected on the Brigg's claim for the accommodation of the graders. Weather permitting, there will be no let-up whatsoever in the work throughout the winter. All feel that the brisk little city on Quimper peninsula is on the brink of a glorious and prosperous future, and every man, woman and child is ready to spend his or her last dime to insure that future by cementing her to the rest of the continent with iron links. The universal cry is: "Speed the railroad at any cost."

REGARDING POLITICS.

There has been considerable talk of late regarding the Republican nomination for joint councilman from this district. The rumor has been industriously circulated by a certain person that Mr. Allen Weir, who was nominated for the office mentioned, went to Ellensburg pledged to support Mayor Learned for the same office. A close inquiry into the facts by your correspondent shows that this is totally untrue. Mr. Learned did not desire the office. Mr. Weir did not act in bad faith and all the prevailing talk is gotten up to injure the chance of Republican success on some parts of the ticket. It appears to many who view the situation from a standpoint freed from local bias that Mr. Weir deserves the hearty support of every Republican in the district. He has been a hard and conscientious worker for the party, is extremely broad in his views for one of his ultra-theological belief and is unquestionably an able man. Giving support to him from the Republicans of this district would appear to the onlooker as decidedly ungrateful.

REALTY RESUME.

Scarcely a day passes without several strangers seeking investments do not come into the city. Moreover, they invariably buy. Prices are maintained at a very reasonable figure notwithstanding the excessive demand. Below is a record of recorded transfers for the past five days, taken from the books of Auditor Dyer:

H. L. Tibbals, Jr., to E. A. Noyes, blk 27, Tibbals's 1st add., $300.

H. L. Tibbals to E. A. Noyes, blk 35, Tibbals's 1st add., $275.

Allen Weir to D. T. Denny, und ¼ int in 15 acres adjacent Inter View add., $3750.

Frank Aronson to T. H. Cavin, blk 2, Roseburg add., $250.

L. Nessel to A. R. Coleman, lots 3 and 4, blk 21, Al. Pettygrove's add., $1600.

M. Bornstein to G. Blump, lots 9 and 10, blk 4, Bornstein's add., $95.

F. Wilson to A. I. Smith, 33 acres in sec 35, tp 20, 1 w, $4600.

M. Lewis to C. M. Bradshaw, 30 acres in sec 4, tp 20, 1 w, $480.

A. Plummer to Wm. Harned, 40x55 ft in lot 7, blk 4, Port Townsend, $2000.

W. O. Chapman to Wm. Harned, blk 9, Al Pettygrove's add., $2500.

A. Plummer to Wm. Harned, lot 9, blk 24 and 82x119 ft adjacent, $1500.

H. Sanders to M. Bornstein, blk 78, Eisenbeis's add., $1800.

F. Terry to T. P. Lukens, lots 2, 4, 6, 8, blk 5, Plummer's add., $3500.

H. E. Morgan to Dan Dunahy, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, blk 18, Al. Pettygrove's add., $1,000.

A. R. Coleman to E. Bloudt, lots 3, 4, blk 21, Al. Pettygrove's add., $1850.

Wm. Bishop to W. R. Coffroth, lots 7, 8, blk 5, Al. Pettygrove's add., $1100.

Wm. Harned to W. R. Coffroth, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, blk 24, Plummer's add., $2,000.

F. Wilson to W. I. Hastings, 78 acres in sec 29, tp 23, 1 e, $780.

Wm. Delanty to W. A. Belanger, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, blk 11, Plummer's add., $3100.

L. Kuhn to G. W. Downs, blk in Kuhn's ranch, $2400.

R. W. De Lion to C. Jensen lot 11, blk 29, Eisenbeis's add., $3 0.

A. D. Blowers to Frederick & Maud, blk 6, Webster's add., $1800.

Mrs. Webster to Mrs. McIntyre, 2 lots in Kuhn's ranch, $1800.

F. W. Pettygrove to Mrs. McIntyre, blk 15, Hastings's 3d add., $1900.

H. L. Tibbals, Sr., to D. F. Brubaker, 40 acres in sec 4, tp 20, 1 w, $1800.

Mrs. McIntyre to D. T. Denny, McIntyre property on Discovery road, $11,000.

