

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.

Arbor day was observed by the public schools at Wallace.

It is said that there is more snow in the mountains this spring than ever.

Water is now flowing in the Weiser Water Company's canal, and the irrigation season has commenced.

E. H. Dewey of Nampa, and George Childingworth of Halley, were appointed by Governor Hunt as the state arbitration board.

Work will begin in a month on a new school house for Wallace. The new building will be quite a pretentious structure, with eight rooms.

The commissioners of Clearwater county have made an order employing E. W. Borah to take the matter of the constitutionality of the new county to the supreme court.

During the month of April the business of the Lewiston land office consisted of 76 homestead filings, 30 final homestead proofs, 19 cash entries, five mineral entries and two coal declaratory statements.

The death is reported at the Soldiers' home in Boise of John N. Lockerby, aged 57 years. He was a veteran of the civil war, enlisting in the Twenty-ninth Illinois Infantry, Company S, at Gollconda, Ill. He leaves two sons, one of whom, Charles Lockerby, is a resident of Boise.

Winnie Pierstorf, Nellie Mullen, Arthur Storer and Ben Brown, pupils of the high school at Lewiston, narrowly escaped drowning recently in the Clearwater river. The four young people were boating when their skiff capsized in the swift water, 40 feet from the shore. The boys succeeded in swimming ashore, supporting their girl companions.

Dan McLaurin was the victim of an accidental discharge of his shot gun last week up Nine Mile canyon, about two miles from Wallace. He had been hunting on the hillside and sat down to rest. When he started to move in some unknown way his gun was discharged, the contents taking effect in the left side, striking from behind and upward, from which he died soon after.

W. H. Harkins, railroad contractor of Weiser, Idaho, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the south six miles of the Salmon river wagon road, embracing all heavy rock work in the Salmon river canyon, two bridges across the Little Salmon, bridges over Rapid river and Boulder creek; also a section of the road across the Slide, a point where the whole hillside is constantly slipping toward Salmon river.

WASHINGTON.

Republic is to have a water system this summer.

Chief To-na-wash-le of the Yakima Indians was murdered last week.

Chelan is already making preparations to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Lyon Brothers, a firm of Camden, Spokane county, has gone into voluntary bankruptcy.

A large number of farmers in Colton locality are sowing red Russian wheat in their pasture land.

Plans are being drawn for a large wing and airing court for the Medical Lake hospital for the insane.

Mrs. John Gray of Spokane was horribly injured in a runaway accident last week, and will probably die.

"Spokane Interstate Fair" was the name chosen for the exhibition which will be held in Spokane next fall.

At the Golden Rule Flouring mills at Oakesdale new machinery is being installed and general repairs made.

The prospects for a large wheat, oat and hay crop this season were never brighter than they are at the present time.

The Hotel McIntosh at Starbuck was burned to the ground last week. The fire was started by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

L. P. White of New Whatcom has a curio in the way of a shingle. It is from the roof of the first school house in Whatcom county.

It is estimated that 30,000 homeseekers entered the Spokane gateway during March and April including also the excursions of last week.

The transfer of John D. King, chief of the postoffice inspectors at New York, to the division with headquarters at Spokane, is announced.

A desperate attempt at suicide was made last week by Mrs. Roth, wife of a farmer living near Wilcox postoffice, 10 miles southwest of Colfax.

At Davenport unusual interest is being taken this year by the members of General Rank post, G. A. R., and Battery A. N. G. W., in Memorial day exercises.

Samuel C. Hammack, a freeman in the employ of the Northern Pacific, fell from a moving train at Prescott station last week, receiving injuries from which he died.

The Duke Normal debating team won the contest at Pullman with the pro-

paratory class team from the Washington Agricultural college. The subject debated was, "Shall Cuba be a Free and Independent Nation."

At Tacoma Judge W. H. Snell last week sustained the demurrer of the city to the former city employees who have been suing for overtime, which knocks out the eight hour law passed by the legislature of 1899.

A new consolidation of wheat buyers to control 43 warehouses is announced. Mr. Cardin is manager. J. Q. Adams company disposes of Eastern Washington holdings. Centennial Milling company is one of the purchasers.

The little 5-year old daughter of W. B. Matthews, ex-county commissioner at Prosser, who was lost on Horse Heaven plains some time ago while hunting cattle with her 7-year old brother, was found dead 17 miles from home, near Lone Springs.

A fire, supposed to be incendiary, and to have followed a burglary, occurred last week at Elberton, when the general merchandise store of R. B. Goddard was totally destroyed by fire and the business portion of the town was only saved by heroic efforts.

