SPORTS OF THE FIELD AND TRACK AND OF THE BOXING ARENA

RING SCANDAL IS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION

Amateur Athletic Union Officials Have It in Charge.

Police Will Be Asked to Aid in Suppressing the Betting.

THE Pacific Association, Amateur Athletic Union, met last night in the Olympic Athletic Club.

No action was taken by the association in regard to the Ahrens-Peterson boxing scandal beyond referring it to the registration committee, which meets on the 24th inst. E. J. Lynch, representing the Ariel Rowing Club, stated that immediately after the suspicious bout last week at the Mechanics' Pavilion Annex the boxing committee, suspecting that Peterson had allowed himself to be "knocked out," called a meeting and decided the affair had a suspicious look. It was intended to investigate the fake at the meeting of the Ariel Club next Monday night.

The Olympic Club, through its board of directors, notified the association that it has a monopoly of the room where it holds its meetings and also that it takes up the time of the doorkeeper receiving applicants for boxing permits. The association appointed a committee to seek other quarters.

The annual meeting and election of the association will be held on the second Friday in October instead of the third Friday in September as heretofore.

An immediate endeavor to stop betting at amateur boxing exhibitions will be made by the boxing committee of the association. At the request of the various clubs the committee will wait upon Chief of Police Wittman to ask his co-operation in stopping the practice which has lately become so prevalent at amateur bouts. It threatens the existence of the sport.

A complaint charging M. Byrnes of the Ukiah High School with being a professional was filed by James F. Sturtevant, secretary of the Academic Athletic League. It is alleged Byrnes raced for a prize of $12 50 at Mendocino City. The matter was referred to the registration committee.

A protest from the Twentieth Century Club objecting to the payment of a $50 sanction was voted down.

FOOTBALL TEAMS TRAIN FOR SCHEDULE GAMES

Reliance Club and Alumni Elevens Will Try Out the University Men Before the Big Contest.

Manager "Pete" Smith of the Reliance Athletic Club football team has announced the schedule of practice games with the University of California and Stanford University. The schedule follows:

September 27—Reliance vs. Stanford at Palo Alto; California vs. Alumni at Berkeley.

October 4—Reliance vs. California at Berkeley; Stanford vs. Alumni at Palo Alto.

October 11—Reliance vs. Stanford at Palo Alto; Alumni vs. California at Berkeley.

October 18—Freshman game, Stanford vs. California in this city; Reliance vs. University of Nevada at Reno.

October 25—Reliance vs. California at Berkeley.

November 1—Reliance vs. Stanford in this city.

The Reliance eleven will probably play in Los Angeles on Thanksgiving day and in Portland on New Year's day. The team will be chosen from among the following players: Jack Monroe, Gene Sheehy, Weirs, Collins, Fleck, Percy, Kavanaugh, Hamilton, Dinsmore, Zan Golz, Wilson, Atkinson, Hooper, Koster and Vosburgh.

The alumni team is made up chiefly of the men who played in the Olympic Club team last year.

The case of Albertson, the giant captain of the Berkeley football team, who has been endeavoring to be reinstated on the list of eligibles for the sport, was practically decided yesterday. University Recorder Sutton acknowledged that Albertson's contention that he registered within the requisite number of days was true. Hence his formal registration on Thursday becomes valid.

The only official who can prevent Albertson from playing is Professor G. C. Edwards, chairman of the faculty athletic committee. It is his province to pass upon all names of football candidates before they are sent to Stanford. If he still maintains the positive stand he took as a member of the executive committee he may refuse to give his sanction to Albertson's playing.

McGovern-Corbett Fight Trouble.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 12.—Rev. E. L. Powell, chairman of the Ministers' Association, which has taken up the fight against the McGovern-Corbett contest, scheduled to take place here on the 22d inst., has received letters from Governor Beckham and Mayor Grainger of Louisville in reply to the committee's protest against the bout. The Governor says "the matter will receive careful consideration," and Mayor Grainger says, "I will assure you there shall be no violation of the law." Attorneys for the Southern Athletic Club advised Manager Gray to-day that the fighters cannot be enjoined and that the articles of agreement are in accordance with the State law governing boxing contests.

