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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1906.

All power is a trust; we are accountable for its existence! from the people and for the people all springs, and all must exist.

—Disraeli.

The Coast Line and the Public.

Again the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has shown its great disregard for this community by refusing to extend the Virginia State Fair and the Horse Show the same excursion rate that was allowed by every other railroad in the State. The people of Richmond have given their money, time and energy for the purpose of building up a great fair for development and exploitation of agricultural resources of Virginia. In this effort the whole State is interested, and to induce this end the railroads, as the chief beneficiaries of a larger population, have liberally cooperated, with the sole and striking exception of the Atlantic Coast Line.

If that railroad has ever turned aside from its absorbing pursuit of dividends to assist the Commonwealth or consider the welfare of the people of Richmond, we do not recall that instance. Perhaps more than any other railroad in the South, the Atlantic Coast Line has prospered. It very large stock and very slender dividends be prosperity. It has made many of its fortunate stockholders millionaires, and it has been adequately with honesty and intelligence, but its aim and has been, its alone, money. This object has been fully achieved, but in its attainment the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has never regarded the shippers as partners as anything more than a necessary evil. Wherever there has been opposition, when facing legislation which is not in the interest of the public, the Atlantic Coast Line has been in every instance the foremost.

The people of Richmond are not unreasonable. They are willing to be generous from a full and proper as corporations. But, if it was a good business proposition for the Atlantic Coast Line to attend the Jamestown Exposition, why was it not a good business proposition for the Atlantic Coast Line to give us a fair rate?

Perhaps full explanation has been so long withheld to destroy with the belief that it was due to more force of [illegible] than to the wishes of the shippers and consumers.

Happily there are other railroads in Virginia that and that is their passage of legislation to protect civil help the people upon whose prosperity their own depends.

Jefferson on Centralization.

As government ownership of railroads and government control of corporations doing interstate business are now live issues, it is well worth while to look back to the [illegible] Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the Democratic party, and to see what he was on centralization.

In answer to a letter received from Gideon Granger, Postmaster-general, Mr. Jefferson wrote that the proposition which would arise if the New England States should combine to subvert the principle of the Republic. "Our union," said he, "is the large one to have all its affairs directed by a single government. Public servants at such a distance, and from under the eye of their constituents, must from the circumstance of distance be unable to inform itself and exercise all the details necessary for the good government of the citizens and the value thereof, by rendering detailed responsible to their constituents. I prefer the public servants to corporations, provided and wisely. And I [illegible] to the principle here to prevent a [illegible] being in power in this country [illegible] while possessed [illegible] one or another portion of the State governments and [illegible] the great."

You have [illegible] to wage the public [illegible] to cover [illegible] could not be [illegible] they have [illegible] constituents. [illegible] the [illegible] ing, office [illegible] would be possible [illegible] all the State powers [illegible] general government. [illegible] would be reduced to [illegible] only, and let not affairs [illegible] from those of all other nations [illegible] as to commerce, which [illegible] will manage the better [illegible] are but free to manage [illegible] and our general government [illegible] reduced to a very simple organization, and a very inexpensive one. A few plain duties to be performed by a few well paid agents."

A dozen or more quotations of the same character could be given, but this is enough to show the attitude of Thomas Jefferson towards centralization.

But that was not all. Mr. Jefferson stood for the individual, for individual endeavor, opportunity, and development, and he was opposed to an idea universally interfering. In his second inaugural address, he said:

"Still one thing more, fellow-citizens: A wise and frugal government, which, refraining men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of the government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities."

What would Mr. Jefferson think of a system that would take the railroads out of the hands of individuals and place them in the hands of the Federal government, thus making every railroad employe from superintendent to trackwalker a Federal officeholder?

The Penitentiary System.

It is learned from the Texas newspapers that the State penitentiary system begins the new fiscal year on a self-supporting basis, and there is promise of a surplus earned for the next fiscal year. Satisfactory progress has been made in bringing the penitentiary industry up to a high standard of efficiency, and it is expected in time to add other industries which may be conducted with profit by convict labor without creating competition with free labor.