Governor Rogers has received from the international mining congress an invitation to appoint 30 delegates from Washington to the session of the congress to be held at Boise, Idaho, July 23 to 25. The governor will appoint any reputable citizen who desires to go and pay his own expenses.

OREGON.

Work has started on the soldiers' memorial monument at Eugene.

The receipts of the Oregon state land office during April was \$23,459.36.

John Shaney of Burns, while temporarily insane, shot and killed James Wyatt, then turned the gun upon himself with fatal results.

Henry Bloomingcamp, a prominent and wealthy Klamath county stockman, was instantly killed recently near Bly by flying rocks from a blast.

Governor Geer has received a petition signed by 502 citizens of Wallawa county and addressed to E. A. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, at Washington, D. C., urging the department to take steps to prevent the encroachment of Indians upon the settlers of that county.

At Champeog, a village 30 miles south of Portland, there was unveiled recently a granite monument erected to the memory of the 52 founders of the provisional government of Oregon, established in 1843. It was an event that marks an epoch in the history of Oregon and dedicates as historic ground the spot upon which the first American government west of the Rocky mountains made its birth.

MONTANA.

A Knights of Pythias lodge has been instituted at Garnett.

The road from Jennings is an assured fact and the dirt will begin to fly in a few weeks.

It is reported the Great Northern will start work in a few days on the KallsPELL-Libby cutoff.

The sunshine last week made all the rivers and lakes in the northwestern part of Montana begin to rise.

The citizens of KallsPELL are arranging to go to either Spokane or Great Falls to attend the celebration when President McKinley visits those cities.

Governor Toole has issued a proclamation urging the people of Montana to display the stars and stripes and otherwise appropriately observe Flag day, June 14.

The Helena division of the Fish and Game Protective association has decided to offer a reward of \$5 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person killing song birds.

The arrest a few days ago of William Dougherty and John Mulligan at Butte for passing \$10 counterfeit gold pieces has led to the capture of a complete outfit for making spurious coin.

This year will break all records for the number of feet of timber that will be driven in the streams of Flathead county. It is estimated that over 1,000,000 feet of timber will be put into the various streams.

At KallsPELL Fred Merigold's men's furnishing goods store and D. A. Stocking's jewelry store were broken into last week and about \$400 worth of jewelry, fountain pens and plated ware was taken, besides \$200 worth of clothing and underwear.

The recent incessant rainfall caused the worst flood ever known at Nelhart. Belt creek is sweeping through the upper and lower ends of town. Rock creek has broken its banks and swept away the Silver Belt road, and Thompson creek has destroyed a road.

A Great Northern express train was wrecked one and a half miles west of Fort Benton recently. The engine, tender, baggage and mail cars were ditched, and Engineer John Wilkinson was killed. The fireman was thrown 150 feet down an embankment, but received only slight injuries. No passengers were injured. The wreck was caused by a washout. Wilkinson lived in Great Falls, where he has a family.

Butterine Plant Destroyed.

Chicago, May 5.—Fire destroyed the butterine plant of the A. B. Friedman Manufacturing company, situated in the heart of the stock yards district. Loss, \$100,000.

Japan has 2,500 kilometers of railways, or about as many as Bavaria.

MINES AND MINING NEWS

OUR NORTHWESTERN MINES.

Items Gleaned From Late Reports—All Districts Are Being Developed—A Prosperous Year Is Predicted—Mining Notes and Personals.

One of the greatest bodies of gold ore being exploited in the northwest is that shown in the Chickadee group of the Great Northern Mining and Development company at Gilt Edge, Fergus county, Montana. This company has been operating about three years, and has a cyanide plant on its properties that is reducing about 4,500 tons of ore monthly. The mill has worked more than 100,000 tons of ore, and there is at present an estimated body of 600,000 tons in the mines, blocked out and ready for extraction, an amount sufficient to keep the mill running steadily for ten years. The ore in the vicinity of the Chickadee is nearly all of a higher grade than the general average of the cyaniding ores of that part of the state. It is the opinion of nearly every mining man acquainted with the district that the ore bodies follow the contact of the lime and porphyry around the rim of the mountains for several miles. This theory has been verified many times of late, as ore has been discovered along the line of the contact at various places for nearly five miles.

Republic.

The tunnel on the Gold Ledge mine at Gold Hill is now in over 275 feet.

The first ore from the San Poll was shipped to the Republic mill last week.

The Black Tail will ship a test lot soon and will probably ship regularly if the San Poll does.

Messrs. Bedler and Hoffstadter, the lessees of the Caliph mine, have shipped ten tons of ore to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks.

The plant of the Tacoma Smelting company is to be increased by the addition of an extensive copper converting plant and lead refinery.