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PONIES LOSE GAME BY THEIR CARELESS WORK

Oaklanders Win the Contest by a Lone Tally in the Ninth.

Lucky Mishap Stops Leaders From Scoring in First Inning.

BEFORE the Ponies could rub the sleep out of their eyes and awaken to a full realization that they were in a baseball mix-up, yesterday, P. Lohman's suburbanites had three men scattered about the bases in the first inning. McCreedie was resting on the first sack, Streib was at second and Kid Mohler was dancing on his toes at third, waiting for a chance to skip home. There was but one hand gone. It seemed the Oaklanders would score a few times before the locals would get out of dreamland and into the game.

Fortune, however, came to their assistance and the fans were relieved of the fear of Oakland scoring in a most miraculous manner. Hurlburt hit an easy fly toward third. Phyle sprinted for it, and as it appeared almost certain that he would capture the ball the three runners held their bases. Phyle stumbled and fell. Before the men on the bases could take advantage of the mishap Shay picked up the ball and threw it home, thus forcing Mohler out at the plate. It was quickly returned to Whalen, who was guarding third, and Streib was forced out there. This double play retired the side.

After being thus strangely rescued from the enemy the fans felt certain it was on the card for the Ponies to win. That they did not is due to their own slovenly and careless playing. Whalen pitched pennant-winning ball. He allowed but four scattered hits. Not until the last inning were the leaders able to get their one lone tally on the board. They gained it through a wild throw on the part of Phyle and the slowness of Nordyke in getting the ball home to head off McCreedie.

In this inning McCreedie led off with a hit. Hurlburt flew easy to Phyle. Devereaux sent a grounder to Phyle, who threw wide to Delmas at second, thus allowing McCreedie to get to third and the batter to reach second. The chances of victory for the home team appeared blue. Franks hit a speedy one to Delmas, who fumbled it, but recovered it in time to catch the runner at first. When Delmas miscued, McCreedie started for home. After catching the ball, Nordyke held it for a second or two to make sure that he had it. His tardiness cost the home team the game, for it gave McCreedie time to cross the rubber.

Schmidt had fine control, and, like his opponent, allowed but four hits and kept them well distributed. As Dunleavy was busy nursing a sore jaw, Hurlburt, the utility man, was delegated to look after left garden. Score:

SAN FRANCISCO.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Shay, s. s.	4	0	1	0	3	5	0
Meaney, r. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Phyle, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	1	2
Leahy, c	4	0	0	0	2	1	0
Nordyke, 1b	4	0	2	0	17	0	0
Parrott, c. f.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Delmas, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	6	0
McHale, l. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whalen, p.	3	0	0	0	1	3	0
Meredith, p.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	29	0	4	0	27	17	2

OAKLAND.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Walters, c. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mohler, 2b	3	0	1	1	3	1	1
Streib, 1b	3	0	0	0	13	0	1
McCreedie, r. f.	4	1	1	0	2	0	0
Hurlburt, l. f.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Devereaux, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Francks, s. s.	3	0	0	0	3	9	0
Lohman, c	4	0	1	0	4	2	0
Schmidt, p	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	30	1	4	1	27	15	2

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS.

San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Base hits	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—4
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1
Base hits	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1—4

SUMMARY.

Two-base hit—Lohman. Sacrifice hits—Francks, Parrott. First base on errors—San Francisco 1, Oakland 1. First base on called balls—Off Whalen 3, off Schmidt 2. Left on bases—San Francisco 4, Oakland 7. Struck out—By Whalen 1, by Schmidt 3. Hit by pitcher—Devereaux. Double plays—Shay to Leahy to Whalen; Delmas to Shay to Nordyke; Schmidt to Francks to Streib; Shay to Nordyke. Time of game—1 hour 50 minutes. Umpire—McDonald.

PITCHER MILLS IN FORM.

