

GENERAL NORTHWEST NEWS

BRIEFLY TOLD IN NOTES.

An interesting collection of items from the four Northwest States of a miscellaneous nature gathered the past week.

WASHINGTON.

The retail grocers of Tacoma have organized.

A petition is soon to be presented for the incorporation of the town of Reardan.

The state will enlarge the asylum at Medical Lake.

There is considerable building activity at Walla Walla.

Registration in Spokane is going to be heavy this year.

There are rumors of an electric road from Marcus to Republic.

A big lien has been filed on the Geo. Spalding Company at Spokane.

The western Washington hardware dealers have formed a retail combine.

The steamer Selkirk struck a hidden rock and went down in Okanogan river.

The state pharmaceutical association will hold its annual meeting in Spokane during the fair next fall.

C. D. Barlow, express agent of Fairhaven, is missing, and there are fears that he may have been murdered.

October 10 is the earliest date on which settlers can locate lands on the north half of the Colville reservation.

A new grocery house, to engage in the wholesale trade, and with a paid up cash capital of \$125,000, has been organized in Spokane.

The attempted consolidation of the fish canners of the northwest that has been reported for the last several months, is said to have finally fallen through.

There is a movement on foot to hold a state militia encampment at Tacoma in July. Governor Rogers favors the project and the Spokane companies are enthusiastic over the outlook.

The Paul F. Mohr portage railroad in which Spokane capital is heavily interested, is apparently making progress, and before many months will have a portion of its transportation line in operation.

The State Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. concluded a three days' session at Seattle and adjourned to meet at Spokane on the second Wednesday in April, 1900.

Georgia McCubbins, formerly of Spokane, was employed as a domestic in the Seattle home of Charles H. Green, and was found dead in bed. Escaping gas was the cause.

P. D. Norton, assistant treasurer of the St. Paul & Tacoma Mill Company, president of the Tacoma city council, and a member of the Tacoma Land Co., directory, is dead.

A. G. Nelson of Rosslund was found dead on the railroad track near Northport. He had committed suicide by placing a revolver in his mouth and pulling the trigger.

W. P. Trimble and Fred E. Sander of Seattle announce that they have secured full rights of way from a double track standard gauge electric railway connecting Seattle and Tacoma, and will commence construction as soon as the surveys now under way are completed. They claim to have secured \$700,000 to pay for the line.

Since the prospects of a creamery being established in Tekoa have been looking so favorable, many of the farmers are directing their attention to the pasturage and feeding of cows. Frank English has been experimenting on various kinds of grasses, and he states that the white brome grass has given the best results on high, dry land.

Two thousand Japanese laborers, who have arrived in Seattle from the Orient since February have been shipped to various points in the northwest for work on railroad construction. The wages paid these men are said to be the same as paid to white workmen, and the railroads have standing orders with employment agencies to send all the Japanese they can get.

William Hoare has just completed sowing 2000 acres of wheat on the reservation near Tekoa and expects to seed 1000 acres more in the same vicinity. He lets the work by contract. Mr. Hoare will receive two-thirds of the crop and the Indians from whom he rents will get the balance. The acreage of grain on the reservation this year will be unusually large.

IDAHO.

Thomas Eves is held in jail at Moscow for contempt of court.

Settlers are pouring into Idaho. A colony of 87 has located at Peck.

Citizens of Nez Perce have begun already to make preparations for a fall exposition.

This is a good year for horticulture. Northern Idaho will have a boom in the industry.

Senator Shoup is investigating the desirability of Fort Sherman as a home for disabled soldiers.

A special postal agent is looking over the field near Boise with a view to establishing rural delivery.

A remarkable condition has come to light in the office of the assessor and tax collector at Boise. An investiga-

tion discloses the fact that there is a shortage of \$1535. This is alleged to have been brought about by speculations of Deputy George Pettengill.

Farmers near Kendrick who have been holding grain in their granaries all winter are beginning to haul it into the local warehouses.

