BLOWN TO PIECES

ELEVEN MEN MET A MOST HORRIBLE DEATH.

Cause of Explosion in a Dynamite Plant Near Pequea, Pa., Is Not Known—Heard 15 Miles Away—Pieces of Torn Bodies Found 100 Yards Away.

Eleven men were blown to pieces and five others were seriously injured by the explosion of dynamite plant near Pequea, Pa., along the Susquehanna river. The dead are:

Benjamin Gebhardt, aged 22; Benjamin Riner, 21; George Riner, 20; Fred Rice, 23; Collins Parker, 18; Phares Haff, 18; William Funk, 19; John Boatman, 17; three unidentified men.

The seriously injured are: Walter Brown, Martin Riner, George Gray, Charles Cramer and Jacob Shoeff.

The accident was one of the most horrible in the history of Lancaster county. The victims were literally torn to pices, hardly enough remaining of the bodies to make identification possible.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Two of the unidentified victims had just started to drive from the place with a load of dynamite. They had gone scarcely fifty feet when the plant blew up with a detonation that was plainly heard 15 miles away. A great cloud of smoke covered the site of the factory and when it cleared away there was not a vestige of the horses, wagon or men. Fragments of human bodies were found hanging to trees a hundred yards away.

GREAT ATHLETIC MEET JUNE 23

Track and Field Contest at Spokane—Famous Athletes of Northwest Will All be There.

Sixty of the greatest track and field athletes in the northwest are to gather in Spokane on June 22nd to compete in the greatest athletic meet ever known in the northwest. Of these sixty men at least forty of them are stars and one of them, Gilbert of the Multonomah club, Portland, recently broke the world's record in the pole vault by clearing the bar at 12 feet six inches.

Another man, Carey, is a University of Montana boy and considered by Sullivan, President of the A. A.U., as the coming world's champion. Only a sophomore in the University of Montana he established the record of 10 flat in the 100 yard dash with the meet against Washingtou State College last month. He will compete under the colors of the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club and will have opposed to him the famous Kelly of the University of Oregon who is also credited with even time. Alpha Cox, the great western sprinter, also credited with even time, will be in the dash and something that has never been seen on the Pacific coast, three 10 second men opposed to each other in one race will take place in Spokane on June 23

Three distance men of Pacific coast reputation and one whose fame has spread even farther than that, will be in the mile run. Coates, the W. S. C. miler, who is credited with going the distance in 4:32 in a college meet in Michigan, will run with Mathews and Edminson of Idaho State College and Parker of the University of Washington. These men have all made the distance under 4:40 and the mile race at this meet should be as exciting as the 440 yard dash.

In the quarter mile run will be seen five men while not of particularly brilliant quality, are so evenly matched that the race is sure to be fought out at the pace. Fawsett, Tholme and Malony of the S. A. A. C. are good for 51 seconds while Multonomah and Seattle each have two men credited with that time. One can readily see what an exciting feature the the mile relay, always the greatest of races, will be when the five clubs send their four best quarter milers speeding over the course with their club colors flying in the breeze.

In the hurdles it is expected that Coates, the famous University of Oregon man, will for once in his life meet a man who will make him finish at his best. Carey, the S. A. A. C. hurdler is credited with being a little slower than 16 seconds for this event and to beat him Coates should be compelled to break his own record.

A big crowd is expected from every part of the Inland Empire to watch this contest of speed and muscle.

Arrangements are being made to entertain an immense throng at the S. A. C. and some of the hotels are making special rates to visitors who come in bunches of from five to 10.

Coburn Refuses Senatorship.

Foster Dwight Coburn, who was appointed by Governor E. W. Hoch of Kansas, to be United States senator succeeding Joseph R. Burton, resigned, has announced that he has decided not to accept the appointment. Governor Hoch immediately offered the vacancy to Judge A. W. Benson of Ottawa, Franklin county. There is little doubt but that he will accept the office. Judge Benson is about 60 years of age and has been prominently identified with republican politics in Kansas.