Holds Down the Sacramento Batters and Wins for Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—Baseball of a clean, snappy variety was served up by the Looloos to-day, and the result was disastrous to the Sleuths. Cutter was hit freely, while Mills was in good form. That tells the tale of Fisher's defeat. There was some clever fielding, however, without a suspicion of yesterday's numerous fumbles. The visitors' single tally was made on Casey's single to right, which was stretched for three bases when the ball bounded over Lawler's head. Sheehan followed with a liner over second base. Attendance 1500. The score:

LOS ANGELES.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Toman, s. s.	2	2	0	1	3	2	0
Raymer, 2b.	3	0	1	1	2	2	0
Dillon, 1b.	4	1	3	0	10	0	0
Householder, c. f.	4	1	2	0	2	1	0
Reilly, 3b.	4	0	1	0	3	2	0
Roach, c.	4	1	3	0	8	0	0
Lawler, r. f.	4	2	0	0	1	0	0
Jackson, l. f.	3	0	1	0	3	0	0
Mills, p.	3	0	1	0	0	4	0
Totals	31	7	12	2	27	11	0

SACRAMENTO.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Doyle, c. f.	4	0	1	0	2	0	0
Hildebrand, l. f.	4	0	0	0	1	2	0
McLaughlin, r. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Unglaub 1b.	4	0	0	0	7	0	0
Eagan, s. s.	4	0	0	0	2	5	0
Casey, 2b.	4	1	3	0	3	1	1
Sheehan, 3b.	4	0	2	1	3	1	0
Graham, c.	1	0	0	0	5	2	1
Hogan, c.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cutter, p.	3	0	0	0	1	3	2
Totals	33	1	8	1	24	14	4

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS.

Los Angeles	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	x—7
Base hits	1	4	1	1	3	1	1	0	x—12
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—1
Base hits	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	1—8

SUMMARY.

Three-base hits—Dillon, Casey 2. Two-base hits—Roach, Jackson. Sacrifice hits—Raymer, Jackson, Mills. First base on errors—Los Angeles, 2. First base on called balls—Off Mills, 1; off Cutter 3. Left on bases—Los Angeles, 6; Sacramento, 7. Struck out—By Mills, 2; by Cutter, 2. Double play—Householder to Dillon. Time of game—1:40. Umpire—O'Connell.

More Automobile Races.

Encouraged by the success of its first effort in promoting automobile and bicycle races, the San Francisco Bicycle Board of Trade has decided to have another meet. The date has been fixed for October 5. Ingleside track will again be the scene of the racing.

The committee having the affair in charge consists of Edwin Mohrig, A. C. Coates, Joseph Holle, W. E. Nash, J. W. Leavitt, I. P. Allen, Walter Morrill, J. W. Cornell, J. Eames and W. J. Kenny.

Many new racing machines are expected in the automobile competition. The details of this meet will be carefully worked out, the committee having more time at its disposal than on the former occasion.

Maher on Elba Beats Sceptre.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Danny Maher, the American jockey, scored a clever victory in the race at the Doncaster September meeting to-day for the Park Hill Stakes. He landed Elba a winner by half a length from the famous Sceptre, on which 4 to 10 against had been laid. Elba started at 10 to 1 against. Maher, on Rondeau, later won the Prince of Wales Nursery Plate Handicap, scoring against twenty-five others.

ZAMBRA WINS THE SPECIAL TROT AT THE STATE FAIR MEETING

Six Heats Are Required to Decide the Contest and the Talent Suffers Owing to the Defeat of Lady Fair.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 12.—Three score or more of Knights of the "Grip and Gall," sprinkled in among the regular gathering of racegoers, installed additional noise and life into the game at Agricultural Park this afternoon to do honor to drummers' day. A race for named horses to be driven by commercial men was served up on the menu for their special benefit, creating more or less amusement.

It was taken by Toots, the pronounced favorite in the betting, driven by Harry Bell, with Rosie Gold, over which Emil Heinrich held the ribbons, capturing second money. In the second heat Toots appeared as uncertain as a duck boat, and Heinrich landed Rosie an easy winner. No records were lowered, the best time recorded being 3:40. At the commencement of the race F. A. Johnson seized last position with Maggie C. No amount of persuasion could influence the mare to relinquish it in the two heats following.

