

NORTHWEST STATLS

WASHINGTON, MONTANA, IDAHO AND OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

A Few Interesting Items Gathered From Our Exchanges of the Surrounding Country—Numerous Accidents and Personal Events Take Place—Fall Trade Is Good.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The state board of control has issued its formal order finding the charges against Warden A. F. Kees of the state penitentiary not sustained.

In a fog so thick that the signal lights were unseen and neither motor-man saw the other car approaching until almost within a car's length, two cars collided recently on the south Tacoma line. H. F. Breuning was so seriously injured that he died after removal to his home.

A plan is on foot to double the sawing capacity of the big Palouse sawmill and enlarge the factories connected therewith.

The senate committee on assignments announced Senator Ankeny as chairman of the irrigation and commerce committee, and Senator Piles to the territories, interoceanic canal, pensions, civil service retrenchment, geologic and coast survey, Philippines and Porto Rico committees.

The president has nominated T. Y. Coleman register of the North Yakima land office.

Dr. Milnor Robert, dean of the mining courses at the University of Washington, announces that the short course for miners will begin January 9 and continue for three months.

Taking a view directly opposed to that of the tax commissioners of this state, Attorney General Atkinson in an opinion holds that municipal bonds and warrants are not subject to taxation. The tax commission had previously given an opinion that warrants were taxable and bonds are included in its detail list of personal property, recently prepared.

Rev. Leonard E. Jessup, pastor of the Presbyterian church and mayor of Kettle Falls, died recently.

The new Spokane public library was formally thrown open to the public on Monday.

On account of the breakage of the machinery the Reardan electric light plant has closed down and the town is in darkness.

Herman Benken, a private in Company G, Fort Wright, recently died from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid.

The Pacific Shingle company of Tacoma has closed its mill.

Henry Eades, a pioneer of Deep Creek, died recently.

James Wright, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright of Seattle, was shanghaied on board of a British ship and taken to Australia and from there to Callao, Peru, where he appealed to the American consul for protection. The consul took the boy under his care and notified his parents. The attention of Congressman Humphrey was called to it and an investigation has begun.

The headquarters of the office of the assistant superintendent of the Washington division of the O. R. & N. have been removed from Tekoa to Starbuck.

As a result of a grade crossing accident at Spokane Miss May Burns of Hillyard was severely injured and a score of people were bruised and cut by a collision Saturday afternoon between a Great Northern switch engine and a Washington Water Power company northbound Hillyard car on the crossing at Hamilton street.

The street car had nearly 100 people on board, and that a terrible catastrophe did not happen seems little short of a miracle.

Horticulturists of Spokane are on record as opposed to the contemplated plan to hold the interstate fair during September.

Professor H. C. Sampson, head of the Preparatory department of the Washington State college, is at Tacoma, and will spend some time on the Sound, where he will be engaged in institute work.

The court-martial called to try First Lieutenant Donald C. McClelland of Company E, Tenth United States infantry, at Fort Wright, convened Monday morning.

A change has been made in the department of veterinary science in the Washington State college. The change decided upon is to offer, in addition to the regular three years course, a course of four years, with freshmen entrance requirements, leading to the degree of bachelor of science in veterinary science.

It is reported that James Watson has resigned as superintendent of the school for defective youth at Vancouver, and that William N. Marshall, one of the teachers there, will be placed in charge of the institution.

An interesting program is being arranged by Secretary L. G. Monroe for the annual meeting of the Washington State Horticultural association at North Yakima January 9 to 12, inclusive.

P. C. Kauffman, secretary of the Washington State Bankers' association, is sending out postal cards to the members of the association warning them to be on guard for yeggmen and burglars who are supposed to be operating in this part of the country.

As Fred Thorndson was putting off a blast at the Ben Hur mine at Republic the premature explosion of a cap confused and prevented him from reach-

ing the cage, which was about 18 feet above the shaft bottom. Thorndson reached the cage just as the explosion occurred and was thrown to the bottom of the shaft. He was conscious when rescued and gave a clear account of the accident, but died 12 hours later.

