

NORTHWEST NEWS ITEMS

BRIEFLY TOLD IN NOTES.

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

IDAHO.

J. A. Kelly has leased the Blackfoot Creamery company's plant at Blackfoot.

The inmates of the Blackfoot insane asylum now number 227, of which 149 are males.

Plans are being prepared for the Knights of Pythias building at Boise, to cost over \$20,000.

The British-American club is being organized in Boise. There are about 400 British-Americans in that city.

The U. of I. won the debate against Whitman college on the trust question. Arguments for national restraint of combinations were considered better handled.

Fire at Lewiston destroyed the buildings occupied by the hotel, Mead's Implement company, the Owl saloon and Model restaurant, with nearly all the contents.

Articles of incorporation of the Salmon River Railroad company were filed recently with the secretary of state. The capital stock is fixed at \$1,000,000.

What seems to have been an attempt to commit a cold blooded murder occurred about six miles north of Bonner's Ferry. Arnold Sterns, the victim of the attempt, is a young rancher. He walked four miles after being shot and his condition is critical.

Chairman Burton of the river and harbor committee of the house has telegraphed his acceptance of the invitation of the Lewiston Commercial club to have the committee visit Lewiston and make a trip from this point by steamer to The Dalles as guests of the club.

For the quarter ending March 31 the Northern Pacific agent reports the following shipments from Troy: 2478 cords of wood, 27,500 railroad ties, 35,350 bushels of wheat, 330,000 feet of logs, 300 tons of hay, 17,600 boxes of apples, 108,000 feet of lumber, 700 telephone poles, 31,200 cedar fence posts, and 35 tons of dried prunes. The value of the above shipments would aggregate at a conservative estimate no less than \$50,000.

WASHINGTON.

Chris Strohm, a farmer, was badly injured recently in a runaway accident at Walla Walla.

H. J. Rand of North Yakima has under construction the first cold storage plant in central Washington.

The Milton Fruit Growers' union has organized as a company with a capital of \$2000, 400 shares at \$5 each.

The breeding of fine poultry is becoming a prominent as well as profitable industry in the vicinity of Genesee. A. Wakerbarth of Sanborn, Iowa, has purchased Art Browning's farm at Adna, in Lewis county, paying \$3325 for the 160 acres.

No further light has as yet been thrown on the whereabouts of W. R. Carleton, the missing insurance man from Walla Walla.

A most interesting event was the consolidation of Hiram and Amos lodges, Free and Accepted Masons, which occurred in Colfax last week.

Gordon Burke, 14 years old, a student in the Tacoma high school, fell from the bannister recently and struck on his head, producing injuries which it is feared will prove fatal.

W. A. Lauder of Moscow, who is shipping apples to Seattle, has announced that the O. R. & N. and Great Northern have acceded to his demand for a 60-cent rate on less than carload lots.

It is stated that the Washburn-Crosby Milling company of Minneapolis, one of the biggest in the world, is about to get control of the plant of the Washington Grain and Milling company of Spokane.

The British turret steamship Cathness, 18 days from Mororan, Japan, arrived in Port Townsend with seven of her crew of 28 men down with smallpox, and will be sent to the quarantine station for fumigation.

Frank Reich of St. Paul was killed recently near Skykomish. He was a foreman of the Kelly Atkinson Construction company, which is erecting the steel bridges for the Great Northern at Spokane and at points along the road.

W. P. Dragan, a well-known prospector of Chewelah, was arrested at that place recently on a charge of assault upon a neighbor. While in jail he set the straw bed on fire, wrapped himself in blankets and tried to burn himself and the jail. He is supposed to be insane.

A contract has been closed by J. A. Sloan of Cleveland, Ohio, for a tract of land with a frontage of 900 feet on the Puyallup river, in front of Tacoma, for the plant of the Tacoma Shipbuilding company. Title to property is conditioned on the investment of \$200,000 in plant and material or the expenditure of \$250,000 in wages in five years.