C. F. Clapp to F. W. Pettygrove, blk 112, Port Townsend, and Ballard property between the Hastings and Pettygrove donation claims, $43.0.

F. W. Pettygrove to T. P. Lukens, lots 2, 4, 6, 8, blk 112, Port Townsend, $3500.

TACOMA.

Conference Between Miners and Mr. Buckley—Unsuccessful Dredging.

TACOMA, Sept. 22.—To-day the committee of coal miners from Roslyn, who were in the city some days ago and went away to report to the miners at that place the result of their conference with the officials here, returned. They had a conference with Assistant General Manager Buckley this afternoon, and stated that the miners, as a body, refused to accept the terms previously proposed by him.

After considerable discussion of the situation, they say Mr. Buckley offered to let them go to work, if they wished, at the uniform rate of one dollar per ton, reducing the number of men in the breast from four to two. This was the best terms that could be secured and the men departed to report this also to those at the mine.

With this committee were two others, Michael Moon and Thomas Salmon, who bear credentials authorizing them to solicit aid from fellow Knights of Labor and others, to assist the miners now suffering by the lockout. They will make a tour of the cities on the Sound for that purpose.

TO DREDGE THAT CHANNEL.

The steam pump dredge which was set to work some weeks ago to make a channel to the head of the bay worked all right, it seems, so far as it went, but the pipe running to the bottom being stationery it could take up only what immediately surrounded it and then was in trouble for more dirt. It was taken to the car shops to have this pipe so arranged as to be readily movable and this work is about finished. The dredger will be placed in the water again on Monday, and, it is said, will go ahead on that long-talked-of channel continuously until it is finished.

THE LOST CHILD.

Nothing has as yet been heard from little Harry Dorsey. The father has offered $100 reward for any news concerning his whereabouts or for the recovery of his body.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES NOMINATED.

A mass meeting of the Republicans of the Second ward, held this evening in the court-house, nominated 22 delegates to the county convention to be voted for at the primaries next Saturday. Two tickets already prepared were introduced but summarily sat down upon, and the following ticket nominated by the open convention and elected: J. W. Sprague, A. S. Hewitt, Chas. Uhlman, W. J. Fife, Dr. H. C. Bostwick, E. N. Onimette, Jno. S. Baker, Chas. E. Claypool, Chas. F. Hanke, I. M. Howell, E. G. Krebler, J. B. Fest, E. Pierce, G. C. Williams, M. J. Coggswell, A. A. Knight, W. J. Thompson, L. E. Sampson, Geo. E. Atkinson, J. D. Hogue, T. C. Sears, Walter St. John.

ELLENSBURGH.

Close of the Kittitas County Fair—Disproportionate Premiums.

ELLENSBURGH, Sept. 22.—This was the closing day of the Kittitas county fair. The attendance was good. The following premiums were awarded: Best brood mare, two years old, A. M. Stevens; sucking colt, first and second class, E. S. Coleman; first premium imported Clyde-dale stallion, W. W. Dickerson; mules, best span, two and three years, J. E. McDonald; first, second and third on jack, Shelton & Helm.

In the first race, quarter-mile dash, Dandy won, Black Diamond second, White Cloud third, Weasel fourth; time, 23 seconds.

In the novelty race, Twenty-One, Weasel, Blue Dick and Daisy A. entered. Twenty-One took the last two quarters, Daisy A. the second quarter, and Weasel the first quarter.

The fair was not as successful as the people hoped. The premiums for running and trotting were large enough, but for products they were small and unsatisfactory, and the fair was a failure in this respect.

WALLA WALLA.

Division Headquarters, O. R. & N.—A Seduction Case at Milton.

WALLA WALLA, Sept. 22.—C. B. Coleman has been appointed train master of the O. R. & N. eastern division, with headquarters in this city. His juri-diction extends to Pendleton, Wallula, Pomeroy and Endicott. This is said to be preliminary to the establishment of division headquarters here. A committee has been appointed by the board of trade to confer with the O. R. & N. officials relative to this matter.

The agricultural society is endeavoring to arrange accommodations for the anticipated crowd at the fair. There will be excursions from St. Paul, Seattle and the Cascade division. Two thousand visitors are expected.