The other events were all well contested. The special trot won finally after a six-heat struggle by Zambra, owned by L. J. Rose Jr., resulted in a dump for the knowing ones, who got in wrong and were kept as busy as curbstone brokers getting out. Of the four favorites in the running events, Gaviota and Coming Event were the successful ones. Farmer Charley Bunch and his mare Lady Fair were responsible for the troubles of the speculative element in the betting on the trot. In the early wagering done the daughter of Gossiper brought $20, with the field going at $11, at which quotations the insiders filled up. It did look pretty good for a time, as the farmer and his mare took the first two heats like breaking eggs. The mare looked tired and blown at the termination of the second heat, although her admirers kept on purchasing at odds of even money against the field. It was said the Lady was afflicted with the "thumps." This was possibly true, for in the third heat she finished fourth, stopping to a walk almost the last sixteenth. Shelby winning from Zambra in 2:22. The latter, handled by Delaney, now loomed up as a likely candidate and took the next three heats and race in clever fashion, selling favorite against the field. Then followed the runners.

CHILENO WINS THE SPRINT.

A six-furlong sprint, with a field of ten going to the post, saw El Primero stable's Autumn Time close a 3 to 5 chance. Willie See had the mount and the gelding ran unplaced. Chileno, a 10 to 1 shot, piloted by Garrigan, overhauled the pacemaker, Alms Giver, at the paddock, scoring by a head. In a severe drive Luirga ran a fair third.

Gaviota, the Futurity candidate of A. B. Spreckels, captured the five-furlong two-year-old spin in a scamper, ruling a 4 to 5 favorite. Like all of the returning Montana horses, Sink's filly St. Winnifred, a full sister to St. Cuthbert, was touted as a wonder and carried almost as much coin on her chances as the favorite. She was cut down in the race, which no doubt accounted for her indifferent showing. At that, she led to the stretch, where Collis, on the favorite, assumed command, galloping in first by three lengths in 1:01¼. Show honors fell to Delsegno, with Ransch in the saddle.

Billy Magrane's mare Nellie Forest jolted the talent hard by romping in an easy winner of the mile and a sixteenth selling affair, stepping off the distance in 1:47 flat. She was almost overlooked in the rush to get aboard Alicia, Goldone and Cromwell, the last horse closing favorite at odds of 9 to 5. He broke last and was never prominent. Tommy Walker, with the leg up on Goldone, cut out the running to the bend for home, where he was gradually collared and downed without difficulty by Collis on the Magrane entry. Morinel dropped in third.

MOANA IN BAD RACING LUCK.

Jimmy Logue made a home run with Coming Event, favorite for the concluding six-furlong sprint. He broke away in front of his field with the mare and was never pressed at any stage of the running. Call Bond, an 8 to 1 shot, led out Windward for the place. Moana, a hot tip, played in bad racing luck.

J. W. Brooks is here busily engaged getting entries for the thirteen-day meeting of the new Los Angeles Racing Association. The meeting opens October 11 and the stake entries close on the 18th inst. Horace Egbert will preside in the stand and F. E. Mulholland will start the runners. A. A. Cohen will act as starting judge of the harness events. The stewards of the meeting will be Willard Stimpson, G. L. Waring and J. W. Brooks. Summary:

First race—Special for Drummers, mile heats, two in three; purse, $250:

Toots (Bell)	2	1	1
Rose Gold (Heinrich)	1	2	2
Albert W (Peast)	2	3	3
Let Him Be (Logan)	4	4	4
Maggie C (Johnson)	5	5	5

Time: 3:51¾, 3:42¾, 3:40.

Second race—Special trot, mile heats, three in five; purse, $300:

Zambra, b. g., by McKinney (Delaney)	2	2	2	1	1	1
Lady Fair (Bunch)	1	1	4	4	3	3
Shelby (Dwain)	3	3	1	2	2	2
Prince Howard (Van Bokkelen)	3	4	5	3	dr.	
Puerto Rico (Cuicello)	6	5	3	5	dr.	
Simone (Durfee)	4	dis.				

Time: 2:21½, 2:20¼, 2:22, 2:23¾, 2:23¾.