The shaft at the Trade Dollar mine is now down 67 feet, and sand and gravel in place of clayey silt show the near approach to a solid formation.

On the No. 4 level of the Republic mine, when finished, the station inside of the timbers will be from 12 to 30 feet high and from 8 to 16 feet wide.

The Quilp carries too much silver in most of its ore to allow milling at a profit, but there is considerable ore in the upper levels which are chiefly gold-bearing.

At the Ben Hur mine there is no change to report, but Superintendent Miller expects to commence shipping ore to the Republic mill immediately, the custom ore bin being finished.

The last of the ore shipments from the Morning Glory mine, nearly 20 tons in all, have gone to Grand Forks, Superintendent Boyer having secured teams earlier than he had expected.

At the Flag Hill mine a complete drainage has been effected and work is progressing in the mine, the drift from the bottom of which is 15 feet, with the vein opening up in good shape.

Charles P. Robbins, president of the Lone Pine-Surprise company, has been busy surveying, with a view to making certain connections and doing additional prospecting and development work.

It is understood that lots of from 100 to 200 tons from the Tom Thumb, Quilp, Trade Dollar and probably others will be run through the mill, and the outlook for a regular output from them all is regarded as good.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Prospects are bright that Kaslo will have a smelter in the near future.

The agreement between the Greenwood-Phoenix Tramway company and the city was killed in committee of the city council at last week's meeting.

The assurance that the Canadian Pacific will build into the Lardo district this summer has had a remarkably stimulating effect on the outlook for the season.

"The contract for the construction of a tramway for the Hewitt mine will be let this week," said C. T. Cross of Silverton, B. C., part owner of the well known Slocan lake property.

A force of 14 men under Superintendent Sam Hall is at work on the Homestake in the South belt. It is employed in the raise which will connect the tunnel with the old shaft.

F. C. Oliver, the manager of the Morrison Mines, Limited, says that the recent assessment of two cents per share was made at the urgent demand of the principal stockholders.

Jay P. Graves and A. C. Plummerfelt, manager and assistant manager respectively of the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, are arranging preliminaries looking toward the construction of a smelter and refinery in Vancouver.

Wayne Darlington, the mining expert of John W. Mackay, will arrive in Rossland this week to examine the Centre Star mine on behalf of certain of the shareholders. The mine was purchased of Gooderham & Blackstock on his recommendation.

The ledge on the Wonderful mine, in the Slocan district, has been discovered and W. W. Warner, who recently leased the mine, has uncovered it at a depth of about 150 feet. The ore is remarkably rich, and

the ledge is entirely distinct and separate from the other vein located last March. It assays 115 ounces silver and 70 per cent lead.

During the month of April the Greenwood smelter treated 11,322 tons of ore, an average of 377 tons daily, with one furnace of a nominal capacity of 225 tons. The receipts of custom ore were 1,150 tons. The balance of the ore treated came from the company's mine, the Mother Lode, in Deadwood camp.

The reports from London announcing that Le Roi stock is selling at a trifle less than £10 per share, have directed considerable interest towards the great Rossland mine. On the basis of the stock quotation, the mine is worth a shade less than \$10,000,000. That is practically three times what was paid for the property when it was bought by the British-American corporation three years ago from the Turner-Peyton interests of Spokane. In addition to this tremendous advance in value it is of interest to note that \$1,305,000 in dividends have been paid. The last dividend was 5 shillings, or \$1.20 per share.

MINING NOTES.

The Frisco Consolidated Mining company has closed its mine at Gen, Idaho, for an indefinite period.

The well known Buckhorn group, 18 miles north of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, is soon to resume work.

The Okanogan Gold Mines, Limited, situated near Oroville, is again to resume work on a large scale.

The Black Tail Mining company is putting up a stamp mill at its property in the Fisher River country, near KallsPELL, Mont.

The Hawkeys ledge on Lambert creek is 114 feet wide. The Hawkeys is a purely copper property. It is well equipped with machinery and cabins.

Work on the coal prospects on Orfina creek, 16 miles above Orofino, Idaho, is being steadily prosecuted by the corporation formed by Colfax, Wash., people.

Another marble quarry has been discovered in Stevens county, Wash., and the peculiarity of the marble is that it is almost pure white in color. The ledge has been located near the United States marble quarry.

J. D. Flenner, of Boise, who has been in the Coeur d'Alenes collecting for the International Mining congress which meets in Boise during the coming July, reports that much interest in the congress is developing in the Coeur d'Alenes.