The necessary $1500 to assure the firemen's tournament will be raised. The committee have half already subscribed.

George H. Kelly, a married man 35 years of age, has been placed under $1000 bonds at Milton, Or., for trial for seduction of the 16-year-old daughter of Samuel Martin. Kelly represented that he was single, and under promise of marriage succeeded in ruining the girl, who appeared in court with a three-weeks-old baby. Since his arrest he has proposed marriage, but this was refused. The girl's parents will make no compromise and are determined to prosecute.

Weston, Or., has contracted for water works costing $8000, taken from a spring two miles distant; capacity, 60,000 gallons daily. The fall will be 170 feet, and the water will be led through eight-inch pipe.

H. H. Scholl has opened a restaurant in the Kennedy block. Wm. Rasmus has a tobacco store in the old postoffice. John Dovell has taken the old Doheny & Maraum rooms for a furniture store. All the business rooms are now occupied; there is not an empty house in town.

The machinery for one of the electric light company's plants is at the depot.

The board of trade has appointed a committee to attend the waterway convention at Portland.

PUYALLUP.

The Crisis in Hop-Picking Past—Growers to Combine.

PUYALLUP, Sept. 21.—Three carloads of Indians arrived to-day for W. C. Gibbs, Joe Kincaid and E. Meeker & Co. Yesterday 30 Indians from North Yakima came for A. C. Campbell. S. Ackley of Winlock made a trip over home again and brought back about 50 whites. A. C. Campbell has a carload of Indians en route from North Yakima. Still there is room for more. These various arrivals lessen the stringency of the picking market, and growers feel better.

L. D. Wade sold his crop of five acres to-day for 20 cents to E. Meeker & Co. Growers are holding for, and won't listen to less than 22 cents at present.

A hop-growers' association is much talked of, and before next season something of that kind will be instituted here. As the hop acreage increases year after year, some combination is necessary to solve many questions connected with the hop business on this coast. First of all will be hop-pickers.

As a rule the residents of this valley are neighborly, open-hearted and generous, but the last scarcity of hop-pickers developed some meanness. In one or two cases parties who refused to contribute to get pickers here would entice pickers away from their neighbors, in fact drive up to the yard and take them away.

S. R. Young and family have rented a house and propose to spend at least hop-picking with us.

J. J. Shalles, superintendent of the dining-car service, late of Hope summer resort at Pend d'Oreille, is located here for the winter. Mr. Shalles is much pleased with the place and will bring his family at an early date.

Dr. Frank, health officer, reports no symptoms of typhoid fever as yet, owing to the excellent sanitary condition of the town, all citizens having promptly complied with the recent ordinance from the board of health. In no case was a second notice required.

OLYMPIA.

Free Trade Literature Sown Broadcast—Rebekah Degree Lodge.

OLYMPIA, Sept. 22.—One cannot go into a saloon, hotel, reading room or other public place in the city without seeing evidence of local Democratic activity in the dissemination of free trade knowledge among the people. Several hundred copies of the tariff edition of the *Courier-Journal* have been distributed promiscuously throughout the city, in addition to large numers of smaller pamphlets and dodgers bearing on the same subject. In striking contrast with this is the inactivity of the Republican managers, who are apparently so confident of victory that they are not making the least effort in the line of campaign work. This inactivity, however, is very unsatisfactory to many of the zealous Republicans of the city, who are fully aware of the importance of early and vigorous action on the part of Republicans, which will be absolutely necessary to combat the effect of the vigorous work of the Democrats. As stated before, every public place in this city is bountifully supplied with Democratic literature, but not a Republican document can be found.

REBEKAH LODGE ORGANIZED.

Fidelity lodge No. 17, Daughters of Rebekah, was instituted last night by Dr. N. Ostrander, D. G. M. The following officers were elected and installed: Mrs. S. P. Wyman, N. G.; Mrs. B. W. Davis, V. G.; Miss Laura Marr, Sec'y; Miss Jean McCarrogher, Treas.; Mrs. R. Marr, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. C. J. Peterson, L. S. N. G.; Miss Dot Wyman, W.; Miss E. M. Shaw, C.; Mrs. H. N. Shaw, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. C. F. Eastman, L. S. V. G.; B. F. Snyder, I. G.; C. J. Peterson, O. G. The lodge starts under very favorable auspices.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR.