Third race—Six furlongs, selling three-year-olds and over; purse, $200: Chileno, 112 (by Tenny-Chemuck), (Garrigan) 6 to 1, won; Alms-Giver, 106 (Sullivan), 6 to 1, second; Lunga, 103 (Ransch), 2½ to 1, third. Time, 1:14½. Billisis, Autumn Time, El Karn, Winnecock, Tiberia, Silver Cruz and Julia Thorne also ran.

Fourth race—Five furlongs, for two-year-olds, non-winners; purse, $225: Gaviota, 102, by Imp. Crighton-Nellie Bird (Collis), 4 to 5, won; St. Winifride, 108 (Kelly), even, second; Delsegno, 108 (Ransch), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:01¼. Orosius and Holly also ran.

Fifth race—One and one-sixteenth, for four-year-olds and over, selling; purse, $250: Nellie Forest, 105, by Forest-Nellie G (Collis), 4 to 1, won; Goldone, 110 (Walker), 2 to 1, second; Morinel, 92 (Dyer), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:47. Cromwell, Alicia and Flirtilla also ran.

Sixth race—Six furlongs, for three-year-olds and over, non-winners, selling; purse, $200: Coming Event, 109, by Imp. Calvados-Katrinka (Logue), even, won; Call Bond, 106 (Ransch), 7 to 1, second; Windward, 112 (Kelly), 2½ to 1, third. Time, 1:14½. Intrepido, Senora Caesar, Jennie Miller, Aunt Polly and Moana also ran.

The entries for Saturday's racing at Sacramento are:

First race, trotting, 2:24 class, three in five—Sutter, H O B, Silvion, Prince L, Cornelius D, Dolly N, Trilby, Lady Rowena, Iloilo, Verona, Faust.

Second race, pace, 2:18 class, three in five—Alfred C, Perose, Harry J, N L B, Easter D, Chief, Jennie S, The Mrs., Nance O'Neil, Dictatus, Medium, Rita H.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile, all ages—Loyal S, 124; Saul of Tarsus, 120; Troy, 120; Arbaces, 120; Bernota, 120; Tiolita, 117; Disturber, 112; Ignacio, 102; Intrepido, 107; Nora D, 105; Myrtle H, 103.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs, all ages, purse—Hercules, 112; Gibraltar, 112; Hagerdon, 112; Nervator, 103; Sea Queen, 109; Meehanus, 112; William Boyer, 112; Little Sister, 112; Byron Rose, 112.

Fifth race, the Vinctor, for three-year-olds and upwards, one mile—Flush of Gold, 119; Divina, 104; The Fretter, 117; Artilla, 110; Del Vista, 114; Wolhurst, 122; McNamara, 122.

Sixth race, three-year-olds and upwards, mile and an eighth, selling—Billy Lyons, 113; Lodestar, 122; Louwelsea, 89; Jim McCleevy, 105; Flirtilla, 102; Expedient, 105; Morinel, 92; Halmetta, 95.

Seventh race, four-year-olds and up, three-quarters of a mile, selling—The Hoodoo, 104; El Karn, 107; John Boggs, 107; Jim Gore II, 112; Dollie Wiethoff, 104; Aunt Polly, 104; Matt Hogan, 107; Frank Pearce, 107; Mike Rice, 107; Florinel II, 107.

SAVED CAPITAL FROM REMOVAL

Former District of Columbia Governor Dies in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—A private telegram received here this afternoon from Batopilas, Mexico, announces the death there of Alexander R. Shepherd, who was vice president of the Board of Public Works of the District of Columbia during the territorial government of the District in 1871 and two years later Governor of the District. He was 67 years of age. The cause of death was peritonitis, brought on by an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Shepherd, accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Merchant, who reside in Washington, were informed of the serious illness of the Governor yesterday, and left at once for Batopilas.

Shepherd, as the executive officer of the Board of Public Works, in spite of vigorous opposition, began and successfully continued improvements in all parts of the city, with the result that Washington became a magnificent capital. To the Governor is given the credit for nipping in the bud the agitation for the removal of the capital to some Western city, which was warmly agitated at one time.

At the expiration of his term as Governor in company with New York capitalists he purchased the old hacienda San Miguel silver mines, at Batopilas, which in later years have proved profitable, and where he had since resided. He leaves a wife and seven children.

MEN DIE IN A SEA OF FIRE.

