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State News In Brief.

Fruit is taking the place of grain on many of the farms in Klicitat county.

Seattle finds the ownership of its water-works a profitable investment.

John Walsh, an old Dubuque, Iowa, canner, contemplates starting a cannery at South Bend.

Thurston county shows a wealth of $12,797,-592, a fine increase over last year's showing.

Cruisers are now out in the Snohomish and Pilchuck valleys looking up cottonwood timber for the new pulp mill at Lowell.

A New York syndicate is said to be trying to corral all lands on the south fork of the Nooksack, which carry indications of coal.

Waterville, despite its name, has been heretofore without water-works; which it will soon have, and also an electric light system.

Dr. Royneer, of Pomeroy reports having made a fabulous gold strike on the Red river. He says it is a four-foot ledge absolutely thick all over with gold.

The farmers of Kittitas county are busily engaged with their wheat harvest. The quality of the grain is excellent, although the average yield will be somewhat less than the early anticipations.

The first coal shaft to be sunk in this state will be in the Roslyn mines, at a cost of $300,-000. It will be sunk 600 feet at first. The dimensions will be 14x24 feet, and will admit four cages with capacity for hoisting 4000 tons a day.

Corbin's road, the Spokane Falls and Northern, is seeking other than water connections with the Canadian Pacific. It is believed that if these connections could be secured large quantities of ore which is now smelted at Revelstoke could be carried by that road.

W. S. Jameson, a well-known pioneer and logging man of Port Gamble, says: "The lumber business seems to be improving in quite a marked degree. Both mills are now running, and seven or eight ships are now at the wharves loading lumber for domestic and foreign ports.

Lewis county is in a prosperous condition. Her wealth this year is $9,799,893. The county has more money invested in sewing machines and more capital in pianos and organs than in saloons; has 6541 head of cattle, and 2603 head of horses; has $1,554,543 in city lots, and $5,-305,331 in acreage.

The territorial supreme court of Washington decided three years ago that woman suffrage was unconstitutional. This decision disfranchised the women of Washington, who were already voting. Their case has been carried to the supreme court of the United States, where it will be decided during the October term.

The entire track of the state portage railroad at the Cascades is laid from end to end, except the trestlework of the western incline, which is being pushed rapidly forward by the bridge-building crew. Laborers are busily employed ballasting the track, and the whole presents the appearance of being a good, substantial road.

The state library commission, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and attorney general, decided to order at once new volumes the amount of $600, principally Canadian reports. The law library is almost complete. In a short time the commission will purchase a number of historical and scientific works and books of reference.

Puget sound herring, cured and packed at Point Roberts, are declared to be superior to the Eastern fish. The curing of herring is destined to become a leading industry on the Sound. The waters of the Gulf of Georgia and all the bays and inlets thereof swarm with this fish at certain seasons of the year.

The three colleges at Spokane have consolidated to form a university, with a present fund, in land, of about $250,000 and immediate expectations of about $150,000 more. There will be an academic, a legal, a medical and a theological department. Rev. R. E. Bisbee, of Cambridge, Mass., will be president of the university. The deanship of the law school has beed offered to Edmund P. Dole, of the Seattle, recently of the New Hampshire bar.

The farmers of this coast go hopping around from one thing to another. If one happens to strike a good thing in a crop one season all his neighbors pitch into it the next and the thing is overdone. A few struck it rich on potatoes in southern California last year. This year there were thousands of acres planted and the market will be glutted, the yield being enormous. It is the same in other lines.—Fairhaven Herald.

Shipbuilding over on Grays harbor goes bravely forward. Already one large ocean sailing vessel, the Weatherwax, has been launched from there this year, and the four-masted barkentine, Chehalis, to have a carrying capacity of 1,000,-000 feet of lumber, will get afloat September 6th, when another vessel of lesser proportions will be immediately placed on the stocks. Captain A. M. Simpson, the millionaire lumber king of San Francisco, is superintending in person the completing of the Chehalis.