Governor Semple has made the following appointments: Geo. M. Sorele of Whatcom, W. H. Upton of Walla Walla, John Beverly and J. P. Cass of Pierce, Clair Hunt and A. M. Merriman of Spokane, John McKnight and F. K. Sander of King, J. B. Smith of Lincoln and S. L. Henderson of Thurston to be notaries public; Samuel L. Taylor of Pennsylvania and Holland Smith of California to be commissioners of deeds for this territory.

PERSONAL.

Sheriff Duckworth of Mason county is in the city.

Mr. R. N. McFadden, cashier of the Merchant's National bank of Seattle, is in the city.

Mr. Eugene Semple, Jr., has arrived from Oregon and will attend school in this city during the winter.

Mr. Hillory Butler of Seattle is passing a few days in this city.

The Press Association Will Meet in Spokane.

TACOMA, Sept. 22.—The executive committee of the Washington Press Association held a meeting here today and voted to hold the annual meeting of the association at Spokane Falls on Tuesday, October 9. That city extends an invitation to entertain the association and give it an excursion to the Coeur d'Alene mines.

C. W. HOBART,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Pasco Artesian Well Contract Let.

OLYMPIA, Sept. 22.—The contract for boring the artesian well at Pasco has been awarded to D. H. McCullough, the contract price being [illegible] per foot.

OREGON STATE FAIR RACES.

The Two-Year-Old Record Beaten—Failure in a Trot Against Time.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 22.—About 5000 people were in the grand stand when the races were called at 11 o'clock this morning. The track was in good condition, although not very fast. Following is a summary of the races: Handicap run, single dash, three-eighths mile, purse of $150—R. E. Bybee's ch. g. Tom O'Hara, 105 lbs., O'Hara, won; W. H. Babb's ch. g. Arthur H., 110 lbs., Earle, second; W. F. Matlock's ch. f. Oregon Rose, 104 lbs., Matlock, third; Whitemore Bros.'s b. c. Pat Curran, Newington, fourth; time, 1:07¼. O'Hara was the favorite in the pools, at $10, to $5 for the other colts in the field.

Consolation run, single dash, one mile, purse of $100—H. R. Baker's s. f. Nevada, 105 lbs., Flett, won; W. H. Babb's ch. g. Bogens, 115 lbs., McCaugh, second; R. E. Bybee's b. m. Keepsake, 115 lbs., O'Hara, third; time by quarters, 25, 55, 1:22, 1:48½; Nevada sold favorite in the pools at $10 to the field $8.

Trotting race, 2:29 class, best three in five, purse of $600.

A. C. Bray's br. g. Little Joe, Green	2	1	1
H. Kirkendall's br. g. Contractor, Laferty	7	4	3
C. B. Jeffrey's ch. g. Condee, Jeffrey	2	1	2
Ham Scott's b. m. Fantasie, Sawyer	5	2	4

Time, 2:25½, 2:31, 2:28, 2:26.

Two-year-old trot.

De Lashmutt's ch. c. Blondie, Misner	1	1	
M. Hallet's bl. f. Wallula, Mosher	2	2	
P. J. Mann's b. c. Alta, Beach	3	3	

Time, 2:42, 2:47½.

The time in the first heat breaks the 2-year-old record in Oregon.

The society having offered a purse of $150 if Charles Hilton, record 2:17¼, would beat the Oregon record of 2:23¼; he made three trials and failed; time, 1:26½, 2:23½, 2:26¾.

BASEBALL.

Indianapolis Plays the Last Game, and Loses—Chicago Advancing.