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age done in the district adjacent to this city probably will reach a quarter of a million dollars, nearly all of which represents standing timber. No lives were lost along the lower Columbia.

For the past thirty-six hours a dense canopy of smoke has hung over the northwestern part of Oregon and Southwestern Washington and navigation has been rendered extremely difficult. In consequence the steamship Columbia is stranded in the river at a point six or eight miles east of this city and reports received here are that she is in a serious predicament. Captain Crang of the river steamer Bailey Gatzert says that he passed the Columbia on his way down this evening. The steamship had lost her bearings and was fully a mile out of her course. She had managed to get in behind a sandbar and it is feared great difficulty will be experienced in liberating her. How the Columbia ever got into her position is a mystery to Captain Crang, who says he would be at a loss to reach her with a vessel of light draught.

LOGGING CAMP BURNED.

Last night the towns of Svensen, Or., and Skamokawa, Wash., were threatened with destruction, but the changing of the wind saved them. At Svensen the flames were almost upon 5,000,000 feet of logs at C. C. Masten's camp, but only 100,000 feet were destroyed. At Skamokawa the mill and logging camp of the Willamette Pulp and Paper Company were destroyed and the loss there probably will reach $10,000.

From Slatskanie, Or., west, a large tract of timber land is reported to have been burned over, but the danger that threatened the towns in the vicinity has now passed. Many farmhouses are said to have been destroyed, the inhabitants fleeing for their lives. For a time it seemed that the entire town of Svensen would be laid in ashes, and the residents were ready to leave with their valuables. Skamokawa was in a similar predicament for some hours.

Near Fort Columbia, the new Government post, great fires raged, and assistance was sent thither from this city and Fort Stevens. Toward morning the danger passed. South of Astoria several small fires are still burning, but it is believed the worst is over.

LIKE A FALL OF SNOW.

It is estimated to-night that 15,000 acres of timber land has been burned over, but it will be some days before the exact damage can be determined. That the loss will not exceed $250,000 in this vicinity is probable.

While there were no fires within six or seven miles of the city a shower of ashes fell during the morning. For three hours the ashfall was so heavy that it resembled snow, covering the ground to a depth of a quarter of an inch. There was great fear among the timid, many actually believing their time had come.

The weather was quite cool to-night and there are indications of a rainfall within twenty-four hours.

About the worst fire in this neighborhood raged yesterday at Oak Point. The fire was started by a rancher who was clearing land and who was warned against doing so by his neighbors. He persisted and was threatened with lynching. His indiscretion has cost many thousands of dollars there.

HOPING RAIN WILL COME.

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—The density of smoke from forest fires in various parts of adjacent country districts is increasing. People everywhere are anxiously watching for a change in the wind, indicative of approaching rain. So far but little hope has been given. Though the barometer has been falling steadily, but slowly, all day the light breeze is north. Toward midnight a slight change could be felt and it was hoped that this meant that the wind was veering to the southern quarter.

To this time but little damage has resulted in this vicinity, except indirectly. Transportation facilities on all sides are badly impaired and communication with many counties is cut off. Nearly all mails are late. The most serious fear is that Enumclaw, a little town just south of Seattle, will be entirely wiped out by the fires. People coming into the city tonight, though, report that but a few houses and oat fields have been burned. The citizens are all fighting the fire in the woods near by, and so far have succeeded in stopping its approach toward the town.

Captain Bryant, federal inspector of hulls, well known all along the Pacific Coast, and A. P. Stockwell, a wealthy logger, had a thrilling ride yesterday afternoon. For a half hour they rode through an area of timber, roaring with fire. Burning trees fell on every side, but the travelers were successful in reaching the outskirts in safety. A five-minute halt at any point would have resulted in their death, so fierce were the walls of flame flanking either side of the road.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 12.—The forest fires now raging in the mountains of Western Oregon and Western Washington are probably the most widespread ever known. A northwest wind last night and to-day fanned the flames and spread them over new districts. Within a radius of seventy-five miles of this city five persons are reported missing and it is believed they have perished in the flames. They are Mrs. Hendrickson and two children, at Fifth Plain, Clark County, Washington; L. C. Palmer, Bridal Veil, Or., and —— Trickey, Brewer, Or.