IDAHO NEWS.

Karl Johnson, a farmer residing a mile and a half southeast of Meadmont, committed suicide by shooting himself a few days ago.

The funeral of John Braun, the young miner who killed himself at Mace by drinking carbolic acid, was held last Sunday.

Francis Marion Hughes, 1.7 years old, born in Bunkum county, N. C., in 1788, is living today at Grangeville. Until recently his figure, bent, old and gray, massive in proportion, the typical type of the aged mountaineer, could be seen daily upon the streets.

At a total cost of \$14,000 the new assay building to be erected immediately for the University of Idaho will give the mining department of that institution one of the best equipped buildings of its kind to be found in the west.

Navigation up the St. Joe river has become so difficult that only the iron-clad boats of the Red Collar line are running. Ice is five inches thick in places.

Practically all the wheat in the Lewiston country, with the exception of a little along the Snake river, has been sold.

On January 10 2500 acres of school lands will be sold at the Idaho county courthouse in Grangeville. The land is all agricultural land, located mostly on Camas prairie.

State Land Commissioner C. J. Munson recently sold 2000 acres of school lands at auction at the county courthouse at Lewiston. The land brought a total of \$37,560. It had been appraised at \$35,640.

State Land Commissioner C. J. Munson reports that the state is preparing for a big sale of timber in Kootenai county, which will probably take place at Rathdrum in February.

R. Reynolds, who has been conducting a saloon at Dublin, was caught recently in the act of selling liquor without a license and was fined \$50 and costs.

MONTANA SQUIBBES.

Governor Toole will be asked to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of passing a bill creating a railway commission.

The debating team from the University of Idaho won the decision in the debate at Missoula with the University of Montana, after a spirited and well argued debate.

Game Warden W. F. Scott of Montana says that he and Game Warden W. M. Stevens of Idaho met November 17 and discussed matters pertaining to the violation of the game laws along the Idaho and Montana borders, but that neither of them has ever suggested the creation of an immense game preserve in the Bitter Root forest reserve, as various stories in circulation have stated.

The quick wit of John Hahn, a motor-man, recently prevented the robbery of the saloon of Jerry Hayes in East Helena. He and the conductor captured the thief.

Later information from Forsyth, where John Hammond, wanted in Albany, N. Y., for wife murder, was reported to have been seen, is that the suspect is another person. This disposes of the theory respecting the whereabouts of the alleged murderer, who was last heard of in Missoula.

Congressman Dixon has introduced a bill into congress appropriating \$200,000 for a government building at Missoula.

OREGON ITEMS.

One of the most daring robberies ever recorded in Portland occurred recently when two masked men entered the barroom of the Centennial hotel and held up the bartender and 15 men who were drinking in the place. The men who attempted to escape the robbers were shot, one perhaps fatally. The robbers escaped with the \$125 stolen.

"A husband is liable for the expenses of his family whether he lives with them or not, unless one or the other of the parties has been divorced. No husband has the right to pick up his hat and walk out of the house and then say that he will not pay the expenses of his wife and children if he does not choose to return and live under the same roof with them," declares Presiding Judge Frazer of Portland.

Oregon will have a representative delegation at the convention to be held in Salt Lake City January 25, called to discuss the subject, "See Europe if you will, but see America first."

E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific railway, is preparing to sell a part of the Oregon and California railroad land grant in Oregon. This grant amounts to about 4,000,000 acres. Several years ago some of the land was sold at prices ranging from \$5 to \$25.

Congressman Binger Hermann has been in the shadow of death during the present week and close upon the sudden death of his distinguished colleague, Senator John H. Mitchell.

Hon. J. M. Gearin, appointed to succeed the late United States Senator John H. Mitchell as senator from Oregon, has departed for Washington.

The Elks have dedicated a new temple at Baker City.