James A. Brown, a well known mining man of Blacktail Mountain, has been arrested by Sheriff Bradbury on a warrant sworn out of the probate court by Dr. J. F. Reddy of Spokane, who charges Brown with embezzlement.

The Trade Dollar Consolidated Mining Company has purchased the Geo. Ainslie residence in Boise for \$15,000 and presented it to James Hutchinson, general manager of the company. This was done in recognition of his valuable services.

James Ward of Delta was seriously injured by his brother Sam, who, with Thomas Schuster, were out in the hills looking after their mining interests. Sam Ward was chopping a tree, when the ax flew from the handle, striking James in the back, cutting a deep gash near the extremity of the backbone.

Under the laws of Idaho all property sold for delinquent taxes becomes the property of the purchaser absolutely if not redeemed within five years. This relates to delinquent sales as far back as 1895, and the property sold then will thus pass beyond the right of redemption next July.

The Boise sub-committee that had an interview with Mr. Harriman and President Burt of the Union Pacific at Salt Lake last week, reported to the full committee that the decision of the railway officials in effect was that the plan for bringing the main line in there was not practicable. The company said that two of the main line trains would be run in there. President Burt will visit Boise in about two weeks and will go over the entire subject.

OREGON.

The Pendleton fire department will not participate in the annual tournament of the Eastern Oregon and Washington Firemen's Association, as in previous years.

The Pendleton Weekly Republican, of which J. P. McManus was editor and manager, the plant being owned by Mrs. Mary A. Murphy, has been sold to Elmer P. Dodd, owner of the Pendleton Semi-Weekly Tribune, and the business of the two papers will be combined, the Tribune absorbing the Republican.

F. H. Ross, advertising agent of the Pendleton Republican, is wanted on a charge of fraudulently issuing checks on the Pendleton Savings Bank. Mr. Ross was, at different times, traveling through the country in the interests of the paper for which he was working, soliciting advertisements and subscriptions.

It is now currently reported that Frank Turner and Al Keeton, who killed Thomas Eagleton, the well known miner, on the streets of Granite, March 22, had made carefully laid plans to escape from the officers of the law before reaching Canyon City, the county seat. As they were not arrested until two hours after the shooting occurred, the deputy sheriff having business elsewhere about the time of the shooting, they had ample time to fully plan their escape.

William Gibson of Pendleton, Ore., a buyer of cattle, has purchased 295 head from three stock men on Butter creek. J. B. Saylor furnished him 187, R. N. Stanfield 60 and Jesse Moore 45. They constitute a choice lot of cattle, which have been kept by the Butter creek stock men throughout the winter, and came through to the spring in fine condition. The Saylor lot average 1400 pounds apiece, and of the others 100 weigh the same as the Saylor cattle, and the balance average 1200 pounds. They will be shipped to the Sound. These 295 head constitute but a small portion of the total of 2000 head of fat cattle which are held in the Butter creek country, and the fact that these stock men sold yesterday may indicate that the expressed intention on the part of the stock men in that region to hold until fall has been changed, and from this time on frequent sales may take place.

MONTANA.

The Anaconda public schools closed for the term last Friday.

The court at Kallispell has refused to set a definite date for the trial of the Whiteside case.

Superintendent B. C. White of the state reform school has tendered his resignation, to take effect May 1. It is understood that Mr. White will engage in business in the Judith basin.

Peter Dempsey, a miner, shot and killed his wife in their rooms on Main street, Butte. They had been married only a short time and quarreled continuously.

Edward Marshall, who was arrested at Salt Lake, has been identified as Edward Allison, the slayer of Mrs. Fay Creech, who was murdered in Butte 18 days ago. As soon as the Salt Lake authorities get through with him he will be brought to Butte.

There is but little doubt but the coming summer will see a sort of civil revolution in the city of Bozeman. A movement, emanating from the Gallatin Valley Club, is now on foot for the agitation of public improvements that

will take a wide scope and make Bozeman an ideal place for excursionists to spend vacations and Sunday outings.