Democratic nominations at Spokane are as follows: Mayor, Dr. P. S. Byrne; treasurer, Harry Eggleston; comptroller, Floyd

Daggett; councilmen, First ward, Leonard Funk, E. W. Hand; Second ward, Fred Baldwin, P. Sondgerath; Third ward, C. Duquesnay, R. B. Laing; Fourth ward, E. M. Woydt, G. W. Burch; Fifth ward, Julius Zittel, N. S. Pratt. This was the ticket nominated by Spokane democrats Saturday night in a convention.

Rupert McClure, aged 11, was horribly burned recently at Wenatchee. He secured a baking powder can, filled with gunpowder and drove a hole in the top with a nail. He then dropped a lighted match in the can. An explosion followed. Both his eyes were blown out and he was terribly burned about the face, neck and head. His hair was nearly all burned off. His condition is critical.

OREGON.

Salem reports that the Petite prune trees in all the lowland orchards are in bloom and the Italians are beginning to bloom.

R. P. Neil, of Ashland, J. S. Orr, of Klamath Falls, and A. J. Sherwood, of Coquille City, have been reappointed members of the board of regents of the state normal school at Ashland. Their term of office is six years.

Antelope has adopted a curfew ordinance compelling minors under 16 years to be at their homes after 8 o'clock in summer and after 7 in winter.

A cannery is about to be established in Milton by Charles H. Pierce of Albany, who has been successfully engaged in the canning business for the past ten years.

The Portland board of trade will make an effort to secure for that city a linen manufactory which, it is said, will employ 2000 people when it is once put in full operation.

C. H. Stranahan has sold his Sherman county farm of 530 acres to O. A. Hazen for \$7000, and his stock and farm implements to the same purchaser for \$1000. Mr. Stranahan will move back to the Hood River valley.

MONTANA.

Joseph H. Baker has been chosen exalted ruler of the lodge of Elks in Bozeman.

Montana Odd Fellows have already raised \$6000 of the required \$10,000 for a home for widows and orphans of the order.

Great Falls horsemen have arranged for a ten days' racing meet next September. A fund of \$10,000 has been subscribed for expenses.

As a result of the recent examinations held by the state medical board, Dr. W. C. Riddell, secretary of the board, announces that certificates will be issued to Edgar R. Bradley, Elkhorn; R. O. Blaydes, Pipestone Springs; S. S. Attix, Gilt Edge; W. V. Kinsbury, Billings; Budett O'Connor, Butte, and W. T. Reynolds, Aldridge.

In a row among partners in a mining claim at Marysville last week, Charles Geis was shot in the back by Matthew Hager and will probably die. Hager accused Geis and two other partners in the Bell Boy mine of trying to freeze him out because they wanted him to sell and he refused. Geis and Hager met in Lehman's saloon and Hager accused Geis of saying he would cut his insides out. Geis then rushed at Hager and they clinched. In the scuffle which followed shots were fired, one of which wounded Geis. Another penetrated the thigh of Edwin Burke, while he was running.

International Chess Game.

New York, April 21.—After a fierce battle which lasted two days the chess players representing the United States and the United Kingdom broke even in the sixth international match by cable. The Englishmen scored two games and kept the lead until this evening, when victories by Newman and Pillsbury offset their advantage. Two games were drawn, so when the 12th hour, London time, approached, there were still four games going, which, by the rule, should have been submitted to the referee for adjudication. By mutual consent, however, two more games were called a draw and each side was awarded one game.

Maceo Not in California.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 21.—The report from San Francisco stating that Santiago Maceo, son of General Maceo, had arrived there, having been deported from Manila by General MacArthur, was emphatically denied by Antonio Maceo, who claims to be the only son of the late Cuban patriot. Young Antonio Maceo entered Ithaca high school in September, 1899, and is taking a course preparatory to entering Cornell university.

Patrick Collins Killed.

Spokane, April 21.—In a quarrel between Patrick Collins and J. A. Miller, ranchmen residing on adjoining farms about six miles north of Milan, Collins was struck on the head with a club and killed. Miller, the alleged murderer, is now in the county jail. He came to the city and gave himself up. He acknowledged killing Collins, but says it was done in self defense.

McLeay Is Champion.

Portland, April 21.—R. L. McLeay of Portland defeated S. D. Bowers of Tacoma in the finals of the golf tournament for the championship of Oregon.