Henry E. Weaver Drops Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Henry E. Weaver, president of the Weaver Coal & Coke company and prominent in business and financial circles, dropped dead at his home on Drexel boulevard of apoplexy, aged 51 years.

MOSCOW IN DANGER

CONDITIONS WERE NEVER WORSE REVOLUTION IS EMINENT.

Street Fighting Causes Heavy Losses on Both Sides—Mutiny of Soldiers Has Collapsed—They Implore Pardon of Their General—Officers Resumed Command.

Moscow, Dec. 18.—Conditions in this city have never been worse and there is a strong possibility that a revolutionary government will be established and soon have control of Moscow.

During the last few days there have been incessant street fighting and the casualties on both sides have been very large.

The mutiny of the Rostof Grenadier regiment collapsed ignominiously Sunday, owing to internal dissension and the discontent of a large portion of the soldiers with the program of the socialist leaders, who wished to force them to open collision with the loyal troops.

After the meeting two battalions with a machine gun deserted. The mutineers sent a deputation to General Plavofski, saying they had returned to duty, imploring his pardon and volunteering to enter the barracks and seize the revolutionary committee so as to prove their repentance. The leaders endeavored in vain to hold the other battalions in line, but the defection of their comrades took all the heart from the malcontents.

Upon General Plavofski's ultimatum that he would open fire unless they immediately surrendered, the remaining mutineers laid down their arms and delivered up Private Scarloff and other members of the revolutionary committee, as well as several civilian agitators who were in the barracks. The officers then resumed command of the regiment.

The Rostof grenadier mutineers held the fort under command of Private Scarloff, who acted as president of the soldiers' meeting. In the windows of the barracks mounted machine guns defied the Sumsyha regiment and the local troops which surrounded the mutineers.

Three other grenadier regiments, the Ekaterinoslav, the Taurid and the Nesvich, and the artillery garrison were in sympathy with the rest of their comrades, compelled all their officers to leave the barracks and selected representatives who were in communication with the mutineers.

The mutineers formally presented to their commanders a series of demands, principally relating to the service, but including also political reforms, and they issued an appeal to the soldiers of the garrison to join in the fight for improved conditions. Accompanying the demands was an ultimatum that if they were not granted by Tuesday next the mutineers would march out to the streets and parade the city. General Plavofski promised to present the resolutions to his superior officers.

SPOKANE—

Wholesale Produce Prices.

Potatoes—75c cwt; onions, \$1.25 a cwt; cabbage, \$1.25 cwt; oranges, navel, \$3.25 case; lemons, fancy, \$6 case; choice, \$5 case; pineapples, \$5.50 doz; dried figs, 75c \$1 box; figs in bulk 7@8c per lb; cranberries, 13@13.50 bbl; eating apples, \$2@2.50 box; cooking apples, \$1@1.50; beets, \$1.25; turnips, \$1; rutabagas, \$1; sweet potatoes, \$2.75@2.90 cwt; winter pears, \$1.50@1.75 box; eggs, eastern, \$7.75 @8.25 case; fresh ranch, \$11 case; flour, local, \$4@4.25 bbl; creamery butter, 30c lb best grade; celery, 50c dz; honey, \$3.25@3.50 case; strained honey, 8@9c lb; tomatoes, 16 1/2 @18c lb; fancy California cheese, 4 basket crate \$1.75; imported Amelia grapes, \$7.50 bbl; Fard dates, \$1.50 box; Golden dates, 7@8c lb.

Wholesale Feed Prices.

Bran, \$16 ton; bran and shorts, \$17; white shorts, \$19; corn, \$1.45 cwt; cracked corn, \$1.55; timothy hay, \$16 ton; alfalfa, \$12@13 ton; rolled barley \$1.30 cwt; whole oats, \$1.45 cwt; chopped oats, \$1.50 cwt; wheat, \$1.40 cwt. sheep skins, \$1@1.25.