DETROIT, Sept. 22.—The Detroits whipped the Giants easily to-day. The Giants played a very bad fielding game. Score: Detroit, 6, New York 3. Batteries: Gruber and Bennett, Welch and O'Rourke.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 22.—Boston won the game in the fourth inning on errors by Carroll and Sunday and hits by Nash, Morrill and Ray. Score: Pittsburg 1, Boston 7. Batteries: Morris and Carroll, Sanders and Kelly.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The home team won to-day's game by bunching hits at opportune moments. The game was called an hour earlier than usual, and, for the first time since he has been connected with the club, Anson failed to appear. Farrell filled his place. Score: Chicago 3, Washington 2. Batteries: Van Haltren and Darling, Daily and Mack.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 22.—The championship season closed in this city today. The home club, as usual, lost. Score: Indianapolis 5, Philadelphia 6. Batteries: Healy and Daily, Sanders and Clements.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 22.—Cincinnati 10, Brooklyn 3.

KANSAS CITY, Sept 22.—Kansas City 1, Baltimore 6.

CLUBS.	Won.	Lost.	Played.
New York	72	43	115
Chicago	69	52	121
Detroit	62	53	115
Boston	62	55	117
Philadelphia	62	55	117
Pittsburg	56	60	116
Indianapolis	48	75	123
Washington	43	74	117

Aspen Railway Fight.

ASPEN, Colo., Sept. 22.—The Midland has come out ahead in its controversy with the Rio Grande regarding right of way on Ute avenue. Judge Strickland this morning fined Agent Walters and Roadmaster Sweeny $50 each for contempt of court in refusing to clear the street under the court's order. The Rio Grande then backed down and pulled its train off and the Midland took up the track, laid its own rails and stood a train on them.

Return of the Veteran Guard.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 22.—The Veteran Guard, G. A. R., department of California, accompanied by J. H. Goodman, commander, arrived from Columbus last evening, and to-day were guests of the State Agricultural Society. This morning the guard gave a street parade and spent the afternoon at the track. They left for San Francisco this evening.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

DOMESTIC.

Texas Republicans will not nominate a state ticket, declaring that there is no reasonable chance of success.

Captain Jonathan S. Marston, a pioneer resident of Alameda county, Cala., aged 84, was killed in Oakland by a train yesterday.

New York fruit dealers fear that the yellow fever epidemic will shut out the new crop of Florida oranges, or at least seriously delay its shipment.

It is stated in Chicago that E. R. Gardner, the opium smuggler, wants to turn state's evidence, but will not be permitted, and must stand trial.

The tea ship Spartan, with merchandise for Tacoma, was fouled in the harbor of Kobi, Japan, by the steamer Whampoa during a heavy gale and badly damaged.

FOREIGN.

The report of the death of the ameer of Afghanistan is probably untrue.

At the Manchester autumn meeting the Lancashire plate, 1100 sovereigns, was won by Sea Breeze, Ayrshire second, Le Lacy third.

The house of John Calkinson, at Moncton, N. B., caught fire Friday night and three children were burned to death. The parents were absent.

THE COAL SITUATION.

Mr. J. W. Harrison, the coal and metal broker, in his circular of September 19, thus sums up the coal situation:

"Australian coals on passage, which were procurable last month at $9 50 to $10 per ton, have changed hands this week at $11 to $11 50 per ton, and the indications are these figures will be materially advanced, as the quantity of foreign coal en route is very light and the winter consumption is approximating. Although the disaffection among the mines in Australia is local, viz: at Newcastle, the Sydney products have been advanced to prohibitory figures for shipment, as their entire output will be required in Melbourne and Sydney for steam uses.

"Our coast collieries are materially benefited by present high prices which will probably continue for at least six months to come, and the agents feel so assured that quotations will improve, they will make no contracts for future delivery."

PASSENGER LISTS.

Oregon & California—Passed Medford: J. A. Donohoe, wife and maid, R. Olson and wife, G. W. Whitney, Miss Whitney, Mrs. G. W. Norton, Mrs. Hyman Abraham, Miss M. Abraham, Miss Belle Aaron, Minnie Myers, W. M. Bryson, J. A. Spencer and wife, G. H. Gould, A. Muller, Mrs. E. C. Wilber, A. Juslis, H. S. Giles, T. Irving, J. McElheny, W. M. Coffman and wife, C. E. Willis and wife, G. W. Spencer, D. H. Cuthbert, C. F. Ehle, J. Elwear and wife, E. Starr and wife, Mrs. C. Zeims and daughter, Julius Brittlebank, Frank Armstrong, A. G. Cunningham, John Doe, T. Brown, D. Smith, H. J. Havens and wife, J. R. Hill, John Duffy, G. A. Jewell, and 42 second-class.