A minister doesn't have to know the marriage ceremony by heart, for if he forgets a word the woman can always prompt him.

THE TELEGRAPH SUMMARY

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

A Complete Review of the Events of the Past Week—In This and Foreign Lands—Taken From the Latest Dispatches.

Negotiations are about terminated for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States.

Funeral of Apostle George Q. Cannon at Salt Lake was one of the largest ever seen in the intermountain country. It was simple but solemn services.

At Zanesville, Ohio, J. K. Lamsley of Lowell drowned himself in the Muskingum river recently. It was alleged that he was short in his accounts as township treasurer, and his bondsmen notified him that they would no longer be responsible.

Frank B. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, has arrived at New York on the Red "D" liner Caracas, on which the came from Porto Rico. Mr. Loomis goes to Washington to report to the state department and President McKinley immediately.

To the Associated Press reporter who met him at quarantine Mr. Loomis said: "I did not say any of the unpleasant things that have been attributed to me about President Castro during my stop at San Juan or anywhere else. The fact is, I like Mr. Castro very much. I was interviewed at San Juan, but it was more of a pleasant chat than anything else."

A Kansas special from Memphis says: Two men with drawn revolvers robbed Ben Marsh's gambling house, back of the Peabody hotel, recently. The robbers spent three minutes in the place and got away with \$3000. The police have so far failed to get any clue as to the identity or whereabouts of the men. They were evidently experts in the holdup business, working quietly and rapidly.

At Shamokin 1000 men and boys have gone on strike at the Natalie colliery because the Shamokin Coal company would not accede to their demands. The colliery is completely tied up. The men ask that James Bateman, inside foreman, and Conductor John Yeager of the miners' train be discharged; that trainmen running on the company's road between Natalie and Locust Summit be granted a 10 per cent increase over the present wages.

Former Captain Oberlin Carter, U. S. E., and associates swindled the government out of \$2,169,159 on army contracts at Savannah. Carter has been tried and convicted by four courts. Yet he wants to be leased on bail, perhaps to fly the country with his ill gotten gains. The foregoing is the substance of the statements made by Solicitor General Richards. Mr. Richards has filed with the supreme court a brief in opposition to the application for bail filed some time ago.

The Lemars National bank at Lemars, Iowa, has failed. Thomas J. Ward, vice president and general manager of the institution, is a self confessed embezzler to the amount of \$25,000 to \$30,000. He also absconded.

The great British rival to the isthmian canal is a railway which is being built across Mexico's narrowest point. This will be mainly an extension of the Tehuantepec line, built by the Mexican government to connect the gulf of Mexico with the Pacific, which has no terminal facilities.

At Butte, Mont., Al Davidson, a mining man operating at White Sulphur Springs, but living in Butte, committed suicide recently by shooting himself in the head. He had been in a row with another man and went home to get his gun to kill his adversary. His wife persuaded him not to leave the house any more, and he lay down. Shortly after this his wife went into the room and found him dying, with a bullet in his brain and a pistol by his side.

By the explosion of the boiler on the river steamer Romona recently four persons were killed outright and six others seriously injured. The dead include two women, who were passengers on the steamer, and two deck hands. Of the injured the purser and the mate will probably die.

The dead—Mrs. H. Morrison of Fort Langley, B. C.; Mrs. Baillie of Mount Lehman, B. C.; John Mack, deckhand; Henry Phipps, deckhand.

The injured—Richard Powers, purser, probably burned fatally; James Maynard, mate, probably burned fatally; George Knowell, fireman, badly burned; three Indians, seriously burned.

The boiler explosion occurred in mid-stream, while the steamer was en route from New Westminster to Fort Langley, the latter being a farming settlement about 25 miles from Vancouver, B. C.

The New York Evening Post says: The summary of the United States treasury's report shows that the government's aggregate gold holdings for the first time in history have passed the half billion dollar mark. The actual total was \$500,278,506 of which \$252,078,859 was held against certificates in the hands of the outside public, and \$150,000,000 as a reserve against outstanding United States notes, the balance being free assets.