Poultry and eggs—Chickens, hens, 10c lb live weight; large spring, 10c lb; roosters, 7c lb; turkeys, dressed, 20c lb; ducks, 11c lb; geese, 10c lb; eggs, fresh ranch, \$10 case; dressed chickens, 12c lb; ducks and geese, 12 1/2 c lb; turkeys, live, 18c lb.

Creamery products, I. O. B. Spokane—First grade creamery butter fat, 28 1/2 c lb.

Hay, grain and apples—Timothy, \$13@14 ton; alfalfa, \$10.50 ton; oats, \$1.35; potatoes, 60c cwt; cabbage, 80c @ \$1 cwt; apples, \$1@2 box.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 60@65c cwt; turnips, 65c cwt; beets 75c cwt; onions, \$1.25.

Prices Paid to Producers.

Live Stock—Steers, \$2.75@3 cwt; cows, \$2.50cwt; sheep, \$5@5.50 cwt; hogs, \$5.25@5.50 cwt.

Dressed Meats—Steers, \$5@5 1/2 c lb; cows, 4@4 1/2 c; hogs, 2 1/2 @3c lb; veal, 6@8c lb.

Hides—Green steers, 8 1/2 c; cows, 8c lb; salted, 1/2 c higher; dry hides, 17c lb; calf skins, green, 9c; kip, 8c.

Wheat Report.

Portland.—Valley, 73c. For export: Club, 70@71c; June stem, 72@73c; red 66@67c. For California: Club, 73c; bluestem, 75c.

Tacoma.—Unchanged, bluestem, 74c; Seattle.—Bluestem, 75c; club, 73c, club, 72c; red, 69c.

UNIQUE MONUMENT

Which Marks the Birthplace of American Foreign Missions.

At Williams College, Williamstown, there is a unique monument—the first in the history of the world—which commemorates a prayer meeting. It was dedicated on Sunday, July 23, 1867, to the memory of five students of Williams College, who met at the close of one sultry summer day in the year 1806 to hold a prayer meeting, as was their custom. They were overtaken by a sudden shower of rain and were compelled to seek the friendly shelter afforded them by a neighboring haystack.

The group of young evangelists who were present at the prayer meeting on that particular occasion consisted of Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Francis L. Robbins, Harvey Loomis and Byram Green.

Sheltered from the rain by the haystack they continued amid the conflict of the elements their devotional exercises and discussed religious topics of deep interest to themselves. While the storm raged Mills communicated to his fellows the plan of executing a great life work. It was nothing less than a



THE HAYSTACK MONUMENT.

mission to some heathen land and the ultimate evangelization of the world.

They communicated their plan to such of their fellow students as they believed would sympathize with them and organized the Society of Brethren, a secret society, which had for its object the establishment of foreign missions.

The result of the prayer meeting was the organization in Bradford, Mass., in 1810, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. From this start grew the great society of the American Board, which has distributed millions of dollars. Since the first meeting of five persons, its corporate and honorary members have increased to over 70,000.

Years after the students had formed their great scheme of evangelization the spot where they held the prayer meeting was marked by a cedar stake. This led to the purchase of Mission Park by the alumni of Williams College and in 1867 to the erection and dedication of what is now known as Haystack Monument.

MOTHER OF MISSIONS.

Mrs. Butler, Founder of the Woman's Foreign Society.

No woman at the recent session in New York of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was the object of more social attention than Mrs. William Butler of Newton Center, Mass., "our mother of missions," as she is called, the venerable founder of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The first day Mrs. Butler was called to a seat on the platform and the second she conducted the "quiet hour."

In 1856, with her husband and two children, Mrs. Butler sailed for India. Her missionary labors were disturbed by the Lidian mutiny three years later.

"We barely escaped with our lives," she said to a reporter, "and for months were supposed by our friends to be dead. A month after we took to the mountains another child was born to me. We were trying to get round to Delhi at the time, and I had a goat to provide milk for the baby. One night a tiger came and carried off the goat."