In commenting on this statement, the Houston Post says that the industrial feature of the penitentiary system is of social as well as of economical importance, because it teaches the convicts how to work. Many of them can trace their crime to ignorance and idleness, and learning to do some line of work will be apt in scores of instances to hold them to useful and upright living when they become free."

That is good sentiment, but the Post goes further and says that the time may not be far distant when Texas may occupy advanced ground with regard to convicts, by which it means that the profits of convict labor beyond the cost of maintenance of the system may be set apart for the benefit of the convicts themselves, or devoted to the necessities of their families. Undoubtedly the State should undertake to improve the mental and moral condition of its convicts, to reform them, to teach them a useful occupation, and to send them out when released the better equipped than when they entered the prison walls to earn an honest livelihood, but beyond this the State may not safely go. To make convict service the means of heaping up treasure were too much like putting a premium upon crime. It may be remarked, however, that for many years the Virginia penitentiary has been more than self-supporting, and convicts are allowed small compensation for extra work.

Indifferent Voters.

The Montgomery Advertiser says that in the late Democratic primary in Alabama only about one-half of the registered white voters of the State participated. The indifference of Southern voters to elections is distressing, not to say alarming. For many years past the vote in trading elections has been small. If that was accounted for on the score that as Democrats had all things their own way, there was no occasion for a full vote, due no such excuse can be made for the light vote in the primaries. The primary in the South is the real election and the contest is usually acute. In Alabama the Democrats nominated candidates for State offices, for the United States Senate, and, as a novel feature, nominated sentorial alternates, in case one or both of the venerable Senators should die before the next meeting of the General Assembly. Yet, for all that, half the voters in the State were not sufficiently interested to go to the polls and express their choice of candidates.

That sort of indifference is frequently seen in nominal elections. Citizens are too fast or too indifferent to go to the polls.

Did what, because of their neglect, bad and incompetent men are put into office and abuse follows, they are the first to lift up their voices in mighty protest. It is a reflection upon our character as a people that these things should be. Voting is more than a privilege. It is a duty, and the man who habitually neglects it, although he may be a good man cannot fairly claim to be a good citizen. The duties of citizenship are as binding as the duties of private life. They may be shirked, but the responsibility cannot thereby be escaped.

A "Charge" Against Mr. Bruce.

One of the charges that the Republicans of the Ninth District are bringing against Mr. Robert P. Bruce, Democratic candidate for Congress, is that, in pursuance of his profession, he once defended a negro charged with murder.

Such a charge comes in poor grace, coming from the Republican party, which professes to be such a friend to the black man. But the charge would come in poor grace from any party or from any source. When a citizen of Virginia is summoned to court charged with committing an infamous crime, he is entitled under the law to the services of counsel, and it is the bounden duty of a lawyer who has been selected by the prisoner or the court to conduct the defense to use his best endeavors to prove that his client may receive every benefit of law. It is as much the duty of a lawyer in such a situation to look well after the interests of his client as it is for a physician in attendance upon a sick prisoner to employ his best skill to restore his patient to health.

In the case under review it is said that there were extenuating circumstances in favor of the negro in whose behalf Mr. Bruce appeared. But whether so or not, Mr. Bruce discharged his simple duty in devoting his talent to the best of his ability. If, far from being a reproach, he would have been deserved as a lawyer if he had failed to discharge faithfully and efficiently the duty thus assigned him. The Republicans must be in hard straits to resort to this contemptible method of campaigning.

A Macedonian cry has come up from the State of Maine, or, to be more exact, from the Second Congressional District of that State; to be personal, from the throat of the Hon. Charles Edgar Littlefield, Republican member of Congress from that district. The American Federation of Labor has demanded of Congress a law providing that all government contracts, save for transportation and the like, shall contain a stipulation that the contractor will not work his employes longer than eight hours a day. During the past session Mr. Littlefield was conspicuous in his opposition to the measure, and President Gompers is after his scalp. He has passed the word around among members of his organization that they are to vote against Mr. Littlefield, and that gentleman is so alarmed that he has cried out for help. In response Uncle Joe Cannon and other big Republican guns have been sent to the rescue. Uncle Joe has been pouring hot shot into President Gompers, and the campaign is full of battle smoke. As the Maine congressional elections are held several weeks in advance of the elections in other States, the Republicans are anxious. The defeat of Mr. Littlefield would have a bad "moral effect." That is not all. If President Gompers succeeds in Maine, it is said that he will go into Illinois and make a swipe for Uncle Joe's scalp. Therefore, as the political writers say, the outcome of the fight in Maine will be viewed with keen interest.