William J. Bryan has accepted an invitationto make a speech in London at the American celebration the Fourth of July.

ODD COLONY IN PARAGUAY.

Community Modeled After Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward."

A community which closely approximates Bellamy's "Looking Backward" is Cosme, a little settlement near Asuncion. Paraguay, described by Wilhelm Lacmann in the Leipsic Grentzboten. Equality, democracy and community of wealth and work are the principles on which it was founded in 1894 by a split in a colony of Austrian immigrants to Paraguay. "The houses of the settlers lie together and form a small village, and are small, pretty and clean; they have only one story, and are built of boards and shingled or roofed with mazega grass. The roof hangs far over the side walls and is supported by posts, a detail which allows for a wide veranda—a most welcome adjunct in the hot weather. On one side of the house is a small outbuilding which contains the kitchen, and every house has its garden. Little plantations of sugar cane lie between the houses and the gardens."

Up to the present the dwelling houses cover only a quarter of the space which has been reserved for the village, and when Herr Lacmann visited the place there were some twenty houses occupied and 108 in course of erection. In time the buildings will form a great square, which will lie about a larger open square. In addition a number of smaller public places have been provided for, which will lie, as those already in existence, between the houses. "There is an absolute community of goods in Cosme, the only exception being that objects of household or personal use—furniture, cooking utensils, clothing and food—remain the property of their users. When one enters the colony he must bring his entire property in, with these exceptions. When, however, one wishes to withdraw he does not receive back the amount of his contribution, but only the amount which corresponds to his share for the last working period."

Everyone must go through a probationary period of one year, and before this period is completed no membership is obtained nor any contribution of goods made. Every applicant upon entering must pay into the treasury $25 for each adult member of the family and half of this amount for each child. If then the probationers decide not to remain in the colony their expenses to Buenos Ayres are paid, but this is not done unless the applicant remains in the colony three months. The only requirements are that the applicant be strong and healthy. "Under no circumstances are colored persons admitted."

CAT'S MIRROR TRAPS BIRDS.

Tabby Watches Her Prey and Awaits the Time to Jump.

Laconia boasts of a cat which combines science with her natural instincts of bird-hunting to rather a remarkable degree.

Pussy is evidently fond of fresh live English sparrows, and by experience doubtless found that they are wary, quick-motioned and hard to catch. She also has discovered that when she turns her back toward a flock of sparrows in the street they pay little or no attention to her and approach quite closely.

She has also discovered that the plate-glass show window of a jewelry store makes an excellent mirror under certain conditions of light, and that by looking toward the window she can watch the chippies in the street and at the same time give the birds no reason to suspect that she is interested in anything except gold rings and jewelry display.

The cat's method of obtaining English sparrow for dinner is to take her position on the edge of a good view of the reflecton in the show window. Sparrows come along the street every few minutes, and, although at first rather shy of the cat, they evidently observe that she is paying no attention to them, and gradually work up quite close to her in their search for food.

Pussy keeps perfectly passive until one of the birds happens to stray within easy jumping distance, and then she turns like a flash and captures the unlucky bird in an instant.

People who observe the cat for the first time gazing at the reflection of the sparrows obtain an idea that she herself is being fooled by the reflection and stop to watch, expecting that she will finally jump against the show window in her efforts to catch the birds, but they find that they have underestimated kitty's intelligence when a bird approaches too near the dead line.—Laconia, N. H., Democrat.

Daily Object Lesson.

To the left, gentlemen and ladies, the Pugilist looms into view. He is an advocate of physical culture. In his little rear hallroom, which he calls his "apartments," he has two heavy dumbells. He raises these to hold the door open and to tack sporting lithographs upon the wall.

Does he work. Yes; bartenders, mostly. He has never been in a ring yet, but he hopes to be. The large bundle of papers he carries is a package of challenges. He is now on his way to a newspaper office to ask for a press notice. The Pugilist is a fine press agent. He used to drive a cab. Why does not the Pugilist go home? He is afraid his wife will caress him with a mop stick. The pugilist derives his name from an old Roman term applied to a man who once bet forty ducats on four spades and a diamond and was called.

