

PRETTY GIRL BREAKS ANKLE IN COASTING

While coasting on the steep hill above Rusk ave. Thursday evening, Miss Ida Lundberg, a pretty stenographer, had her ankle broken and was otherwise painfully injured.

With a party of friends the unfortunate young lady had been enjoying the swift sleighing for some time without accident.

The sled was one of the double-deck variety and each trip was crowded with a merry, laughing party. The steering apparatus was in competent hands and the party was prepared to spend the evening at the sport.

On one of the swift descents, however, in avoiding a collision with a

laughing group near the bottom of the hill the steersman was compelled to turn suddenly.

The girls screamed as the vehicle slowed violently and were shocked when coming to a standstill to find that one of their number had fainted.

In the sudden swerving of the sled the ankle of Miss Lundberg had gotten between the hobs and a water hydrant and broke the force of the collision with the result that both bones of the lower limb were fractured.

The young lady was conveyed to her home, No. 429 Rusk ave., by the now sorrowing party and Dr. Hall was immediately summoned.

STATE COAL OUTPUT INCREASING RAPIDLY

TACOMA, Dec. 20.—State Mining Inspector Owen has returned from an extended trip, during which he collected data for compiling his yearly report.

He says that the state is today mining as much coal as ever in her history and has recovered completely from the deflection caused by the burning of oil in California.

"The present revival of coal mining," said Mr. Owen, "is due principally to the increase in local consumption, to the quadrupling of the railway business, the additional shipping and the new manufacturing plants throughout the state.

"The coke business is increasing

rapidly from the increase of the Inspector Owen and the state and across the line in British Columbia. The Ferny mines of British Columbia have been furnishing no coke since the big explosion, and the trade has fallen to the Washington mines.

Broken all in all, the business, which has already reached good proportions, better than any anticipated for years to come, is still increasing day by day, and conditions are very satisfactory indeed when one considers the backlog of a couple of years ago when the entire state of California proceeded to the burning of oil in place of Washington coal."

PORTUGUESE KING AN EXCELLENT SHOT.

Often Shoots Apples Which the Queen Holds on Her Head.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The recent visit of the king of Portugal has interested Englishmen to a greater degree than they are usually interested in visiting royalty, for the king is very popular in England.

The king comes of literary stock, although he seems to possess little taste in literature himself. His father made what is considered a very good translation of Shakespeare into Portuguese.

The present king takes much pride in his ability as a shooter. In a shooting gallery recently he fired 16 shots at the manikin used as a target and at each shot hit the figure in the shoulder, the point aimed at. His skill is so well known that the queen often allows him to shoot an apple from her head in the manner of William Tell.

The queen herself is a woman of high intelligence and is very popular among her people. She is in no sense a blue-stocking, and if she were forced to earn her living she could easily do so as a physician or a nurse, for she has taken a full course in medicine and surgery and is an accredited physician.

SPORTING NOTES.

J. P. Marshall, E. H. Hamlin and C. H. Baur have incorporated as the Portland baseball association with a capital of \$5000. This is the first definite move so far of the All-Coast League.

Results of today's football conference of the Cornell Athletic council are awaited with keen interest by all who are interested in the game. The purpose of the conference is to discuss plans for next season, for the selection of a head coach and to decide important changes to be made in the schedule. An impression prevails that drastic measures are to be taken to revolutionize the football system at Cornell.

PERSONAL.

John Pearson of Moscow, Idaho, who has extensive timber interests in his state, is in the city.

Z. T. Noyes, a resident of Iowa who has large landed holdings in this city and its vicinity, is looking after his property. He will remain a week.

Attorney H. N. Martin ofavenport, who had charge of the fight of the "sonners" in getting in on Major Anderson's Spokane reservation, is in the city on business.

SPORTING NEWS.

SPOKANE'S NEW TEAM.

Late developments make it appear as though President W. V. Garrett will make good his assertion that other teams will have to hustle the next season. It is probable he will have Elsey on first-base, Klopff or Reed on second, Donahue at short and Andrews on third. As hard-hitting an infield is hard to find.

"The other fellows will have to hustle the coming baseball season," says President Garrett. "We have the pennant-winning team of the northwest.

Every position on the team has been duplicated and most of the men made good records last year. Besides these, some six or seven promising youngsters have been signed.

"With two of the crack writers of the California league, a last-season National League and others for a try-out if we don't give Spokane winning ball it will be due to circumstances, over which we have no control.

"That scrap on the coast has assumed considerable proportions. I admit, but mark me, we shall win out in the end. The ambitious schemes of Jack Marshall did not mature last

FIGHT CALIFORNIANS.