Indian John is a well-known rancher of the Teanaway. A few months ago he lost his wife, which he charged to the evil influence of a medicine man named Jacob. He made an onslaugh on Jacob and the law had to interfere. A short time after this his only daughter died, and last week her husband was killed by being run over by a locomotive. Indian John is now more than ever convinced that Nemesis is camped on his trail and that his days are numbered.—Yakima Herald.

Col. D. P. Jenkins, who, for many years, lived in Seattle, now a wealthy resident of Spokane, has brought suit against the Northern Pacific railroad at that place for the recovery of land donated by him as right-of-way in the city limits on the north side, on the grounds that the company has forfeited its rights by neglecting to run trains for a year over the road. One of the points in the contract was that the company should erect and keep open a depot on Monroe street. This the company has not done during the year the road was idle. The land is very valuable and the suit will prove an interesting one. Mr. Jenkins claims $25,000 damages for the failure of the company in not putting in a side track, as agreed, the return of the land and the $7000 specified in the contract for the failure to maintain the depot.

Palouse Country News.

H. H. Griffin, a sturdy old farmer living within two miles of Garfield, took a wild ride down First street Saturday noon, in an open buggy behind a pair of frightened horses. The team became unmanageable as Mr. Griffin turned the corner at Coonradt's grocery, and fairly flew down the street. Before reaching Bartlett street the tongue dropped down. As the team crossed the sidewalk within a foot of the band stand the tongue went under the walk and broke at the same time raising the buggy several feet in the air. But on they went for thirty yards, when one of the horses fell and the jig was up. The old gentleman took a frightful spin and was lucky to escape unhurt. The damage to the buggy amounted to a broken tongue and dashboard while one of the horses was slightly scratched up.—Sun.

The body of the unfortunate Peter Paulus, who was drowned last spring at Zirngibl & Sherman's mill, was found Sunday evening, says the News. The remains were discovered by Goodwin Wright about a mile and a half below the mill in a slough between a small island and the west bank of the river. When the river is high the water flows through this slough. The body drifted into it but was caught by the thick underbrush which arches over the narrow passage. The remains were badly decomposed. The head had rotted away from the body and the trunk was only held together by the clothes. The coroner was notified but did not consider an investigation necessary so the body was buried Monday.

Last week a warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Moore for the arrest of Henry S. Hazlitt, on the charge of cutting and removing timber from government lands. Hazlitt some time ago took a contract to furnish several thousand posts to the Union Pacific, and had nearly completed his work when he was taken to Cœur d'Alene City by Deputy U. S. Marshal Dryden. Mr. Hazlitt is well known here, where he has lived for a number of years and has a number of friends, all of whom refuse to believe him guilty of wilfully violating the law. He claims that he cut no green timber except what was on his own land, and all that was takon from government land was fallen. He was given a preliminary hearing before Commissioner Hoffman Wednesday, the result of which we have not heard, but there is no anxiety among his friends as to the outcome.—Tekoa Globe.

On Friday last as Thomas Liddle was driving out of town in his hack his team became frightened and ran away, says the Commoner. The cause of the team taking fright was a portable engine belonging to James Adams, which was being moved along the road. One of these engines is a bad affair to be allowed upon a public highway, when most carefully guarded with respect to passing teams. But in this instance, just as the team of Mr. Liddle was near it, the engine blew off steam, startling the horses and causing them to run away. Mr. Liddle was thrown from his hack and badly jammed up, though no bones were broken. He is able to be about again. The team and hack were fortunately but little damaged. Men who handle portable engines on the public highways should be required to exercise great care in cases of meeting or passing teams. Unless such care is exercised the busy harvesting season of the next few weeks will witness many such accidents as the above, only possibly much more fatal and damaging in their character. Engine men, be careful.