There was not one native Christian in all that part of India then. Mrs. Butler, now in her 85th year, is planning to attend the jubilee of Methodism in India next year—its 50th anniversary—when 150,000 native Christians will give her a great ovation. The sum of \$6,000 is to be raised by the Methodist women next year as a special thank-offering for her splendid services in the cause of Methodism.

Doing Things in Style. Knicker—So the son of the wealthy contractor is learning the business from the bottom?

Bocker—Yes, he has started in as a hod carrier, only he insists on carrying the bricks in a suit case.—New York Sun.

Speed of the Gulf Stream. Three miles an hour is about the average speed of the gulf stream, which flows from the Gulf of Mexico. At certain places, however, it runs as fast as fifty-one miles an hour.

Insultation. Jimmy—You're in fer it, all right. De boss is red hot.

Johnny—Gee! I didn't know he was dead.—Cleveland Leader.

Charity sometimes begins at home and ends in the almshouse.

DEATH BY EXPLOSION

GELIGNITE IN TRAWING HOUSE AT ROSSLAND, B. C.

Fifteen Hundred Pounds Exploded Through No Known Cause, Killing John S. Ingram—Scores of People Hurt and Many Buildings Damaged—Center Star Co. Heavy Loser.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 18.—At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon 1000 to 1500 pounds of gelignite in the trawing house of the Center Star mine exploded through no known cause, killing John S. Ingram, formerly chief of police here, and injuring several scores of people. Ingram was foreman blaster and his death removed the only possible source of information as to the cause of the explosion. His body was recovered from the debris badly mangled. Lockhart, assistant diamond drill operator, who was at work under the Center Star offices, was struck by flying glass, which cut his nose off cleanly. Several members of the office staff and men in the compressor building were hurt by flying glass or by being thrown violently against the machinery.

A partial list of the injured follows: E. M. Brown, badly cut about the head; Mrs. M. E. Purcell, badly cut; Mrs. George Cain, cut about the face; Mrs. Leary Donahue, badly cut and bruised about the face and neck; William Tomlinson, face badly cut. Many were more or less slightly injured by falling glass.

Buildings Badly Shattered. The buildings in the immediate vicinity were twisted out of shape and the windows all broken. The big War Eagle boarding house is badly damaged, some of the inmates being injured slightly. In the city the shock of the explosion caused much consternation and did a large amount of damage. Nearly all plate glass windows on Columbia avenue were smashed, many people receiving cuts from fragments. Merchants had Christmas goods displayed, much destruction being wrought among these.

The amount of glass destroyed is enormous and heavy importations for repairs will be necessary. The citizens feel thankful, however, that the loss of life and property was not greater. The Center Star, War Eagle and Le Roi mines will be shut down for a few days because of injury to the steam and air pipes and compressor machinery and the practical wreck of buildings containing them.

The damage can not be exactly appraised, but it is thought it will reach probably \$50,000.

Shows at the Spokane. Tuesday, December 19, "Innocent Maids," burlesque; Wednesday, December 20, Haverly Minstrels, burlesque. Coming Christmas week: Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25, "Prince of Pilsen"; Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 and 27, "Yankee Consul"; Thursday, December 28, Mme. Modjeska.

Parties desiring to have seats reserved for any of the above attractions should write Joseph Petrich, manager of the Spokane theater.

"Prince of Pilsen" Christmas. The Spokane theater Christmas eve and Christmas day offers "The Prince of Pilsen," with its many song hits, such as "The Message of the Violet," "The Tale of the Sea Shell," "The Stein Song," with its swinging Heidelberg refrain, "The Song of American Cities," "Pictures in the Smoke," and others that have served in large measure in maintaining a lasting popularity for this entertainment.

Calve Comes January 15. The coming of Mme. Calve and her company to the Spokane theater Monday evening, January 15, is the most important booking at the theater this winter. Few grand opera singers enjoy such general popularity as Calve. She appeals to all. Beautiful in person, exquisite in apparel, captivating in manner, she is, above all, possessed of a great voice.

Price, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00. Boxes, \$60.00 and \$80.00.