"The result has been that aside from the Portland club we all stand together and will surely fight Harris and Marshall to a standstill. They can have all the fight they want; we will be the wherewithal to give it to them.

"The Mormon towns will have to wait awhile before they get into the P. N. L. Salt Lake is a good enough ball town, but I don't believe Ogden could possibly pay.

"Seattle has been selected as the meeting place next month of the various magnates of the league. We will then outline our plan of aggression. Manager Dugdale with his backers will be there and Lane of Butte, a Helena representative and probably myself.

SIX NEW PLAYERS.

"Among the new men signed are George Reed, infielder and ex-manager of Shreveport and Bloomington teams; Billy West, a promising amateur southpaw; Sam Mills, utility man, formerly with the Newark (N. J.) team; M. J. Maryatt, outfielder, who captained the Kearney (Neb.) team the past season; Catcher Smith,

AN ANARCHISTS' DANCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—There is going to be a great roundup of the local anarchist colony at a hall in Harlem, where a dance is to be given in aid of the Herr Most fund. Herr Most is now serving a term in the penitentiary for writing defamatory articles in his paper at the time of the assassination of President McKinley. Though at one time fairly well off, much of his wealth has been wiped away by the efforts he has made to keep out of the clutches of the law. It is the purpose of his followers to raise a fund of \$1000 to present to him on his release from prison several months hence.

TOKLAS TO LEAVE.

Nathan Toklas, the pioneer miner whose mind was reported unbalanced, is again out and will probably leave for Southern California in a few days.

MAY UNIONIZE WATER EMPLOYEES.

A movement is reported to be on foot to unionize all the employees of the water power company.

The officials of the company could not be prevailed upon to subject this morning, but it is stated as probable that the proposition has not come to their attention.

SOLD BIG RANCH.

Aaron Harris, the wealthy stock rancher of Spokane county, has just disposed of his stock and hay ranch of 1700 acres to Minnesota cattlemen. The consideration for the property was \$20,000.

Mr. Harris is going east to visit his old home, after which he will return and make his home in Spokane, retiring from business.

PACKERS PLAN RAILWAY.

The allied packers of Kansas City and Omaha have formed a gigantic plan that embraces the connection of Sioux City, Omaha, Chicago, St. Joseph and Kansas City by a double-track railway and an extension into Texas and the cattle country of the southwest.

The plan is, in fact, to ship stock in their own cars to their own consumers over their own lines to cattle centers of the country.

It means the control of the cattle from the time they leave the ranges until they are dressed ready for market. With such a railway in operation the packers will be able to defy railroads and tariffs west of Chicago.

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January 1 the Great Northern will take over the Great Falls & Canada road. On the same date the widening of the northern part of the line will have been completed from Shelby Junction across the Canadian border to Lethbridge, where connection is made with the main line of the Canadian Pacific and with the Crow's Nest Pass road, which begins at that point in Canada.

The taking over of this road opens up an outlet for the coal which J. J. Hill is shipping from the Crow's Nest fields for use along his lines, and later to be extended for general consumption in the adjacent territory. With this line ready for operation the output will be considerably increased.

RAILWAY NOTES.

M. Rapp of the engineering department of the O. R. & N. at Portland arrived in Spokane last night.

G. T. Wentworth, Northern Pacific superintendent at Missoula, Mont., is here today.

Great Northern train No. 2, westbound, was three hours late today, caused by deep snows in the Rockies. This train has been delayed almost every morning this week from the same cause.

The No. 2 eastbound on the Northern Pacific came in an hour late this morning.

FORMERLY WITH THE YORK (Pa.) INDEPENDENT TEAM, AND PITCHER BURNS, EXTANTIC CITY AND NORRISTOWN.

Mr. Garrett would not give out any other names of those signed. He is probably holding back the names of his best players.

Pittsburg will be the scene of an indoor rifle tournament this season under the auspices of the Iroquois Rifle club. S. P. Ittel, a member of the club and the present champion, will defend his title. Over \$1000 will be expended in prizes.

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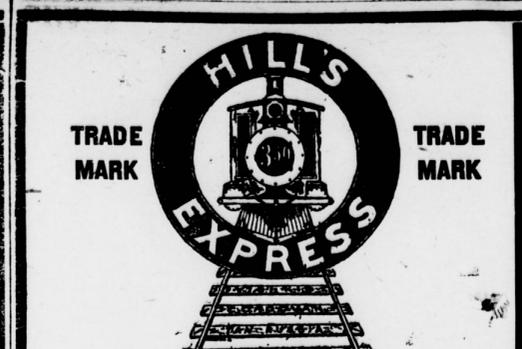
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