Extensive development in a new camp of the Coeur d'Alenes has been determined on by the St. Paul & Idaho Mining & Milling company, which holds a group on Pine creek, Yreka district, about six miles south of Wardner, under a \$60,000 bond.

Mr. Cole, one of the Boston men interested in the hydraulic elevator plant at Murray, has interested some of his fellow townsmen in silver-lead properties near Burke, and a bond has been taken on two groups of claims with the intention of working them this summer.

Negotiations are under way for the sale of the Silver Butte group at Northport, Wash., to Philadelphia people. It is reported that \$200,000 is to be the purchase price. The prospective buyers already own the Great Western, which adjoins the Silver Butte. It is presumed that the two properties will be consolidated. The Silver Butte lies in the Deep Creek country, about eight miles from Northport.

Orders have been received to close down the works of the American Smelting & Refining company at East Helena, Mont., employing 600 men. The eight hour day law, which went into effect, is responsible for the shut down in a measure, as the company undertook to reduce the wages of the blast furnace men 20 per cent in consequence of a shorter day. The men agreed to work for 10 per cent reduction and the company offered to compromise at 12. An agreement could not be reached and an order to shut down was received from the New York office.

The sensational reports that have been spread broadcast that the Butte miners' union is going into the Amalgamated Copper company have simmered down to the bare fact that the union, which has a large surplus fund lying idle in its treasury, has invested \$50,000 in copper shares. The miners were a unit in voting for the purchase on a straight business basis. There are no individual holdings, all the stock being held in the name of the union. The investment gives the thousands of miners in that district a personal interest in the Amalgamated mines, and lessens to a great extent the danger of future labor troubles.

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Seventy-one new banking institutions have been authorized to do business in Missouri in the last two years and a large number of banks have increased their capitalization.

M'KINLEY PARTY IN TEXAS

THEY VISITED SAN ANTONIO.

Then Left for the West—Governor Sayers Met the Party at Houston—President Spoke at Alamo and Del Rio.

Del Rio, Texas, May.—The president and his party spent the forenoon viewing the sights of the quaint city of San Antonio, with its historic Spanish missions and its thrilling memories of the war for Texas independence, and then started on the long stretch across the Texas desert for El Paso, on the Mexican boundary.

Governor Sayers, who had met the party at Houston, accompanied them across the state thus far to speed the president on his journey. At the station General McKibben, who is in command of the department of Texas, together with his staff, all in full uniform, and several troops of cavalry from Fort Sam Houston, united with the citizens in receiving the party.

In the main street opposite the Alamo, where Colonels Travis, Crockett and Bowie and the 13 heroes died to the last man rather than surrender, a platform had been erected, and here, before an immense assemblage, which included the veteran organizations of the blue and the gray, the speaking took place. The president was introduced by the city mayor, and spoke.

The presidential train left at 6 o'clock for El Paso.

During the afternoon the young ladies of the party enjoyed a novel experience. For about 25 miles they rode in the cab of the engine.

Late in the afternoon the route dipped southward and for a time ran along the picturesque cliffs of the Rio Grande. At Del Rio, just before dark, the train stopped to change engines, and the president shook hands with quite a number of people, some of them Mexicans from across the border, and in response to the calls made a brief speech.

At El Paso, Texas, the presidential party reached El Paso, the gateway to Mexico, at 9 o'clock this morning and will remain here until noon tomorrow. President Diaz of Mexico had hoped to meet the president here and shake hands with him across the border, but as the Mexican congress is in session he could not leave the capital. He sent a personal message to the president, however, and also dispatched Don Juan Hernandez, commander of the Second military zone of the state of Chihuahua, to personally present his good wishes to the chief magistrate of the United States.

It being Sunday, the president requested the local committee here not to arrange any program for the day.

While it was a comparatively quiet day in El Paso, notwithstanding the large number of strangers in town, it was otherwise in the Mexican city of Juarez, just across the Rio Grande. May 5 is the anniversary of the defeat of the French invaders at Pueblo, and is celebrated as our Fourth of July in the United States. The Mexicans are not puritanical in their observance of the Sabbath. Indeed, Sunday is always a festive day with them.

Confessed to a Murder.

Kansas City, Mo., May 1.—Dr. J. L. Gartrell, 70 years old, today confessed to Chief of Police Hayes that he killed D. B. Donegan, a Colorado miner, whose body was found in Mulberry creek between Amoret and Nihart, Mo. Dr. Gartrell and his son, W. P. Gartrell, were arrested here last night after Dr. Gartrell had demanded the proceeds from a sale of Donegan's team and wagon. When arrested both men stoutly denied complicity in the murder. Finally, this morning the younger Gartrell gave way under a severe "sweating" and confessed that his father had killed Donegan on March 10.