The Pugilist is found in all civilized countries and Chicago.

You may occasionally get a crumb of comfort, but the trouble that is due you comes in loaves.

NEWS OF NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

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

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Attorney General John D. Atkinson has been called to Alaska on a business trip.

The Spokane county pioneers' 10th annual picnic at Medical Lake was a great success.

Tacoma's mayor has put himself on record as in favor of saloon and restaurant boxes.

Excellent work is being done on the wagon roads leading into Colfax from the surrounding country.

The Everett Milling company will begin the erection this week of a large grain warehouse at Ephrata.

C. E. Briggs, a well to do rancher of the upper Methow valley, and a pioneer, committed suicide by shooting himself recently.

The finding of John Carroll's body in Garrison creek, near Walla Walla, removes all doubt as to the aged milkman's death. He disappeared May 29.

Kettle Falls citizens have voted unanimously that the district be bonded for $1000 to build an addition to the large school building and establish a high school

George Taylor, engineer on the McInnis Lumber company's tug Saretta was killed in an unknown manner on the boat about four miles below Newport.

Governor Mead today granted a parole to John Harrigan, alias Charles W. Hamlin, who was sentenced in Whatcom county on August 6, 1902, to 14 years for robbery.

The prosecuting attorneys of the state will hold a convention at Everett on July 12, 13, and 14 in connection with the eighteenth annual session of the State Bar association.

A well dressed man who committed suicide at the Tacoma hotel has been identified as William Campbell Beasley, publisher of the Commonwealth Magazine of Seattle. His former home was in Peoria, Ill.

Twenty farmers of the Kittitas valley have formed an association and purchased Samson De Thorembrais, an imported Belgian stallion, from McLaughlin Brothers of Columbus, Ohio, for $4000.

One of the largest realty transfers in Yakima county in recent months was the sale of the Bounds ranch in Selah valley by P. A. Bounds to Urban Ditman, a widely known stockman, for $30,800.

Theodore Strong, laborer in the Erickson-Peterson construction gang on the O. W. & I. road at Riparia, met with a serious accident recently which will neccessitate the amputation of his left leg above the knee.

It is announced that Samuel A. Wells, former receiver of the Spokane land office, has been nominated by President Roosevelt to succeed Eugene B. Hyde, the present receiver, who succeeded Mr. Wells four years ago.

Thirty-six of the 37 counties of Washington were represented at the first annual convention of farmers held under the auspices of the Washington State college. Okanogan county was the only one not sending a delegation.

One hundred and fifty farmers met in Cunningham Saturday and voted to build a farmers' elevator. Steel storage tanks will be put up to handle the crop. All the wheat will be handled in bulk. This does away with what the farmers call the "sack graft."

Manager Lennox of the proposed Whitman county fair has been working hard laying plans for the event. He has about decided to hold the fair the first week in October. The prizes will be more valuable and cover a larger number of displays than ever before.

Wenatchee valley fruit growers are receiving higher prices for fruit this year than ever before, the prices up to date averaging 50 per cent higher than those paid last year. The Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' association, an organization of the growers of the Wenatchee and Columbia valleys, controlling 85 per cent of the fruit raised in the Wenatchee valley, is doing the work.

A. A. Armstrong, who killed Robert Patton near Aberdeen three years ago, was hanged at the penitentiary Friday morning at 5:26 o'clock. The execution was successful in every detail. The man's neck was broken by the fall and death came in 13 minutes. Although 60 years old he bravely met death.

Engineers of the reclamation service are measuring the area of lands contracted for the Tieton project. Approximately, 24,000 acres will be reclaimed by this project, of which about 95 per cent has been subscribed. This is all the government requires, but some of the land subscribed may be shown by engineers to be unsuited, which will necessitate additions to the land already contracted.

OREGON ITEMS.

John Bear shot and killed "Brick" Johnson Monday night in the Otts saloon at Enterprise. Bear escaped.