The flames have driven many families from their homes and it is known that many houses and barns and much livestock have been destroyed.

At Lents, six miles east of here, several houses were burned to-day and the line of the Oregon Water Power and Railway Company to that village has been disabled.

At Bridal Veil, thirty miles east of here, two sawmills were burned, and in Clackamas County, near Springwater, at least fifteen houses and barns have been destroyed. In Clark County, Washington, ten miles from Vancouver, eight farm houses were burned and three lives are reported lost.

In this city the houses are covered by ashes and the lights had to be turned on early in the afternoon on account of the thick smoke that enveloped the city.

The wife of John Myers, a farmer, was burned to death in their home in Clark County, Washington, yesterday.

DARKNESS AT MIDDAY.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 12.—At midday the sun refused to give forth light and stygian darkness enveloped the town. Terrible forest fires are devastating the country surrounding Olympia. At 9 o'clock this morning it began to grow dark and by 10 o'clock the city was in complete darkness and those places of business that did not suspend turned on their electric lights. Work was suspended in mills and workshops and laborers congregated on the streets and discussed the unusual phenomenon. The starting feature was the changing lights in the sky. At one time it would be blood red in the east and at another time in the west; then from east to west and at times disappearing entirely, leaving the sky as dark as the earth. Considerable nervousness was observed on the streets. While forest fires are expected every summer, nothing like the present ones have been known in this country. So wrought up are some that they anxiously inquire: "Is Mount Rainier in a state of eruption?" Some advanced the idea that an eclipse was on.

Logging camps and shingle mills are burning in all directions from town, as are dwelling houses and barns. The head of Puget Sound is a seething mass of flames and unless rain comes it is hard to tell where the damage will end.

A Second Day Advent camp-meeting is in session here and the unusual condition has given rise to great excitement. Many believe the last day has come, and in white slippers and robes the elect are awaiting the coming so long looked for.

Reports from surrounding towns say that the people are congregated in and about the churches.

PART OF TOWN DESTROYED.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 12.—Late reports from Springwater state that sixty persons are homeless. All of the country known as the Rocky Point section is burning. The fire reached the town of Springwater this morning and destroyed a church, schoolhouse, the Maccabee Hall, the Grange Hall, the postoffice, a store and many dwellings. The people were forced to flee for their lives. Many horses, cattle and hogs were burned. The most valuable timber belt in Clackamas County is practically wiped out. Reports from Salmon River state that the McIntyre place was destroyed, the store, postoffice, a house and barn and fifty-five tons of hay being consumed by the flames. Large numbers of livestock were burned to death.

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 12.—Forest fires are raging along the Great Northern, betwen Snohomish and Wellington. Telegraphic communication between here and Seattle is cut off. Freight and passenger traffic is demoralized from the east by the burning of a bridge at Alvin, near the Cascade tunnel. The Great Northern is patrolling the line with engines fitted with fire-fighting pumps.

PORT TOWNSEND, Sept. 12.—The United States revenue cutter Thetis arrived from Dutch Harbor this morning. The lower Sound country is covered with a dense mantle of fog and smoke, coming from the many forest fires prevailing along the straits. At Twin Thompsons a big logging camp was totally destroyed by fire, which for a time threatened the lives of the men and animals. Ten houses and six mills have been burned at Elma. In Mason County more than 500 acres of timber 100 feet high are burning and the fire is spreading.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 12.—Immense bush fires are burning in the districts surrounding Victoria. The town of Alberni is threatened, several houses have been burned at Sooke and the aerial tramway and ore bins of the Tyee mine are in danger. The blue jackets had a hard fight to save the naval hospital. A pall of smoke hangs over the city and ashes are falling in the streets.

TRIES TO KILL ENTIRE FAMILY

Nebraska Man Takes Lives in Former Wife's Home.

PIERCE, Sept. 12.—Last night Gottlieb Niegenfind shot and killed his former wife, Mrs. Anna Peters; shot six times at Albert Breyer, her father, who died this morning, and shot the wife of Breyer in the shoulder, seriously and perhaps fatally wounding her. After the shooting Niegenfind left the house and meeting Mrs. Peters' sister, Lena Breyer, attempted a criminal assault.