An attempt of three convicts at the penitentiary at Santa Fe, N. M., to effect their escape resulted in the killing of Convict George Stephenson, the mortal wounding of Convict Jose Monica Sena, Captain of the Guard Felipe Armijo and Guard Pedro Sandoval. George Stephenson, convicted of murder, had in some manner armed himself with a revolver.

William Simmons, sentenced for cattle stealing, and Frank Carper, sentenced for cattle theft, were in the conspiracy to break jail.

Frederick Berstcher was beaten to death with a rifle last night by Adolph Von Gruening at Bethany, a village 12 miles from Portland, Ore.

The glove contest between Jimmy Burns and Ed Cuff, heavyweights, which took place at Roseland, was won by the former in the second round with a left hand blow on the jaw which put Cuff out of business.

United States Consular Agent George L. Schetky, who recently returned from San Francisco, gives a most pessimistic account of the condition of the coal trade there. He says oil is putting coal out of business everywhere except for domestic use. The slightest fluctuation in the present prices would be fatal to the coal industry.

Four men confined in the Carbon county (Wyo.) jail caved the bars of their cells, waylaid the jailer on his evening round and locked him in a cell. The prisoners secured the jailer's pistols and coatless and hatless escaped to the hills. A large posse is searching the country. Two of the escaped prisoners, Orno McSwain and James McMahon, were awaiting trial on the charge of murder.

Final arrangements have been made at the Russell house for the building of a steel and iron plant at Sault Ste. Marie (Canadian side), which will employ 10,000 men and be capitalized at \$50,000,000.

Recently four innocent white men were shot, one perhaps fatally, a negro was shot and another badly cut, the result of a drunken fight started by a crowd of negroes in Rosedale, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City.

Joseph Hume, the pioneer salmon packer of the Pacific coast, is dead. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Hume established the first salmon cannery on the Columbia river in 1874. In 1896 his business interests were transferred to Alaska.

The horribly mangled body of John A. Smith was found on the tracks of the Seattle & International railway between Fremont, a suburb of Seattle, and Ballard. There is a belief that Smith was sandbagged, robbed and then thrown on the track to cover up the crime.

The London war office has received a dispatch from Lord Kitchener reporting that since April 18 various British commanders have taken 51 prisoners, together with 100,000 rounds of small ammunition and many horses, cattle and wagons. Lord Kitchener reports also the surrender of 20 Boers since that date.

Henry H. Morricks, a 7-year-old grandson of Henry Harris, a well known rancher, was instantly killed at the Roup farm, on the Yellowstone railroad Sunday night. The youngster entered the granary to drive out some chickens and while he was doing so a chicken flew against a loaded gun in the building, knocking it down, the force of the fall causing the weapon to be discharged. The contents struck the little fellow, killing him instantly.

A high wind that struck Chicago recently loosened a huge iron water tank from its fastenings on the roof of the Galbraith building, Madison and Franklin streets, causing it to crash through the six floors to the ground, injuring five persons and resulting in a damage to the building estimated at \$50,000.

The Flood Hollow dam in Middlefield, Mass., gave way recently, letting loose the water in the big reservoir, which rushed with terrific force into the west branch of the Westfield river, sweeping everything before it and submerging the greater part of the town. No lives were lost, but great damage has been done, the extent of which it is impossible now to estimate.

The hotel and bathhouses at historic Steamboat Springs, Nevada, which in the balmy days of the Comstock mines was a watering place where more money has been squandered in a night than at almost any other resort on the coast, are no more. A fire, which started in the hotel, crossed the road to the two-story bathhouse where the main baths were situated, and entirely destroyed both buildings. There was no insurance on the property.

The steamship Indravelli has arrived in Portland from Yokohama. The Indravelli is the first of a fleet of 9,000 ton vessels comprising the Portland and Asiatic steamship line established by the O. R. & N. to operate between Portland and the countries of Asia. The other vessels of the line as at present constituted being the Indrapura and Knight Companion.

Pao-Ting-Fu, China, has been for some time a big military camp of French and German soldiers on the way to the front. It is now estimated that 8000 French troops and 6000 Germans will form the entire force when all the reinforcements have arrived. There is no truth in current reports regarding severe fighting between the outposts and the Chinese.

Amakanak Island Reserved.