Few people realize what the productive capacity of Whitman, the banner agricultural county of Washington, is, says the Garfield Enterprise. Under the present system of utilizing its resources it is now probably producing one-half of what it is capable of doing, but when large farms are subdivided, fruit is grown more extensively, and the country is in a more thorough state of cultivation, the increase will be many fold. This year the county will export about $8,760,500, divided as follows: 10,000,000 bushels of wheat at 75 cents, $7,500,000; 800,000 bushels of barley at 50 cents, $400,000; 500,000 bushels of oats at 50 cents, $250,000; 100,000 bushels of flax at $1, $100,000; 150,000 bushels of potatoes at 50 cents, $75,000; 500 tons of fruit at $40, $20,000; 2,500 horses at $75, $187,500; 3,000 head of cattle at $20, $60,000; 10,000 mutton sheep at $2, $20,000; 300,000 pounds of wool at 16 cents, $48,000; butter, eggs and vegetables to the amount of $100,-000. This is the product of the county when it is but half developed, and the part that is put to use is but imperfectly so; yet but few counties in America can surpass it, and when the resources of the county are fully utilized it will scarcely have a peer between the Atlantic and Pacific.

Preparations are now being made to place the school land, one mile east of Moscow, upon the market in October. Since Moscow had its birth a portion of this school section has been used as a cemetery for the city and adjacent country. It is now proposed to divide this property up into ten-acre lots, with streets eighty feet wide, and thus dispose of it to the highest bidder, $10 per acre being the lowest amount the state will receive for its lands. A cemetery association is now being formed to secure a tract of this land, forty acres at the very least, plat it into cemetery lots, dispose of such lots at a reasonable valuation, convert all profits into improvements for the cemetery, as tree setting, making beautiful drives and walks, and, in fact, making our cemetery a beautiful home of the dead. When this sale takes place any person who would so far forget himself as to enter in any rivalry by bidding against the cemetery association would be one not deserving the name of a man, or entitled to a place in manhood. We are satisfied that there are none among us of that disposition. Of the association we learn that care will be exercised in selecting trustees, who are men of probity, excellent judgment, and thoroughly reliable and honest. This is a move, coming at last, that has been looked forward to for many years—the making of a beautiful home for our dead.—Star.

The Wheat Outlook.

[Ledger.]

Every computation made shows the wheat crop of Europe is far short of the average this year, while our crop is an excellent one. There will, therefore, be a very strong demand made on us for food products for the coming year, and our market is sure to be active. The gold that has been going away to Europe in such a prodigious stream for some months past, must soon come back, and the indications are that it will come far more rapidly than it went away.

William E. Bear, of New York, has lately published a summary of the crop conditions in all the wheat producing countries. Mr. Bear is reported to be a very conservative statistician, and his figures have attracted very general attention in the east. He finds that the crops in all the wheat-exporting countries of the old world, without exception, is far below the average. The figures showing the probable export for these countries for this year are as follows:

Russia	40,000,000
Austro Hungary	8,000,000
Roumania	30,000,000
Bulgaria and Servia	12,000,000
India	33,000,000
Total	123,000,000

The countries which usually imported wheat will require a much larger supply than heretofore, the total demand for the year being estimated as follows:

IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

United Kingdom	145,000,000
France	35,000,000
Italy	25,000,000
Spain and Portugal	16,000,000
Germany	35,000,000
Switzerland	8,000,000
Turkey	10,000,000
Other countries	32,000,000
Total	306,000,000

There is, therefore, the enomous deficiency of 183,000,000 bushels to be exported from America. The principal dependence, of course, will be upon the United States, for the South American countries, although famous wheat growers, have but little for export when compared with the vast whole. The maximum export of Chili is about 2,500,000 bushels, and that of the Argentine Republic a little over 8,000,000 bushels, so that the United States and Canada will have a foreign market this year for nearly 173,000,000 bushels of wheat. The greatest export from the United States for any one year since 1879 was 153,000,-000 bushels, which was exported in 1880. In 1881 the export was 151,000,000; in 1883, 106,000,000; in 1887, 102,000,000. In other years the total export varied from 50,000,000 to 95,000,000 bushels. It seems clear, therefore, that large as our crops are in nearly every part of our country, there will be a strong demand for every bushel for export, and at practically our own prices.

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