

TO CONCEAL CRIME

The Pendleton Fire Said to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

EVIDENCES OF A CRIME

George Clacking of Cascade Locks, known to Have Money, One of the Victims.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 9.—A mystery dark and deep, pregnant with serious consequences to some persons, envelops the Transfer hotel fire. How it started is a question not satisfactorily answered, but the conviction is forced that some merciless fiend, to cover his own dark deeds, applied the torch which caused the death of four human beings and injuries to others.

The investigation, though quiet, is searching, and trails of the criminal are being closely followed.

Hints of robbery and possible murder before the fire and then the crime of arson to destroy the tracks are given out, but they are only hints.

Rees Haycock, the hotel proprietor, is free from a breath of suspicion and has the confidence of this community, but some of the guests are under surveillance and if the clues hold good startling developments are expected.

All the missing persons are now accounted for. The night clerk has ascertained that he wrote "J. D. Taylor" for "J. D. Tilton." Tilton has been found, so this eliminates the name of Taylor from the affair. It leaves only four missing and four bodies recovered.

The facts relating to all but one have been ascertained. William Stevenson can not be traced to any town, so his antecedents are entirely unknown. Today a Spokesman-Review representative found a valise in the express office shipped from Cascade Locks to George H. Clacking at Pendleton. In the valise were found envelopes on which Clacking's name was addressed. By inquiry over the wires it was learned that Clacking was secretary of the Elks lodge at Cascade Locks and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at the same city. He was a prominent young man and was employed by Day Brothers, government contractors. James Graham who came to Pendleton with Clacking, says the latter had plenty of money and was looking for a business location to invest his capital.

Clacking was about to dress himself well so as to present a good appearance, as he made his inquiries from business men and banks, but Graham advised him to go in cheap clothing so as not to make anyone think he had money and so avoid being robbed. That night the hotel burned and Clacking met his death, perhaps, say the officers of the law, being robbed first by the same ones who set the fire. This is the trend of the evidence. Considerable excitement was occasioned by the fact that the authorities have been following a clue as to whether murder was committed. A woman who was carried out during the fire asserted that she saw a man lying in a pool of blood, dead or dying. The statement at first was not believed, but in view of such strong conviction that someone was murdered before the fire, the story is now thought not improbable.

CATTLE KILLED BY THE LIGHTNING

Twenty-Five Leaning Against a Wire Fence Fell as if Shot.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 11.—Twenty-five head of cattle were killed by lightning in a most remarkable way in Finnis county. A herd of 800 were being driven through a narrow lane, hedged in by a wire fence. While in this narrow passage a bolt of lightning descended and struck the fence post, following the wire for a hundred yards. Every head of cattle that was crowded against the wire was killed.

Gold Shipments to Europe.

New York, Aug. 12.—Nesslage and Fuller will make a shipment of \$50,000 in gold to Europe tomorrow. Crossman Bros. will make shipments of \$1,500,000.

Stevenson Sails for Alaska.

Tacoma, Aug. 10.—Vice President Stevenson and party got here tonight and will sail for Alaska on the steamer Queen this morning.

ILLINOIS IS IN THE SILVER RANKS

Democratic Leaders Assert That a Gold Man Has No Show There.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 12.—Secretary of State Hinrichsen, chairman of the democratic state central committee, speaking of the national conference of silver men to be held in Washington August 14, said today that Illinois would be represented by a large delegation of leading and influential democrats. The free silver feeling is stronger in this state, he said, than at the time of the free silver convention. The gold democrats, he says, could not carry a single county in the state. A free silver democrat, according to his notion, will be nominated in the Eighteenth district to succeed Mr. Ronan. Mr. Hinrichsen refers rather caustically to Mr. Cable of the Rock Island and United States Senator Palmer. He said:

"In regard to the attempt of Mr. Cable to organize the gold forces in the state, I am informed that Mr. Cable belongs to that class of men who in Illinois are big in Washington, and in Washington are big in Illinois. I am satisfied that he and Senator Palmer and other administration men from this state have never fairly reported the true situation to the president. We have only one paper in Chicago calling itself democratic, and it is controlled by the administration at Washington.