Washington, April 21.—An order of the war department reserves for public purposes all of Amakanak island, Dutch harbor, Alaska, with the exception of the tract reserved for lighthouse purposes by a former order and the land embraced in the grant of the North American company.

TERRIBLE STORMS IN THE EAST

FINANCIAL LOSS ENORMOUS.

All Flood Records Broken—Thousands Are Homeless—Towns Completely Submerged—Manufacturers Suffer—Mills Shut Down.

Pittsburg, April 21.—This city is the center of a widespread and disastrous storm. For a radius of 150 miles in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia rain or snow has been falling almost without intermission for three days. Mountain streams have become torrents, creeks are swollen and out of their banks, and the big rivers are oceans of turbulent water. Flood records, it is expected, will be broken before the water subsides. The financial loss can not be estimated. In addition to the hundreds of thousands and perhaps of millions of dollars it will cost to put large manufacturing plants in commission again, tens of thousands of skilled workmen are thrown out of employment and lose their wages just at a time when all the iron and steel mills are rushed with orders.

Thousands of people are lying in the upper rooms of their water soaked houses, without heat, light or food. Where gas fuel is used the pipes are flooded and cut off and what coal there may be is under five to 10 feet of water.

At Scoville, the home of the Pressed Steel Car company, the town is completely surrounded by water. The workers and their families constitute a community of several thousand persons.

Wheeling, W. Va., fears the most disastrous flood in its history. The weatherwise say the river will make a new high record at that point. The mountain streams of the state are gushing down with resistless force. Behind this comes the flood tide of the Ohio, fed by the Monongahela, Allegheny, Beaver and other tributaries. From 45 to 50 feet of water is feared at Wheeling, which means an immense loss of property.

In many parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio probably the heaviest storm ever known at this season of the year has been raging for two days. At Oil City the oil exchange went out of business temporarily because it was impossible to secure quotations from New York, Pittsburg and other points. On one railroad in Ohio passenger trains are stalled and engines sent to their assistance have been buried with snow and all must wait with a hope for a speedy turn of the weather. In the meantime the passengers must depend on nearby farmers for sufficient food to keep them from starvation.

The big manufacturing plants in this city have suffered severely. The cost of repairs is but a small item in comparison to the delay in filling the orders with which all the plants are crowded.

The iron mills along the rivers were early afflicted and one by one were compelled to shut down.

A widespread and disastrous flood has inundated all the lowlands in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia. Streams, both great and small, have passed the flood line and are still rising. Pittsburg is the center of the storm-stricken district and the effects are probably worst in its immediate vicinity. Rain has been falling in and for many miles around Pittsburg for 90 hours and all precipitation records are broken. Parker's Landing, up the Allegheny, reports nearly four inches, and Greensboro, on the Monongahela river, over three inches. Down the Ohio over four inches fell at Wood Junction and about three and a half inches at Beaver. West and north of Pittsburg heavy falls of wet snow are reported. Up the Allegheny river reports come of two feet of snow on the level at many places. This had the effect of breaking down telegraph wires and crippling railroad service. Mails are either delayed for hours or not arriving at all.

Business, religious services, comfort and health are at the mercy of the storm. Several narrow escapes from death have been reported and it is not improbable that when the flood subsides it may reveal a number of bodies.

Steam and electric railroad tracks are buried under thousands of tons of earth washed down the hillsides, and in some cases the tracks have been moved. Where the snow and sleet prevailed telegraph wires and poles went down under the burden and costly railroad and other bridges have been washed away and their piers weakened.

At Carnegie, six miles south of Pittsburg, everything is in a state of panic. To add to the excitement a number of negroes got drunk on liquor being carried from the cellars of saloons. Chief of Police Foster tried to arrest three of them, when they attacked him with razors, cutting him severely. The firebells were rung and the citizens turned out. They suppressed the negroes and arrested three of them.

Later.

Pittsburg, April 22.—The most widespread and destructive storm, from a material point of view, has passed. It has left a zone of ruin 200 miles in diameter. Cities 70 miles from Pittsburg were tied up by one of the worst storms ever seen here. While the snow fell from 18 inches to three feet deep, which is not extraordinary, the snow was so wet that it clung in weighty masses to shade and fruit trees and poles, bearing them to earth.