Oregon Short Line—Passed Huntington: Mrs. McCallon, W. E. Gaveison, C. A. Smith, W. A. Stevenson and wife, J. S. Hutchins, Mrs. M. E. Wells, H. A. Beard and wife, C. Conly, C. M. Whitney, C. Warner, O. Summers, W. Whaan, W. W. Wyman, Ed Lang, and 70 second-class.

Of the 3,000,000 francs' worth of china made last year at Limoges, one-half came to America.

Ohio State Journal: The president has retaliated—on the bass.

THE MASTER AND THE REAPERS

Zoe Underhill in Harper's.

The master called to his reapers:
"Make scythe and sickle keen,
And bring me the grain from the uplands,
And the grass from the meadows green;
And from off the mist-clad marshes,
Where the salt waves fret and foam,
Ye shall gather the rustling sedges
To furnish the harvest-home."

Then the laborers cried: "O master,
We will bring thee the yellow grain
That waves on the windy hill side,
And the tender grass from the plain;
But that which springs on the marshes
Is dry and harsh and thin,
Unlike the sweet field grasses,
So we will not gather it in."

But the master said: "O foolish!
For many a weary day,
Through storm and drouth, ye have labored
For the grain and fragrant hay.
The generous earth is fruitful,
And the breezes of summer blow
Where these, in the sun and the dews of heaven,
Have ripened soft and slow.

"But out on the bleak marsh land
Hath never a plough been set,
And with rapine and rage of hungry waves
The shivering soil is wet.
There flower the pale green sedges,
And the tides that ebb and flow,
And the biting breath of the sea wind,
Are the only care they know.

"They have drunken of bitter waters,
Their food hath been sharp sea sand,
And yet they have yielded a harvest
Unto the master's hand.
So shall ye all, O reapers,
Honor them now the more,
And garner in gladness, with songs of praise,
The grass from the desolate shore."

Sea Serpent Canards.

W. J. Lockyear in Nature.

While walking by the sea on the cliffs last Sunday, I perceived at a distance of about 1500 yards a flight of nearly 40 ducks, traveling at a good pace two or three feet above the level of the water. To me they appeared exactly what the so-called "sea serpent" would, eight or 10 of the birds flying close together and forming the head, while the rest trailed behind and formed the body and tail. At intervals they disappeared. This was caused, I think, by the birds changing their course and flying either directly away or toward me; the former, I believe, in my case. Some time afterward I saw two other flights, and these resembles the first exactly, those with me also being surprised at their "snake" like appearance.

What He Was Sorry For.

Duluth Paragrapher.

An infantile Duluthian whose purposes are somewhat remote from arduous toil, but who had carried in some wood for his mamma one day recently, was bidding her good night.

Mamma—Have you been a good boy to-day?

Hopeful—Yes'm.

Mamma—Couldn't you be better to-morrow if you should try hard?

Hopeful (thoughtfully)—I don't think so.

Mamma—Haven't you done anything to-day that you are sorry for?

Hopeful (slowly and seriously)—I'm sorry I worked so hard on that wood pile.

How Jones Proposed.

Texas Siftings.

Jones—Miss Arabella, do you like cabbage?

Arabella—What a strange question Mr. Jones.

"I know it is a strange question, but please answer it."

"Yes, Mr. Jones, I am very fond of cabbage."

"Ah, I am glad to hear that."

"Why?"

"Your liking cabbage goes to show that we were born for each other. Dote on corned beef. Why should we not unite our fortunes?"

"O, Mr. Jones!"

They will be married next week.

What's in a Name.

Russia leather is made in Connecticut, Bordeaux wine is manufactured in California, Italian marble is quarried in Kentucky, French lace is woven in New York, Marseilles linen is produced in Massachusetts, English cassimere is made in New Hampshire, Parisian art work comes from a shop in Boston, Spanish mackerel are caught on the New Jersey coast and Havana cigars are rolled by the million in Chicago.

Southern Widowers and Yankee Girls.

Atlanta Constitution.