As a result of the meeting of the Pacific States Telephone and Farmers' Line companies in April the two systems, which cover the entire Walla Walla valley, are now amalgamated.

August Ebell, one of the best known farmers and truckmen in Baker county, living 12 miles south of Baker City, was killed Friday afternoon by permitting a tree which he was engaged in felling to strike him.

The Umatilla county grand jury which brought in nine indictments found that F. G. Naylor, the Athena farmer who was mysteriously murdered in Pendleton on the night of April 14, and whose body was afterwards thrown into the mill race at the east end of town come to his death through being poisoned.

The Heacock & Lawrence iron works at East Sixth and Belmont streets, Portland, was gutted by fire recently. Cause of the fire is believed to be spontaneous combustion. Loss, $25,000, partly insured.

More than 20 persons were injured in Portland last Sunday, none dangerously, in a head on collision between two loaded Woodlawn cars of the Portland Railway company at the intersection of Union and Holladay avenues. When all the passengers had been removed from the cars it was found that only eight had suffered sufficient injury to necessitate removal to the hospital.

IDAHO NOTES.

The state board of education has for some time had under consideration the plan of establishing a school at Boise for the dumb and blind of the state. The matter has been held in abeyance the past few days pending the return of Attorney General Guheen. The latter says the question has been as to the authority for the board to take such action. Mr. Guheen thinks it can be done.

A rumor is current that Bayard T. Byrnes has purchased for the regents of the University of Idaho the Carithers residence property on University hill, Moscow. It is believed the property will be used as the site of the new agricultural department building.

Michael Burns, Frank Brown and Fred Stang have been arrested at Lewiston by Police Officer Dent charged with having committed seven burglaries in Clarkston. The police recovered, $500 worth of merchandise, practically everything that was stolen from Clarkston stores except the money. The latter had been used to buy a team and wagon, with which the men were preparing to get out of the country at the time they were arrested.

Bids have been opened by the Rathdrum village council for the sale of village bonds to the amount of $12,500, and the bonds were sold to the Bankers & Lumberman's bank of Portland, Ore., at 8 per cent premium. The proceeds will be expended to purchase a water system.

The Idaho state encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Payette, commencing June 26 and lasting three days.

Owing to the cold weather, the annual pioneer picnic at Moscow was not so much of a success as in other years.

Andrew Gilstrom, aged 50 years, employed as a blacksmith for several years, committed suicide at his home in Post Falls recently.

John H. Newbury of Mullan has sent in his resignation as postmaster on account of his suffering with rheumatism. He has recommended Harry Ingalls as his successor and he will doubtless receive the appointment, as there is no opposition.

The Clearwater Fire Protective association was organized in Moscow recently. The association will send out 14 men Tuesday into the Clearwater district. These men will do patrol duty only. This number will be increased to 35 as the dry season comes on. These men will be under competent and experienced superintendents. These patrols are employed jointly by the corporations of the state, pro rata, according to their holdings.

At a recent meeting of the Idaho state land board a date was set for one of the biggest timber sales ever held in the state of timber scattered over 8500 acres of state land in Kootenai county. The timber is of a miscellaneous character, white pine, fir, tamarack, etc., and it has been carefully estimated at 100,000,000 feet. The upset price has been approximately figured at $145,000. The sale will be held at Rathdrum July 20 and it is reported that every indication point to lively bidding.

MONTANA SQUIBBS.

Percy Bonathan Hanson, a section foreman, was fatally shot by William Hanson a prominent flockmaster at Harlem, recently.

It is said that Beaver Creek, near Havre, is a mile wide.

Excessive rains in Eeastern Montana have almost paralyzed the railroad traffic.

Six victims of the mine disaster at Red Lodge—Thomas Skelley, Terence Fleming, Michael Garriage, William Bailey, Alvin McFate and Matt Reikka—were buried Saturday, the whole town suspending business and paying tribute. The fire is still burning in the mine.