"As to the coming elections in Illinois," he said, "Illinois will send a free silver delegation to the national convention, and on a free silver platform we can carry the state by 50,000 majority, while on a gold platform we will be as badly beaten as we were last fall."

HUBBARD A PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

Huntington Selects Him as the Next Southern Pacific President.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—The Examiner says that General Thomas Hubbard, who represents the Searles interests in the Southern Pacific company, is the man who will succeed C. P. Huntington as president of the road when Huntington dies or retires. Huntington, it is said, thinks highly of Hubbard's abilities and will show him to be his successor. Huntington and Hubbard made an agreement whereby Senator Stanford was released from the presidency of the road in 1890. According to this agreement Huntington was to be president for 10 years.

THE OHIO DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

Three Counties for Silver and Four Against Heard From.

Cincinnati, Aug. 11.—At the county conventions held yesterday in the state for delegates for the democratic convention to be held August 20, the Brice men selected "sound money" delegates in Marion, Preble, Hancock and Allen counties. The free silver men carried Washington, Lorain and Green counties.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 11.—The democratic leaders throughout Miami valley started a movement to nominate John A. McMahon of Dayton at the democratic state convention in Springfield next week.

There has been some feeling engendered in the silver fight. McMahon has kept out of the fight and is regarded as acceptable to both factions.

STOLE JEWELRY OF HER HOSTESS

Liverpool Police Capture a Female Crook on Board a Steamer.

Liverpool, Aug. 11.—The police here arrested on Saturday on board the steamer Etruria an American woman booked for New York. She was booked under the alias of Stanley and was charged with stealing jewelry to the value of £2000 from Mrs. Gibbons of Ridgemount Gardens, London, whose guest she was during July, under the name of Millie Mellet. The jewelry was recovered.

Lucien Bonaparte Wise Is Dead.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Lucien Bonaparte Wise is dead. He was born in Paris in 1845, the son of Sir Thomas Wise and Princess Letitia Napoleon. He was early distinguished for his explorations in Central America.

Congestion of the Brain Set In.

Walla Walla, Aug. 9.—John Doak, a Wallula saloon keeper who was struck over the head several days ago in a row with a railroad man at Wallula, died this afternoon. His skull was fractured, which resulted in congestion of the brain, causing his death.

STEEL PLANTS HUM

Demand for Their Products Is Increasing Day by Day.

TRADE IS MOST ACTIVE

All Staples Selling in Large Quantities, and the Prices Are Holding Their Own.

New York, Aug. 9. — Bradstreet's Weekly Review will say:

The features of the business week are a continuance of remarkable strength in the demand for the increased production of steel and iron, practically all the first-class producing plants having been put into service and not a few of the cripples. Striking as was the demand for an advance in the price of wheat, leather, cotton and other staples for a month or two following March 1 last no rebound since the depression of 1894 has been stronger or more surprising than that in iron and steel.

Of the same nature is the evidence of improved business condition shown by the activity of almost all manufacturing lines, more particularly of course those in which iron and steel are employed. The center of commercial activity at the west follows a line drawn from St. Louis through Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, with an improving demand also shown along the Ohio river valley. Wholesalers at Chicago and St. Louis report the receipt of good orders for dress goods, hats, caps, clothing and shoes, to a large degree the result of personal selection by interior merchants.

General trade on the Pacific coast has improved within a month. One of the features is the recent improvement of the foreign trade of Seattle and Tacoma. The development of commerce with Oriental, Mexican, Central and South American countries has a marked effect upon the cities named. San Francisco authorities wire that the wheat crop in California is below the normal and that fruits in that state are ripening faster than the canners can handle them.

DUN'S REPORT.

New York, Aug. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade will say:

Business continues unusually active for midsummer, and though there is a perceptible relaxation, there are no signs of reaction. The one change of great importance which the past week has brought is the amicable settlement between coal miners and employers in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. It is said that about 100,000 men will have their wages increased after October by this adjustment, and while the enlargement of purchasing power is of consequence it seems even more important that a chronic case of controversy has been removed by the new agreement as to company stores. There is no important change in crop prospects, and at this time no news is eminently good news.