Later he said they negotiated the sale of the dead man's outfit to a Kansas City horse dealer and came here to get the money. Dr. Gartrell, when shown his son's confession, broke down and confessed. He admitted having murdered Donegan, saying he slipped up behind the Colorado man and beained him with an ax.

Dr. Gartrell is a benevolent looking old man and until recently had made his home in Victoria, Tex. He fought in the confederate army under General Price.

Philippine Leaders Surrender.

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TRADE REPORT.

Bradstreet's report for last week is as follows:

The sanguine feeling as to the trade and speculation finds reflection in the enormous activity in stock speculation, which has attracted much money from the usual commercial channels and expanded clearings to unheard of totals.

Warm, sunny weather is helping the tall trade in the cities and is likewise affording the farmers favorable opportunity to complete crop planting. General business the country over must be classed as satisfactory. The iron and steel trades, though reaching somewhat of a lull in the country, continue to furnish the best reports, while the textile industries return the least favorable accounts. Wool is quiet, mills being to fill only immediate wants. There is more movement at the west and on the Pacific coast, however. Lumber prices are higher for finer merino grades and lower for crossbreeds.

The crop situation at present is quite encouraging. Warm, sunny weather is helping corn and cotton, and wheat maintains a generally good condition, notwithstanding reports of damage by insects in the southwest. Grain planting is almost finished in the northwest and liberal rains in California have helped the situation there. The iron trade production naturally appears to be catching up with demands in the cruder forms. Bessemer pig iron is 25 cents lower this week and sales of southern pig have been 50 cents below the asking price of some weeks ago, although Birmingham reports schedules adhered to. Other metals are quite steady, except as to tin, which is slightly lower on the week.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 5,100,173 bushels, against 4,282,129 bushels last week, 4,537,033 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900, 3,484,081 bushels in 1899 and 2,923,775 in 1898. From July 1 to date this season wheat exports are 176,916,235 bushels, against 166,035,802 bushels last season and 201,198,468 in 1898-99.

Failures for the week number 163 as compared with 214 last week, 173 in this week a year ago, 164 in 1899 and 240 in 1898.

Canadian failures in April numbered 23, the same number as a week ago, but liabilities aggregated only \$790,485, a decrease of 20 per cent from 1900.

Will March.

Pottsville, Pa., May 6.—National Organizer Dougherty, Secretary Hartline of the Ninth district and President Duffy of the Tenth district have held a conference and arranged for a march of miners to Harrisburg for the purpose of urging the passage of bills recommended by the United Mineworkers. It is proposed to rendezvous the miners from Hazleton, Mead, Panther Creek valley and Schuylkill region at Pottsville on Tuesday. They will take six days' rations each and will march to Millersburg, where they will be joined by those from Northumberland and Columbia counties.

At least 10,000 men will leave when the orders to march are given.

Great Mountain of Quartz.

Victoria, B. C., May 5.—The steamer Danube brings news of the arrival at Dawson of Peter Dow and party from the Tanana after two years' travel through that district. They tell of the discovery of a great mountain of porphyry quartz west of the Tulvan river, which could be seen for many miles glistening like snow on the mountain. The quartz was pure white and there were pinacles standing to the height of 300 feet on the mountain. Two miners were lost during the search for this ledge and lived on berries for four days before they were found. Gold was found in all the pieces of quartz tested in a crude manner by the miners.

5400 Boers.

Johannesburg, May 6.—General Delarey, the Boer commander, now has 4000 or 5000 men in the hills around Hartbeestfontein. General Babington, in command of the British forces in this district, is without a sufficient force to attack, and is observing the Boers while Generals Methuen and Rawlinson are converging hither. A battle appears imminent.

Bennington to Come Home.

Washington, May 6.—A dispatch from Admiral Kempff to the navy department brought word that the gunboat Bennington would be detached from the Asiatic station and would sail for the United States. This is a movement in the general reduction in Asiatic waters which has been going on for some time. Both ships will come to Mare Island and undergo repairs.

Road to National Park.

Helena, Mont., May 6.—A contract has been let to George A. Miller of Billings for a government road in Yellowstone Park, 30 miles long, to connect with the stage road from Cody, Wyo., the terminus of the new Burlington branch. The road will run from the lake outlet to the head of the Shoshone river.

St. Louis Ball Park Burned.

St. Louis, May 5.—Fire, probably started by a careless smoker, broke out underneath the center of the grand stand at the National League baseball park, and in a short space of time the grand stand, pavilion and office of the company were a mass of ruins.

"All flesh is grass" remarked the hungry vegetarian as he tackled some steak.