Two officers, Vasco and Calderwood, from Hinsdale, were robbed lately by supposed cattle rustlers. The officers were out looking for the rustlers to arrest them when they were held up at a house 20 miles from Hinsdale. When they entered the house they were covered with guns by several men and all their possessions, save their clothes, including their livery stable team, were stolen from them. The identity of the robbers is not definitely known.

The coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Thomas Ford of Anaconda, foreman of the Allen Gold Mining company, who was found near his cabin in French gulch with his throat cut, returned a verdict that the man came to his death from having his throat cut by unknown persons.

VISITING IN ENGLAND

CONGRESSMAN LONGWORTH AND WIFE TOURING EUROPE.

Ambassador Reid and Members of the Embassy Staff Welcomed the Couple—King Edward Is Expected to Entertain Them—They Will Probably Visit Germany and France.

London, June 11.—After a voyage which both declared to be the most pleasant in their experience, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth have reached London, having journeyed from Southampton, where they debarked from the American line steamer St. Louis, in a beautifully appointed royal carriage attached to the American line special on the London & Southwestern. The weather was ideal and the country traversed by the train on the short trip to London was looking its best, so that their first impression of England, where they will spend the first fortnight of their European outing, was most favorable. Only a short stop was made in Southampton. The mayor of Southampton and the American consul there, Mr. Swalm, were the first to greet the travelers on this soil.

On arriving in England Mr. and Mrs. Longworth were met by Ambassador Reid and the members of the embassy staff, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. and Miss Carter, wife and daughter of the secretary of the American embassy, and Mrs. Gibbons, wife of the naval attache, while at the entrance to the station several hundred Americans living in London had gathered to welcome the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Longworth will be the guests of the ambassador and his wife at Dorchester house while in London. Sunday afternoon was spent in resting. In the evening there was a family dinner, which was attended by the members of the embassy staff. Monday Mr. and Mrs. Longworth were given an opportunity to see London, no engagement having been made for the day. In the evening they visited the Alhambra with Mr. and Mrs. Reid for the first production of the new ballet "L'Amour," the music for which was written by Mrs. Thay Ritchie, an American.

It has not yet been announced whether King Edward will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Longworth, but it is expected they will dine with him at Ascot Heath during Ascot week. Queen Alexandra, being still in mourning for her father, is not accepting any but court engagements, and therefore will not accompany King Edward to the dinner at Dorchester house Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Longworth thoroughly enjoyed the Atlantic voyage, and joined with the other passengers in the sports and amusements incident to the trip. The weather from land to land was splendid, the delay to the St. Louis being caused by bad coal and a light fog.

When approaching the Solent, Mr. and Mrs. Longworth received a wireless telegram of welcome from the duke of Manchester. Beyond their visit to the Kiel regatta, the program in Germany has not been decided upon.

H. H. Collier of Tacoma has been appointed superintendent of the poultry show to be given at the Spokane Interstate fair, which opens this year September 24. This is a department which has not existed at this fair for a number of years, but is added this time at the request of many fanciers. It is believed there will be 1000 birds shown.

Prizes are strong, being $3 and $2 for first and second on pens in each variety, and $1.50 and $1.00 for first and second for cock, cockerel, hen and pullet, each. About $200 is offered in special prizes. An effort will be made to make this department one of the best poultry shows ever seen in the Northwest.

Nat C. Goodwin.

Nat C. Goodwin comes to the Spokane Theater June 20 and 21, making this his annual visit to Spokane. This season he is playing his latest success, "The Genius."

Mr. Goodwin is being mentioned among the members of he theatrical profession as the successor of the late Joseph Jefferson as dean of the American stage. James O'Donnell Bennett, the critic, is quoted as saying:

Now that Joe Jefferson has died, there is no worthier actor upon the stage to wear the mantle of that dean of the profession than Nat C. Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin was intimately acquainted with Jefferson and was classed as one of his friends. They both appeared in the first all star cast of "The Rivals" in the old Arch street theater in New York city, near the Jefferson birthplace where several now prominent actors played in the early days.

Mr. Goodwin's engagement in Spokane is being looked forward to as one of the dramatic treats of the season.

Miss Crossman.