Although nearly a year is to elapse before the primary election which is to determine who will be Governor of Mississippi, the campaign is wide open, the interest as keen, and the pace as swift as if the issue were to be settled in a month.

For four months the six entries in the race have been on the track, and the Vicksburg Herald remarks that the candidate who would now have the temerity to make his entry at this date would have his sanity questioned. The contest in Georgia was begun a year and a half ago, and the candidates saw to it that the people were properly stirred up every day. The election in Virginia is more than three years ahead, yet one aspirant has already announced his candidacy. Bill Arp once remarked that in his youth it required several days to travel from Atlanta to Washington, but at the time of his writing, less than fifty hours, "I have been making some calculations," said he, "and I find that if the time-continues to be reduced in the same proportion, twenty years hence I will be in Washington two hours and a half before I leave Atlanta."

Though Mr. Stensland was located in Morocco, it is not fair to conclude that he was trying to get away with some Moor.

Chairman Shonts's labor policy has fixed Panama as an "open" canal. Well, well; word of it! We didn't buy it for an isthmus, did we?

One of our local notions might write a new "Jungle Book," with the scene laid in Capitol Square Park. The local color for a jungle is plentiful.

A dead silence is all the intelligence we get just now from Panama Canal circles. Even Poultney Bigelow appears to have quit slinging mud there.

When engaged in the pursuit of bucking capital, however, labor seems entirely willing to subsist on a twenty-four-hour day.

Every possible scheme of railroad ownership is now being hotly championed except the simple plan of allowing the stockholders to own them.

China's new constitution promises to be about as intelligible as her average lottery ticket.

Another of the Lint Brigade on is dead. Jeffries, as we figure the Long out, just six feet anyone now alive.

Bryan's popularity is struggling hard against adversity. And election is several years away.

Jackie Stensland, though came complicated to pay the goods off him.

When the jack barbers Capitol Square needs a hair cut the worst way.

Words of a feather phemetic together.

Call for an Explanation.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir—Since writing an article (over my own name) in this week's West Point paper, criticising Mr. C. P. Cogswell for [illegible] the God forsaking law abiding people of King William, I have read an article in the Sunday Times-Dispatch. Mr. Cogswell, in his explanations, which needs explaining, says: "Never heard that there was some talk of claimer being done there here, if they were taken to King William for preliminary trial," etc. Now, we would like to know from whom Mr. Cogswell got that? Again, Mr. Cogswell says: "I do not think wise to send these boys back to King William," etc. Mr. Cogswell, all that needs explaining. Will you at your leisure try to explain these two statements? You have not cut your Cardwell in the opinion of William H. Turpin, living ten miles below Shanghai, and having no relative in or anywhere near Mangohick. I am simply an humble citizen, who has been living in this county sixty-five years, and cannot remain silent when I hear lies fall name slandered by one of another county.

WILLIAM H. TURPIN.

Aylett, Va.

Shortening Chinese Plays.

Difficulty is being caused on the native side in phasing by the magistrate compelling plays to cease at midnight under penalty of one pound every hour after.—North China Herald, Shanghai.

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Merely Joking.

Locating the Duck.—Gent: "Waiter, I ordered duck, and green peas; you seem to have forgotten the duck." Waiter: "It's behind the left-hand green pea, sir."—Scraps.

At the Banquet.—"The colored didn't touch his blue points. I wonder why. This is September."

"Not for him. He calls it Septembah."—Chicago Tribune.

Tommy Tells Tales.—"Tommy, you don't take after your father much, do you?"

"No, ma'am. But, see, you ought to see the way ma does sometimes!"—Chicago Tribune.