Three Yankee girls are teaching school and I'll bet that some of our widowers will marry them before the year closes. Away back before the war, when Yankee girls used to come South and teach school, our widowers married them as fast as they came. They were smart, self-reliant, and economical, and that is the kind of wife a widower wants.

A Gigantic Cougar.

Lewiston Letter.

A cougar was poisoned near Lake Waha, on Monday, that measured eight feet in length and judged to weigh near 200 pounds. It had killed a fine blooded calf belonging to Jasper Rand, and Eugene Bonhore who was near there, put strichnine in it and the following morning the monster was found dead near the carcass of the calf. Robert Stainton brought one of its paws in town and it measured upwards of five inches across.

He Wouldn't Be So Impolite.

Chicago Mail.

Harry Powers, at present manager of Hooley's, sings and whistles at his work. The other day he picked up Tommy Hooley and trotted him on his knee before he noticed his mistake.

"I thought you were my little girl," said Harry, "my latest born."

"Then why did you shake me?" asked Tommy. "It is not like a man to shake a girl out of his lap. You bet I wouldn't do it."

A Friend of the Family.

New York Sun.

Magistrate (to prisoner)—Is this the first time you have been before me, Uncle Rastus?

Uncle Rastus—Yes sah; but yo' poo' old father, who was jege fo' fo'ty years, I was often up befo'. He and me was ole fren's yo' honah; 'deed we was.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The great white marble palace which Wilbur F. Story of Chicago began to build, and which is one of the features of that city, is again offered for sale. Although still unfinished, more than $500,000 has been spent on it, while it is doubtful if one quarter of that amount will be offered by a purchaser.

Mrs. Capt. Tom is the name of the richest Indian woman in Alaska. She is worth about $20,000, and lives royally at Sitka, surrounded by slaves. She supported two husbands until lately, having to give up one when she joined the Presbyterian mission. Mrs. Tom is ugly, fat and over 40, and is a shrewd trader.

Mrs. Cleveland has made many additions to her collection of pets at Oak View this summer. Besides a poodle, a St. Bernard, a parrot, a canary bird, a calf, two kittens and a cow, she now has a tame fox, which was given to her at Marion, a small collection of white mice, two rabbits and eight or nine pigeons.

Chinese criminal law requires a murderer to confess his guilt before he can be condemned to capital punishment. If circumstantial evidence is against him, the unhappy prisoner is usually dogged and tortured every few days until life becomes such a burden that he is at length glad to confess in order to have the executioner end his misery.

No Concealment Tolerated.

Boston Budget.

Ballet Manager—So, now, mam'selle, on se eve of your debut you zink you vill like ze state?

Would-be Danseuse—Oh yes, monsieur; I am sure I shall be perfectly wrapped up in it.

Ballet Manager (horrified)—No, no, mam'selle, zat'd never doo. Ze ballet must no wrap up. Quite ze contraire.

Divorce Was a Diamond.

New York Sun.

Chicago citizen (to lawyer)—Why do you charge me $200 for a divorce, Mr. Blank; it only cost me $5 to get married?

Lawyer—Why do you pay $200 for a diamond and $5 for a rhinestone?

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People's Party Convention.

At a meeting of the People's Party County Committee of King county, held on September 15, 1888, it was resolved to hold the county convention for the nomination of candidates for all county offices, on the

SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT,

at 10 a. m., in the Turners' hall, at the city of Seattle.

It was further resolved that the delegates to this convention shall be elected,

PRIMARIES TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH,

at 3 p. m., at the usual poling places in the country precincts and at the following places in the city:

First ward—Public school house.
Second ward—Courthouse.
Third ward—Pike Street hall.
Fourth ward—Battery street engine house.

The following number of delegates, based upon the vote given at the last election by the People's Party for auditor, to be elected at the rate of one delegate to fifty votes:

Arthur	1	Sunnydale	1
Avondale	1	Sammamish	1
Bay View	1	Snoqualmie	1
Black Diamond	2	Squak	1
Cedar River	2	Salmon Bay	1
Duvals	1	Slaughter	1
Duwamish	1	SEATTLE—	
Enumclaw, including Eagle Gorge	2	First ward	11
Fall City	1	Second ward	9