General gratification will greet the announcement that Henrietta Crossman, who is recognized as the most clever player of comedy parts on the American stage, is soon to pay her first visit to Spokane. This announcement will give pleasure to all theater goers. Miss Crossman will be supported by her own company and will present her latest comedy success, "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," a play in which she has added to her fame and popularity. She will appear at the Spokane Theater on July 9 and 10.

HIS LAST WORDS.

The inquisitive traveller through this world would have a hard, cold journey if he encountered many such persons as the one who frustrated the intentions of a fellow passenger, and whose exhaustive statement was recently chronicled in an exchange. He had suffered from domestic troubles, and was at the time on his way to start life afresh in another section of the country. He was a dyspeptic-looking man, and when the inquisitive passenger behind leaned forward with a confidential "Pardon me, sir, but what—" the dyspeptic was ready.

"Adam was the first man," he said, in a cold, gray monotone. "Moses was the meekest man; there never was any meekest woman. Columbus discovered America, John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence. In the winter of 1847 and 1848 potatoes formed almost the sole food of the Irish peasantry. White sheep eat more than black ones because there are more of them. A door is not a door when it's ajar. Schley's name is pronounced 'Sly,' and golf is 'goff.' It is highly improper to wear a silk hat with a sack coat. There never was any such person as the Ahkoond of Swat. The great weakness of the American people is signing petitions without reading them. Yes, it is a good morning, and I have used everybody's soap. I—"

Here the inquisitive man attempted an interruption, but it was of no avail.

"The foregoing information," went on the accentless voice, "is all I know about anything of any name or nature—past, present or future. I don't know anything else of any kind, character, style, shape or color, good, bad or indifferent. I not only do not know anything else, but I don't want to.

"I want nothing in the world but peace," he added, after a few illuminating remarks about his past trials, "and if you don't let me alone I'll throw my gripsack out of the window and jump out after it. I have spoken."—Youth's Companion.

AN AUTHOR'S BEAUTIFUL WIFE.

Anthony Hope Loved Her Long Before She Married Him.

The wife of Anthony Hope Hawkins, author of "The Prisoner of Zenda," was long the ideal of the novelist, as she is to-day. The author had gained distinction before he met Miss Elizabeth Sheldon, but from the moment he saw

her he was in love. This affection was not returned for years, but Mr. Hawkins was persistent. Her beauty and gentle breeding seemed to him a prize well worth the striving for. For time the woman of his affections was an actress on the London stage and she took the part of the Prince Flavia in the drama, "The Prisoner of Zenda." Mr. Hawkins declared she was the ideal Flavia, as she was his ideal of a woman, and finally his persistent lovemaking had its reward.

Pools that Cost Nothing.

The brook or running stream of rural outdoor water gives a variety of chances for the man that wishes to make his life aright, says County Life in America. The brook can be converted without being diverted, into a swimming pool for boys by building a dam at the point where the banks do a little extra shelving and tend to form a natural basin. The bottom should be spaded out and made more of a reservoir in its capacity and shape. The dam itself can be made by a family of boys at the cost of lumber and nails involved. The embankments are sodded. The sides of the spillway are made of wooden posts driven into the ground and boarded up. This makes a boxed-up affair, or rather two boxes, one on each side of the stream. These boxes are filled with sand, rock and sods to make a solid cubic piece of resistance. The sodded embankments run across the valley or depression of the brook hollow to the higher ground. By means of a lever—a pole (playing into a wooden-jawed socket and weighted with a rock or pieces of iron)—the water gate can be operated against a strong headway of water. The water flows over the top of the spillway when it is closed and by raising the gate the pond can be emptied or reduced to the normal level of the brook.

Natural Mistake.

Farmer Foddershucks—Well, the actresses is pretty, an' they're certainly rigged out scandalous enough for anybody, but I can't understand more'n half they say. They're all talkin' oncet. What's the show about, anyhow?

His City Nephew—Sh-h! Why, the curtain hasn't gone up yet—we're looking at one of the boxes!—Chicago Leader.