Marie's Height.—She: "I'm glad to hear that Marie has reached a high place in her profession." He: "Yes, she's singing in a roof garden."—Boston Transcript.

Identifying Father.—Teacher: "Now, can any of the class mention any other animal that belongs to the brute creation?" New Pupil: "My papa does." Teacher: "Good gracious! Who says so?" New Pupil (timidly): "My mama."—Boston Globe.

Peevish Pa.—"Paw!"

"Well, what is it this time?"

"What has the 'Boston' debt getter do with the sinkin' fund?"

"Marla, if you don't pack this young 'un off to bed I'll kim the life outen him!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Rhymes for To-Day

The Vain Quest.

I HAVE searched for the slope of Parnassus,
I have sought the Pierian spring,
From the Cape of Good Hope to Manassas
I have yearned for the power to sing.

I have sat at the feet of the Muses,
I have dogged at the footsteps of Pan,
I have danced to Calliope's ruses
From far Beersheba to Dan.

I have conned all that presently's got
I know if a line is dactylic,
Iambic, spondaic or not.

I know all the works of Catullus,
And the others that write now repeats?—
Aye, of Sappho, Propertius, Tibullus,
And so down the aces to Keats.

I have harked to the music-god's Hollo,
I have sighed to the secret of song,
I have prayed—and now tell me, Apollo,
Why hast thou withstood me so long?

I have struggled for more than was fittin',
I have slaved every morning till one,
I have read every verse ever written
To see how the trick it was done.

I have tried—but endeavor is fruitless
Since the Muse has exerted her force—
So I'm doing these Rhymes, which are bootless
But are handy for filling up space.

H. S. H.

CAROLINA SENTIMENT.

The South's Disappointment.

There is no arguing against the fact, everywhere in evidence, that the first choice of William Jennings Bryan at New York City was a great disappointment to Southern democracy.—New Bern Journal.

Democracy's Dilemma.

In that Nebraska Mr. Bryan did not run on the platform, or anything like that kind, if the Democratic party in 1904 he [illegible] against anti-trusts, anti-trusts, anti-trusts. But the adherents of both the Democratic wing either take Bryan with his [illegible] ownership idea and go down to defeat without it, or they must do [illegible] Democratic ticket [illegible] and put in the field [illegible] who stands on a good radical platform and is some farther from Bryanism.—Wilmington Messenger.

Curious News from Georgia.

A despatch yesterday from Macon, Ga., [illegible] the killing of a woman by her husband, who afterward committed suicide, and who is described as a "middle-aged man." This is a curious story, and we hope it may be [illegible] in Georgia, which we not be surprised. The next thing you know, something [illegible] will be [illegible] a natural death.—Charlotte Observer.

No Occasion for Hurry.

When a party has two years in which to pick out a candidate there is no use in being in a hurry about it anyway.—Durham Herald.

SOUTHERN DRIFT.

The Government Flea-eth.

It is amusing and satisfying to learn that the Government of Agriculture is well [illegible] and right down to business. It is going to exterminate the flea. The wicked flea, the [illegible] flea. It doesn't permit the entire police family at one time to [illegible] it. That would be too big a job, even for Dr. Stiles to undertake, and we cannot expect one of the sewer gangs to take it up. What the Department proposes to do is to show that particular branch of the [illegible] how to [illegible] and what it themselves.—Mobile Daily Advertiser.

Charleston Stands Pat.

It seems to be the fashion to hold up Charleston as a terrible example of conservatism, to [illegible] and a sore of [illegible] especially delighted to impute [illegible] to it be noted that Charleston [illegible] Tuesday last as the [illegible] the dispensary [illegible].—The Dispensary [illegible].

Director Should Direct.

[illegible] directories, if not the election and [illegible] suggested by the recent [illegible] in Philadelphia. Directors have [illegible] to be the administrators in the business affairs of the corporations with which they are [illegible] connected and attend to the business [illegible] expected under the law to do.—Charlotte Observer.

Abbamal's Wise Departure.