Edward McNally, whose home is in Rochester, N. Y., while on his way east last week on the Great Northern, when at Essex, several miles east of Kallispell, stepped to the platform and looked out. His head struck the coal chute and he was knocked off the train and badly mangled. One leg and one arm were severed from his body and he was injured internally. He died.

Citizens of Butte are becoming terrorized owing to the utter inability of physicians to cope with the disease which, for lack of a better name, has been called pneumonia. The death rate is alarming and is constantly increasing. One doctor when told that it was not pneumonia, asked: "Well, what is it, then? Heart failure after the disease has reached the climax?" The illness is always of short duration, from one to two days. Richard Trembath, telegraph editor of the Inter-Mountain, was taken ill on Saturday night and died Monday morning.

United States and Turkey.

Unless the sultan of Turkey acts very promptly Ali Ferrough Bey, the Turkish minister, will be given his passports and diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey will be suspended until the sultan pays \$100,000 due citizens of the United States.

It is understood that an ultimatum stating that diplomatic relations will be severed unless the claims are paid is ready for presentation to the Turkish government. It is known at the department that the Turkish minister advised his government yesterday relative to the situation and time will be given for the sultan to act before the ultimatum will be issued.

There has been some discussion of the plan, in the event that the sultan still continues obstinate, to seize a port of Turkey and collect customs to an amount equal to the claim. It is believed that international complications could be averted by notifying the continental powers that it was the intention of the United States to remain in possession of the port only long enough to collect the money. The administration is adverse, however, to going beyond a severance of diplomatic relations. No serious thought has been given to a military or naval demonstration, as the administration has all the war on hand it cares to deal with for the present. Should Ali Ferrough Bey be given his passports it would amount to saying that Turkey is a dishonest government. The state department officials believe that the sultan will not be willing to have his country thus advertised to the world.

Inquiries made by the Associated Press regarding the attitude of Great Britain and other powers towards the American-Turkish difficulties reveal the fact that no one has any intention of interfering in any way. The British government officials do not disguise their delight at the stand taken by Washington.

Sultan Is Friendly.

Constantinople.—Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, United States charge d'affaires, has had a long private audience with the sultan, who was very cordial. Such an audience with the American charge d'affaires is unprecedented and is, therefore, considered important in the present circumstances.

The United States legation is without information as to the state of the indemnity question at Washington, while the porte officials say they are unaware of the strained relations raised over this question.

Floods Are Increasing.

Chicago, April 25.—A special from New Orleans says:

Traffic in Louisiana and Mississippi is paralyzed by the flood, which took on a fresh impetus last night, 4.6 inches of rain falling in the New Orleans district. In some parts of the state the total was even greater. All eastern traffic is being transferred by boat and brought into this city from 24 to 36 hours late. The Texas & Pacific railroad from Baton Rouge Junction to this city, over 100 miles, is practically under water. Mississippi's crop and property damage will amount into the many millions, some having placed it at \$3,000,000. In Louisiana the cotton and corn crops are ruined and the loss will be quite equal to the Mississippi figures.

Queen's Review at Dublin.

Dublin, April 23.—Special trains brought thousands of visitors to this city to witness the queen's review of the naval, cavalry and infantry brigades and the boys of the Royal Hibernian military school. Fifteen acres of Phoenix Park were occupied by troops under command of the duke of Connaught. It is estimated that 200,000 persons witnessed the review of the 10,000 troops and blue jackets. When the queen passed down the line the cheering everywhere was tremendous.

Nails and Wire to Cost Less.

New York, April 23.—At the local offices of the American Steel & Wire company an employe confirmed the report that the reduction of \$20 per ton had been ordered in the price of wire nails, barbed wire and galvanized fence wire, with an \$8 cut in annealed fence wire. This is equivalent to a reduction of 1 cent a pound in wire nails, making the price \$2.20 a keg. The price for barbed wire is \$2.80 a hundredweight, and for galvanized fence nails, \$2.25 a hundredweight. The cut in annealed fence wire is from \$3.05 to \$2.15 a hundredweight.