Mrs. Peters had been divorced from her husband two years and he was thought to have left the country. He appeared at Pierce on Sunday, however, and later paid several visits to the Breyer farm, where his former wife was living with her parents. He went to the Breyer home last evening and engaged his father-in-law in a quarrel, the trouble being over Niegenfind's children. Mrs. Breyer ran from the house just as Niegenfind drew a revolver and fired at her husband, who received five bullets in the body. Niegenfind then reloaded his revolver and began firing at Mrs. Breyer. After receiving a serious wound in the shoulder she made her escape.

Niegenfind's former wife then appeared and attempted to assist her mother and received a bullet in the breast, dying instantly. Niegenfind then made his escape. He met Lena Breyer, the 19-year-old sister of his former wife, and was in the act of making an assault on her when he was frightened away. Two Sheriff's posses are now scouring the country in search of the fugitive.

Bullet Ends Maniac's Riot.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 12.—John Taylor, a mine watchman, to-day shot and killed Pat Carney, believed to have been insane. Carney was armed with a rifle and was running amuck, taking a shot at every one in sight, when he ran up against Watchman Taylor with fatal results. Carney had assaulted two officials of the mine early in the day and had announced his determination to clean out the entire force. About twenty shots were exchanged in the duel, when a bullet from Taylor's six-shooter struck Carney squarely in the head.

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MacGYLE FOULS SCOTCH PLAID ON THE TRACK

California Thoroughbreds in Collision at Harlem Course.

Coburn's Mount Disqualified and Purse Goes to Second Horse.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—At Harlem to-day foul riding on the part of Jockey Coburn, who finished first with MacGyle in the third race, caused his mount to be disqualified and the race went to Scotch Plaid, the heavily played favorite. Summary:

First race, five furlongs—Lyman Hay won, Mallory second, Lord Touchwood third. Time, 1:00 4-5.

Second race, six and a half furlongs—Rag Tag won, Rubus second, Georgia third. Time, 1:20 3-5.

Third race, mile and seventy yards—Scotch Plaid won, Silurian second, Rasselas third. Time, 1:44 4-5.

Fourth race, mile and 100 yards—Dr. Stephens won, Major Dixon second, Searcher third. Time, 1:45 3-5.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Philo won, Florestan second, Tangent third. Time, 1:07 2-5.

Sixth race, mile and seventy yards—Leo Newell won, Red Apple second, Fridolin third. Time, 1:45 3-5.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12.—Delmar summary:

First race, six and a half furlongs—Velasquez won, Curd Gillock second, Spurs third. Time, 1:27½.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Sanctissima won, Mudlavia second, Lacy Crawford third. Time, 1:12½.

Third race, six furlongs—Light Hunt won, One More second, Legation third. Time, 1:18.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Fitzkanet won, Geheimness second, Mamselle third. Time, 1:17½.

Fifth race, mile and an eighth—Varro won, W B Gates second, Foundling third. Time, 1:58½.

Sixth race, one mile and 70 yards—Salinda won, Lenney second, Erne third. Time, 1:48¾.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Sheepshead summary:

First race, five furlongs—Fleeing Venus won, Sweet Nell second, Meddling Mary third. Time, 1:01 1-5.

Second race, one mile—Rocky won, Grail second, Potente third. Time, 1:40 4-5.

Third race, the Golden Rod, for two-year-olds, six and a half furlongs on turf—Sergeant won, Lady Josephine second, Incubator third. Time, 1:20 4-5.

Fourth race, mile and a furlong, handicap—Belle of Troy won, Ethics second, Duoro third. Time, 1:52 4-5.

Fifth race, seven furlongs—Stamping Ground won, Flora Pomona second, The Referee third. Time, 1:26 4-5.

Sixth race, the Russet handicap, mile and a half on turf—The Rival won, His Eminence second, Articulate third. Time, 2:33 4-5.

CONNER AND DARIEL DRIVEN FOR TEAM RECORD

Pacers Make Fast Time Into Stretch, Where One Breaks, Making a Failure of the Trial.

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