The appointment of a competent woman of [illegible] to the State Superintendent of Education is the movement by better school [illegible] in Alabama. It is also along the line of improved educational [illegible]. The new appointee will cooperate with the [illegible] in good improvement of the state [illegible] Women's Clubs, and will devote [illegible] to the work. Her efforts will [illegible] along the line of better school [illegible] and improvements that will be [illegible] the efficiency of the schools.—Birmingham News.

VIRGINIA COMMENT.

Governor Tyler's Blunder.

Governor Tyler neutralized the good work of [illegible] Taft's presence at the Radford fair [illegible] an invitation to Hanna, which [illegible] of the Democratic peace [illegible] that the Williams will make a [illegible] for Congress in Virginia as a [illegible] to the Great Northern [illegible] Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

The Workingman's Demand.

[illegible] American citizens, who [illegible] wants his relatives [illegible] the government [illegible] which applies to other [illegible] which is equal rights [illegible] and equal privileges for none.—Petersburg Daily Appeal.

Missing His Calling.

[illegible] weather forecaster who [illegible] that weather or not [illegible] in the wrong business. He ought [illegible].—Newport News Press.

Early Raising.

[illegible] section of country once adapted [illegible] Southwest Virginia. The [illegible] fertile and when the mountain [illegible] have been cleared of trees and underbrush [illegible] grows spontaneously. Cattle [illegible] on the hills are said to be the [illegible] that are offered on the market.—Roanoke Times.

Where The Fault Lies.

[illegible] with even moderate care [illegible] the main causes of much that [illegible] in the municipal affairs of this [illegible] early become evident that the [illegible] cause of inefficiency and futility in [illegible] of responsibility is the persistent, [illegible] and self-destructive indifference of [illegible] to municipal affairs, the mass of the [illegible] and tax paying population.—Charlottesville News.

There may be just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught, but a fish that is caught is worth two in the sea.

FOUR PER CENT. FORTY-YEAR BONDS

Petersburg to Issue Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars for Paving Purposes.

TAX FOR THE SINKING FUND

Negroes Heavily Fined for Creating Disturbance on an Electric Car.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., September 5.—The Common Council last evening authorized the issue of $75,000 of 4 per cent. paving bonds. The bonds are to be dated November 1st, and are payable forty years after date. A special tax is to be levied to cover the interest on the bonds and to create a sufficient sinking fund to retire them on maturity. They are to be known as "roadway improvement bonds," and the Finance Committee is authorized to dispose of them to the highest bidder.

In the Mayor's Court this morning James Matthews, colored, was fined $10 and costs, and James Wynne, colored, was fined $5 and costs, for creating a disturbance on one of the electric street railway cars on Labor Day.

Mr. Freeman W. Jones, passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway, in this city, had his pocket-book stolen some days ago. The book contained several dollars in money and passes over various railroads in the State. Today Mr. Jones was notified from Norfolk of the recovery of the passes, minus the pocket-book and money. They had been found on an excursion train from this city to Norfolk.

The scaffolding has been removed from around the new National Bank building at the southeast corner of Sycamore and East Tabb Streets, and the structure can now be seen in all the beauty of its architecture and proportions. The interior remains to be completed and furnished. The bank will occupy its new home in October.

Two more brickers—James Parker and James Parker—were today taken out to Sussex county, to be tried in the Circuit Court for arson. They were arrested early in July on the charge of barn burning. "Hurricane" Brandis's bloodhounds were put on the trail of the burners, and the dogs went to the home of the Parker brothers. Such was the feeling against the prisoners at the time that they were hurried, after committal by a magistrate, to the Petersburg jail for safekeeping.

Major A. R. Moody, Captain H. R. Parham and Mr. Landis Reed, who spent a week of recreation and pleasure in New York City, have returned home.

Mrs. Mary Cowling Dunlop and children and Mrs. Mollie Johnston have safely arrived in Paris. They will spend some weeks in traveling abroad.

The Riverside Club, of this city, and the Blackstone team will play three games of ball here this week, the first to be played tomorrow afternoon. Next week and the week following the Riverside will be matched against the State league clubs from Danville, Lynchburg, and Norfolk.

Mr. William Thayer, a member of the Wise Department, stationed at the Brook-Street Pumping House, left for Richmond on August 27th to spend his vacation. He was to have returned back for duty last Monday, but nothing has been heard from him since he went away. His family and friends are uneasy about him.