BOERS CONTEST EVERY STEP

BOTH SIDES GET DRENCHED.

The Trenches Full of Water—Many Skirmishes Take Place—Quiet at Ladysmith—Boers Are Mustering Every Man Possible.

Wakkerstrom, April 24.—After yesterday's shelling it was expected that the Boers would open again, but Colonel Brabazon with the yeomanry made a thorough scout to the left. The Boers endeavored to turn the British right wing, but the movement was detected by the yeomanry and mounted infantry and the guns opened fire and drove them off, greatly extending the position. None of the Boer guns were in action. Many of the Boers are moving southward.

At Jammersburg Drift.

Boer Camp, Thabanehu, Orange Free State, April 24.—Fighting continues day and night at Jammersburg drift. The English entrenchments have been so full of rain that the men have been obliged every now and then to clamber to the banks, only to be shot down.

The Boers were so drenched on Saturday that they were unable to sleep, so they started a debate on the subject of the good to be derived from virtue and courage. The discussion lasted most of the night, shells at intervals interrupting the speakers.

Contesting Every Step.

London, April 24.—General Rundle is apparently advancing slowly toward Wepener, every step being contested by the Boers. From the republic side there is a good deal of interesting news.

A Thabanehu dispatch reports the arrival there of Commandants Dewit and Villers and an attack upon 3000 British under General Gatacre. The latter, of course, is a misstatement, and it is probable that General Rundle is meant. The British, it is added, occupied some kopjes, but their left wing was driven back. The Boer loss was one killed and five wounded.

From Brandsfont comes the news that a British patrol of ten men ventured near that place and suffered the loss of one man killed and two men captured, including a Free Stater, who was leading the party.

As Told at Pretoria.

London, April 24.—A Pretoria dispatch says the latest official news was that fighting was proceeding within an hour's ride of Dewitsdorp, with no results. The Transvaal government, it is added, has asked Lord Roberts to be allowed to send a clergyman to St. Helena and also a neutral consul to watch the interests of the prisoners in the same manner as Adelbert Hay guards the interests of the British at Pretoria.

A proclamation has been issued prohibiting the working of the mines on Sundays and inflicting punishment on managers paying over one pound a month to natives.

From Ladysmith comes a dispatch saying all is quiet and the Boer guns are silent. There is nothing further from Bloemfontein to indicate the progress of the preparations for the main advance.

At Cape Town a government contractor named Bam has been arrested for harboring three escaped Boer prisoners, dressed as clergymen.

The Boers are reported as mustering every man capable of carrying a rifle and as taking their ambulance corps into the fighting line. They are alleged to have from 8000 to 10,000 men in the district between Dewitsdorp and Wepener, where heavy fighting is reported Friday and Saturday. They are also described occupying a line ten miles long in upper Natal and as shelling the British positions at Elands-laagte on Saturday with unabated spirit. The motive of this activity is not clear, but it is surmised that the Boers are anxious to prevent the transfer of British forces from Natal to Bloemfontein and Boshof, which apparently is still in progress.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Elmer L. Sheetz was arrested in San Francisco as he was boarding a vessel for Cape Nome. Sheetz was a St. Louis broker, and on October 24 last he was arrested for fraud and gave bonds. He jumped the bond and came west and has been in this city since March. He organized a company to exploit Cape Nome.

Twenty-six years ago the prince of Wales succeeded the marquis of Ripon as grand master of English Freemasons and Wednesday the anniversary was observed by his reinstatement in the office with elaborate ceremonies. The prince appeared in his robes of office and with full regalia and the ceremonies were participated in by prominent members of the order from many parts of the United Kingdom. Chief among those invited to the ceremonies was King Oscar of Norway and Sweden, who is grand master of the order in the Scandinavian peninsula, having held the office before his ascension to the throne. Congratulatory messages were received by the prince of Wales from the crown prince of Denmark and Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, who hold the office of grand master among the Freemasons of their respective countries.

Destroyed by Fire.

Fairmount, Ind., April 25.—The warehouses of the Wilson & McCollough Jar Factory were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$150,000; insurance, \$70,000.