Out of town orders must be accompanied by check. Address Joseph Petrich, manager Spokane theater.

Theatrical Notes. Williams and Waller, negro comedians, will present a musical play called "Abyssinia" this season.

Mrs. Sarah Cowell Le Moyne announces her intention of retiring from the stage and giving public readings.

M. Poral has been granted a divorce from his wife, Mme. Rejane, the well known actress.

Two shows have recently gone on the rocks. These are "Florodora," which stranded in western Nebraska, and "The Girl from Kay's," which closed its season in Omaha.

While defending a case in court at Carlow, Ireland, the other day an attorney was surprised and grieved to see on the feet of his client a pair of boots that had been stolen from him some time before.

W. L. D. Cary of Oakland, Cal., is known as the king of the isle of Calif of Man. It is about five miles in circumference, and was given to the Carys, by an ancient king of England. It is inhabited by 40 persons.

There are 272 cities and towns in the United States having a population of 5,000 or more.

Little Lessons in Patriotism

Charles Ewing was the youngest son of Thomas Ewing, the distinguished whig statesman. When the war broke out he was practicing law in St. Louis. He had already had a course in military instruction under the tutelage of General Sherman, who had seen the approach of the storm of war.



GEN. EWING.

When Sherman was appointed colonel of the Thirtieth Regular Infantry he had Ewing appointed captain of company A of the regiment.

In Sherman's first assault on Vicksburg May 19, 1863, a battalion of the Thirtieth Regulars, led by Captain Washington, had the advance. As they struggled up the rugged hill, into the ditch, and on to the parapet, Captain Washington was killed, and the command devolved upon Captain Ewing. The color-bearer fell mortally wounded; then a second was shot down; then a third fell in the advance.

Amid a rain of bullets that descended upon every side of him Ewing seized the flag, and rushing forward in front of his men, planted it upon the parapet. He was shot through the hand and the hat, and the flagstaff was shattered in his grasp. Over half his command was lost in the terrible destruction. But his courageous example inspired a second attack.

It was in this second attack that Ewing saved the life of General Grant, who was riding straight into certain death, by seizing the bridle rein of Grant's horse and backing him down an embankment out of the deadly fire.

CHICAGO'S OUTER BELT PARKS. Tentative System Provided for in The Forest Preserve Act.

In general form the tentative system of forest preserves suggested by Chicago's outer belt park commission is a huge crescent of irregular shape, with one horn resting above Evanston and the other touching Lake Michigan below the Calumet River. The plan drawn by the commission, after a careful study of the available lands, is not final, but it is of educational value in showing the territory in which the country playfields may be secured. In

drawing the plan the district was divided into zones, depending on distance from the lake shore. Chicago has been reared upon a level plain that was once the bed of the lake. Along its western edge is a ridge which in the southwest rises into hills. In this territory are all the necessary features for recreation grounds of forest and meadow, affording an endless variety of picturesque scenery. This stretch forms the western part of the system. It extends through the Salt Creek dale and down the Des Plaines valley. On the south it merges into the Calumet River area, while to the north it runs into the Skokie marshes. Inside this superior belt is a smaller belt on the north, extending in a curve from the neighborhood of Norwood Park along the North Branch area and running into the lake above the Gross Point lighthouse. Zone 2 is farther to the southward. In this division it is proposed to lay out smaller parks near to the present resident districts and to connect them with a series of beautiful drives and boulevards.

An Old Master. Mrs. Parvenue—That picture in the corner is by an old master. Mrs. Swartleigh—Indeed! I would never have guessed it. Mrs. Parvenue—Yes, The man I bought it from gave me a written guarantee that the painter was past seventy-five before he did a stroke on it.

A Blow to the Gossips. "Why are all you women down on Mrs. Weedes? You were very sorry for her when her husband died."

"Yes, and how did she repay our interest in her? She fixed things so that none of the papers would publish the amount of money her husband left."—Philadelphia Press.

Man wants a great deal here below, For further information see the "want" columns.

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