It settled on steam and electric rails like wet sand, stopping all traffic and making pedestrianism almost impossible.

The fall was so heavy and spontaneous in some places that the residents declared it seemed like the bursting of snow clouds. A few miles away are towns in just as dire straits from rain, but with speedier prospect for relief, as the rain will run off swifter than snow can melt, yet here traffic was practically suspended.

Cincinnati, April 22.—The river reached 47 feet here, rising three inches an hour.

Cincinnati, April 22.—There has been more alarm throughout the Ohio valley on account of the floods than at any period since February, 1884, when the Ohio river reached its highest stage of 71 feet and 9 inches at this city. Most of the inhabitants of the valley spent the night in anticipation of the worst flood ever known in the valley, and they will not know until tomorrow that the water has begun falling at Pittsburg. Until this news reached river men here tonight it was feared that the record of 1884 might be broken, but now it is generally believed that the river will not exceed the floods of February, 1897, and of March, 1898, when it reached 61 feet at Cincinnati.

The present flood is the worst that has ever been known so late in the spring. The first week in April, 1886, the river reached 55 feet and 9 inches in this city, and that was the highest water ever known so late in the spring. There has been no flood in the Ohio valley since March, 1898. The flood will do much more damage now than it would have done two months ago. While the water has begun to fall at Pittsburg, both rain and snow have been falling heavily all night and today, and tonight all along the Ohio valley.

The danger line has already been reached at points above Cincinnati and it will be reached here tomorrow morning. The merchants and manufacturers in the lower part of the city have been working all day and night preparing for the worst.

At Chicago.

Chicago, April 23.—The great storm of wind, snow and rain which prevailed in the middle east Saturday swirled around unexpectedly Sunday and swept over Lake Michigan. It did great damage to property and blew down trees and shrubbery in the parks, crippled electric wires and whipped the lake into the heaviest sea of the season. Shortly after sunrise the wind raised and began to increase in speed until noon, when it went racing over the city at the rate of 52 miles an hour.

In New York.

Elmira, N. Y., April 23.—The rain has ceased here. The Chemung river is rapidly receding and there are trains running more regularly. The damage done here was confined mainly to goods in the cellars of the stores. Much damage from the floods is reported from the Cowesque and Tioga valleys in Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

In Ohio.

Pomeroy, Ohio, April 23.—The river is 55 feet high and rising two inches an hour. The business portion of the city is from four to six feet under water and business is entirely suspended. There are several inches of snow on the ground and drizzling rain has been falling all day.

Two Inches an Hour in Kentucky. Louisville, Ky., April 23.—The Ohio river at this point is rising an inch every hour, and it is believed by old river men that a standstill will be reached by Wednesday.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 23.—Forecaster Ridgeway of the local weather bureau says there will be no recurrence of the flood. All three rivers will continue to fall and the rise at the headwaters is not enough to offset the fall in the lower streams. It would take a steady rainfall of 24 hours, he said, to check the fall in the rivers, and from present indications that is not likely to occur.

Excitement Continues.

Tekoa, Wash., April 21.—A. Cohn, F. M. Quinn and Pete Hanson have returned from the Santa goldfields, leaving O. M. Sparks and J. W. Maxwell in charge of four claims they bonded from Tyson Bros. & Renfrew. Three of these claims are above the original discovery and one below it. They came in for supplies and will return immediately, when they will put a large force of men at work. They report meeting many prospectors going in. The upper mines, they say, show fully as rich as the original discovery. The finding of colors on Carpenter creek continues every day. Several good quartz claims have been struck near the Santa goldfields.

Four Children Killed by Tramps.

Chartres, France, April 23.—This town has been horrified by the brutal murder of five children and the attempted murder of their father, a farmer named Briere, residing in the neighborhood of Chartres.

Carter Must Stay in Jail.

Washington, April 23.—The United States supreme court denied the application of former Captain Oberlin M. Carter to be admitted to bail.

Golden Won the Match.

Columbus, Ohio, April 21.—Peter Golden of New York won the six day go as you please walking match.