The industries continue to make progress, and higher prices for iron and steel products has not yet outrun the demand. Bessemer iron is a shade weaker, but grey forge has advanced about 60 cents, and finished products are remarkably firm. Lake copper has advanced to 12 cents. Tin has declined about a quarter of a cent and is quoted at \$12.40. Lead is a trifle stronger at \$3.55. The anthracite coal market is completely demoralized, and prices have again yielded a little to about the lowest ever known.

Sales of wool are not as much inflated by speculation as they were during the first half of July, but they still considerably exceed the actual consumption, in the aggregate amounting at the three chief markets to 6,259,300 pounds. Prices are very firm. Some staple cotton goods have again advanced in price, and the market is unusually strong for the season. Failures for the week were 225, against 264 last year.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARANCES.

New York, Aug. 9.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total

clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc. Dec.
New York	\$539,403,381	6.2
Chicago	82,316,763	1.9
Boston	92,614,728	28.6
Philadelphia	68,444,421	3.4
St. Louis	21,994,870
San Francisco	12,789,867	3.0
Baltimore	15,909,757	29.5
Pittsburg	14,859,492	38.3
Cincinnati	11,904,150	7.6
Kansas City	10,788,680	37.1
New Orleans	6,872,676	19.6
Buffalo	4,654,042	10.3
Milwaukee	3,876,619
Detroit	8,580,967	24.3
Portland, Or.	1,282,414	27.9
Seattle	581,851	19.7
Tacoma	531,062	32.9
Spokane	366,610	14.6
Galveston	3,281,310	8.3
Salt Lake	1,080,978	7.6
Helena	480,650	25.2
Total for the United States	\$976,632,215	increase, 25.9.

IN THE REPUBLICS SOUTH OF US

Ravages of Yellow Fever—New Extradition Treaty Required.

City of Mexico, Aug. 11.—Great apprehension is felt in all the west coast ports regarding the continued ravages of yellow fever in Central American seaports. All vessels recently arriving from Central America have been treated as suspicious. Two persons of the 22 injured in the Tehantepec railway accident have died. The road is new and the track not altogether in good condition.

Much interest is felt here regarding the truth of the alleged interview with United States Minister Ransom, telegraphed from Washington to the Globe-Democrat, in which Ransom is quoted as saying a new extradition treaty is required in order to prevent embezzlers from the United States escaping extradition by using money among Mexican authorities. If Ransom is correctly reported, he will probably be regarded here as a persona non grata, the alleged utterance being a direct attack on the highest functionaries, for whom, while here, Ransom expressed esteem. It is believed here that the minister was misrepresented.

BANNOCKS ARE KILLING MORE DEER

Owyhee County Settlers Want Idaho Game Laws Enforced.

Boise, Aug. 11.—Word comes from Owyhee county, this state, that the Banock Indians recently returned from Jackson Hole are drifting into the Juniper country, and also that the Duck valley Indians are joining them there. The Indians go there to kill deer for their hides. Last fall there was much trouble over the matter, but serious difficulty was averted by the Indians being called home. They took out about 100 deer hides at that time. The settlers are determined that the operations shall not be repeated. They say that if the Indians are to hunt there the government will have to send troops to protect them (the Indians) while they do so.

While it is not likely that any scare will be caused, there may be real difficulty if the settlers' information about the movements of Indians is correct. The situation is complicated by Agent Teter's loud insistence upon the right of the Indians to hunt wherever they please on government land. Heretofore, wherever the Bannocks have been found slaughtering game in this state, the authorities have co-operated in getting them back to the reservation, but since Agent Teter's recent proclamations respecting the Indians' hunting rights, it is feared it will be more difficult to get them out of the localities in which the settlers are determined they shall not remain.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS ON THE WAY

Will Arrive Here Before the Fall Term Opens.

Olympia, Aug. 9.—The new school text books adopted recently are now on the way to the several depositories in the state situated at Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, which precludes any possibility of the books not being in the hands of retail dealers before school opens in September.

Application was made today to the supreme court for a re-hearing in the case of Adolph Krug, defaulting city treasurer of Seattle.

A Lynching Probable.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 9.—The officers have just caught the negro who is accused of rape committed at Hariman. A lynching is possible.