Two young ladies of this city, Misses Barbara and Caroline Herr, daughters of Mr. Joseph Herr, are reported to have been married in Washington yesterday—Miss Barbara to Mr. James L. Howerton, of Petersburg, and Miss Caroline to Mr. Robert A. Pillow, of Cumberland, Md.

A big excursion party from along the line of the Norfolk and Western Railway went reached the city last evening. The party filled four trains of ten or twelve cars each. One half went to Richmond, and one half continued on to Norfolk and the seashore.

CLAMS NOT OYSTERS.

An Interesting and Important Decision to Tidewater.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ONANCOCK, VA., September 5.—A decision of much importance to the oyster interests has been rendered by two of the three justices of the peace of Atlantic District. Criminal warrants for trespass were issued by John T. Powell & Co., oyster planters of Franklin City, against several parties, charging them with catching clams on their oyster grounds, the grounds having been set aside by the State inspector. The parties accused admitted the charge, but claimed that they had the right to clam on the grounds, provided they did not interfere with the oysters. In this, they were sustained by two of the justices. The case has been appealed, and will probably be heard before Judge Black at the term of court now in session.

Goshen Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 5.—The Goshen Baptist Association met yesterday at Bethany Church, in Caroline county, for a three days' session. Captain T. S. Smith was elected moderator, A. G. Smith, secretary, J. H. Hawkins, treasurer. There was a song affectionate, and the usual sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Plunkett, of Orange Courthouse. Many subjects of interest were discussed. The meeting will adjourn Thursday.

Taylor Acquitted.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WEST POINT, VA., September 5.—John Taylor, colored, of Pinetta, Gloucester county, who was suspected and arrested for the murder of William T. Thom, on the night of August 26th, was tried before Justice J. H. Gary yesterday, and for lack of evidence was acquitted.

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OLD DOMINION BRIDGE COMPANY

Lynchburg Business Men Think It a Good Thing and Will Push It Along.

AFTER DISORDERLY HOUSES

Policemen, Telegraph Managers and Messengers Are Called to Testify.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 5.—An enthusiastic meeting of prominent business men was held to-night, when it was decided that the plan of the promoters of the Old Dominion Bridge Company is a good one. The meeting resolved that a canvass of the city should be made to dispose of the stock. This will be done at once, and the three hundred thousand dollars (the proposed capital stock) will be gotten without trouble.

The company expects to be in operation early next year.

The grand jury in the Corporation Court, which yesterday took up the investigation of many alleged disorderly houses, which was commenced at the July term of the court, has been down to hard work all day. A large number of witnesses have been examined to-day, and shortly after noon the jury returned to the court room and asked that many more be summoned.

A number of the members of the police department have testified. The local managers of the two telegraph companies have been heard as to the location of call boxes in these resorts, and now all of the messenger boys have been summoned to give the members of the grand jury the benefit of their observations.

There is no telling where this investigation will end, and no one has any idea of the scope that it will take, as the members of the jury are not talking, and the witnesses are not permitted to do so after they leave the court room.

The impression, however, prevails around town to-night that a number of indictments will be the result of the sitting of the grand jury.

AN ELOPEMENT.

John P. Verlander and Miss Eddins Surprise Friends.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., September 5.—Mr. John P. Verlander, of Richmond, and Miss Doris S. Eddins, of this city, were married yesterday afternoon in Washington. The young couple eloped to Washington on the early morning train over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and so well was their secret kept that even their closest friends did not know of the event until the receipt here last night of a telegram announcing the marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. L. Eddins, or Free Eddins, this county, but had been a resident of Charlottesville for several years past. The groom is a young engineer on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

BOILER SOARED.

Blown Through the Roof and Nobody Hurt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WOODSTOCK, VA., September 5.—The boiler attached to the cannery of Hottel and Lonas at Mount Jackson was blown through the roof yesterday afternoon, it is supposed by an accumulation of gas under the fire box, and fell 75 feet from the building, practically uninjured.

As no explosion of the boiler occurred none of the twenty persons working in the building were injured.

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