Trade Report.

Bradstreet's report for the past week says:

More, rather than less, irregularity in the trade and price situation is to be noted this week, partly as the result of weather conditions, but partly in the case of the iron and steel trade, because of the continuance of those efforts in the direction of lower prices, which have been such a feature of the iron and steel trade of late. That the basic conditions of trade remain on the whole favorable is, however, evidenced by a number of features. Railroad earnings continue heavy and the decrease noted in bank clearings is chargeable largely to religious and other holiday observations and to restricted stock speculation. Heavy rains and a cool spell of weather early in the week had a depressing effect on trade and collections, but with the advent of a warm spring temperature improved conditions of retail demand, which is at present a most important element in the general trade situation, have been noted.

The bear campaign in iron and steel took on a new phase this week, when a number of new wire mills were shut down as alleged, because of an over supply of these goods. The announcement has had an unsettling effect upon general demand as was probably expected, and new domestic business is interfered with. The strength of the export demand previously noted in these columns, however, is still a feature, and we have the best of reasons for believing that a very large quantity of southern iron sold this week to go abroad at nearly or about full prices. The price changes are along lines heretofore noted, though some sympathetic weakening of pig iron is reported. Wire prices are apparently unchanged. Steel billets are weak at the decline.

Wool is weak, but there is rather more inquiry and now as one year ago relatively highest prices rule at points of production.

Backward conditions have affected the lumber trade demand, but in this, as in a number of other lines, the advanced prices demanded are credited with checking business. The pressure of heavy supplies is responsible for the slight weakening shown in the price of raw sugar this week, while the refined market remains unchanged. Weather influences are again reflected in the market for dairy products, which have weakened under large receipts.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 3,898,351 bushels, against 2,896,653 bushels last week, 2,959,900 bushels in the corresponding week of 1899, 3,122,106 bushels in 1898, 1,654,668 bushels in 1897, and 1,286,490 bushels in 1896. Since July 1 this season the exports of wheat aggregate 157,804,507 bushels, against 193,262,119 bushels last year, and 191,503,636 bushels in 1897-98.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 161, against 152 last week, 187 in the week a year ago, 224 in 1898, 216 in 1897 and 240 in 1896. Failures for the week in Canada number 19, as compared with 35 last week, 30 in this week a year ago, 15 in 1898, 22 in 1897, and 28 in 1896.

Coming Events.

Knights of Pythias military carnival, Spokane, May 15-19.

Washington State G. A. R. encampment, Ellensburg, June 12.

Convention of the great council of Washington, Improved Order of Red men, Spokane, May 8-10.

Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Vancouver, B. C., May 22.

Meeting of the grand court of Foresters of America, Spokane, May 8-9-10.

Summer school at Walla Walla, under the joint auspices of county superintendents and Whitman college, June 25 to August 3.

Montana State Sunday school convention, May 29-31.

Woman's federation of clubs for Washington, North Yakima, May 29-31.

Montana arbor day, May 8.

Republican national convention, Philadelphia, June 19.

Democratic national convention, Kansas City, July 4.

Populist national convention, Sioux Falls, S. D., May 9.

National prohibition convention, Chicago, June 27.

Idaho democratic, silver-republican and populist state nominating conventions, Pocatello, July 27.

Idaho democratic convention to select delegates to national convention, Lewiston, June 5.

Idaho republican state convention to select delegates to national convention, May 8.

Montana republican state convention to select delegates to national convention, Butte, May 17.

Washington democratic state convention, Spokane, May 19.

Massacres by the "Boxers."

Tien Tsin, April 24.—Members of the Boxers Society have massacred many Chinese Catholics near Taro Ting Fu, in the Province of Pechilli, southwest of Tien Tsin. The German gunboat Itlis has arrived at Taku.

Chancellor McGill Dead.

New York, April 23.—Chancellor Alexander T. McGill died at his residence in Jersey City. He had been ill for about a year, suffering from general breakdown from overwork.