

FOUR NORTHWEST STATES

NEWS IS BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

Choice Selection of Interesting Items Gathered Through the Week—Harvesting Is in Full Blast—Big Crops Assured—Many Accidents Occur—Personals.

IDAHO GLEANINGS.

The work of preparing for the Lewiston interstate fair is being pushed. The peach crop in the vicinity of Sweet, this year has been phenomenal.

The Chinese Masons of Boise are to build a handsome new brick lodge room.

Packing prunes has commenced at Payette and the work will require about two weeks time.

Thirty-five carloads of sheep were shipped from Ketchum, and three from Halley, on the 10th.

Many people are taking lands in townships lately surveyed in Washington county and opened for settlement.

Work on the P. & I. N. to the Seven Devils is progressing rapidly, about 300 men being at work along the line.

Payette is to have a telephone exchange, which will place that town in direct communication with the outside world.

Recent rains have caused new grass to start on some ranges, and stock is generally finding sufficient grazing; in some instances, late alfalfa is being used for pasturage.

Corn is ripe in southern sections, where fair crops have been grown without irrigation; this has been accomplished by thin planting and thorough cultivation. In western counties the crop is light.

A company is being organized for the purpose of building a railroad to run from Boise to More creek and from there to Grimes creek, a total distance of forty miles, most of the distance in the Boise basin.

George Wolf has completed harvesting the wheat crop on his farm southwest of Moscow. Mr. Wolf has his wheat all hauled to the warehouse at Johnson. The average of his crop was 48 bushels an acre for 300 acres, or 14,400 bushels in all.

An attempt was made recently to burn the Martin Thomas grain warehouse at Kendrick, shavings, hay and gunny sacks soaked in coal oil being placed under one corner and then set afire. The flames were discovered within a few minutes of being started, and by hard work were extinguished before any particular damage was done.

A terrible tragedy was enacted recently at the home of Frank M. Pollard, a prominent rancher living one and one half miles from Salmon City. As a result Edward Cole, Pollard's son in law, is dead, while Mrs. Pollard and James Bradley are wounded, the former seriously, but not fatally. Cole tried to murder his wife, mother in law and Bradley, when the mother handed a revolver to her husband who shot the assailant dead.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

There is a slight improvement in the shingle market.

There is talk of an evening school in Olympia.

State taxes will be at the rate of 73.5 mills, an increase of 1.5 mills over that of last year.

The greatest exposition and fruit fair the Walla Walla valley has ever had opened Monday with the usual exercises, and will close September 20.

The Whitman county fair opened Monday at Colfax and closes Saturday evening, and every indication points to the most successful fair in the history of the county.

By the collision of two sections of a train on the Northern Pacific at Lake recently a number of passengers were injured, one seriously. The cause assigned for the accident is the failure of air brakes to work.

Six thousand people saw O. H. Barber and Miss Helen Kipler married Saturday evening at the Elks' carnival grounds at Spokane. The bridal couple received \$300 as a wedding present from the carnival committee for appearing as the chief actors in the ceremony.

The Seattle city railway, comprising the Yealer Way cable line, was recently sold at public auction. There was but one bid, that of George Donworth, acting for J. S. Goldsmith. The price paid was an even half million dollars. It is thought that Mr. Goldsmith is representing the Seattle Electric company.

Spokane and Walla Walla may both look to have new National Guard companies organized during the month of October. They will not be additional companies to what are already in existence, but it is expected that one company in Spokane and Company I of Walla Walla will be mustered out and new ones organized. Further than this, the National Guard companies at Garfield and Davenport will both be mustered out. These two are detached, and will not be replaced

with new organizations, as will be the others.

OREGON NOTES.

The Loewenberg-Going company has paid into the Oregon state treasury \$1134.91 for convict labor during July.

The dress of Miss Florence Winnifred of King's valley caught fire at the Burton hopyard, two miles north of Independence, and burned her in a terrible manner.

A report has reached Forest Grove that a woman picking hops in Patton valley had thrashed a hop picker with a hop pole for expressing himself as glad that the wound of President McKinley had resulted fatally.

The carnival of 1901 opened at the big exposition building, Portland, under favorable auspices. It is estimated that 6000 people were in attendance. A brilliant display of fireworks was made on Multnomah field, which is being utilized for the out of door features of the exposition.

A shooting affray occurred in the lobby of the Layton hotel in Grant's Pass. D. Holliday of San Francisco was shot through the head by Frank McCann, proprietor. The wounded man will die. Holliday is of the firm of Peacock & Holliday, contractors and builders of San Francisco. He arrived in that city a few days ago to look up mining interests in which he and McCann were concerned. They had had trouble previously. The quarrel ended in McCann drawing his revolver and firing, the bullet entering over the left ear. The cause of the quarrel is not known. McCann is in jail.

MONTANA ITEMS.

It comes from San Francisco that Senator Clark may have a railroad into Sacramento in the near future.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, of Montana, will be held at Missoula.

John B. Clement, a barber, took an overdose of morphine. The attending physician said that he could not recover.

It is now definitely certain that the state of Montana will have a mineral exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Back westward and southward from Marysville there are lead and copper belts coming to the front, and their development will tend to largely increase the commercial importance of Marysville.

The Butte city council at a recent meeting decided that the pool rooms of Butte must go and the city attorney was instructed to draft a resolution directed specifically at such gambling resorts.

A suit to compel the carrying out of an alleged contract for the sale of the Gregson Springs hotel and the improvements connected with it was begun in the district court last week by Con Hayes against the Gregsons.

L. M. Semple is very much in demand by several Butte people whom he has, according to their belief, bunched out of a sum total of about \$165. His present whereabouts is unknown, but information as to his abode would be gladly welcomed by several Butte people. He was last heard of in Spokane.

The work of the 37th annual communication of the Masonic grand lodge of Montana was completed last week. It decided that the purchase and maintenance of a Masonic home should be deferred until some future time. Will meet next year at Butte, when the Masonic Grand Lodge will dedicate the temple in that city.

The announcement is made that Senator Clark is about to become owner of the noted Bitterroot stock ranch, founded and brought to perfection by the late Marcus Daly, who was Mr. Clark's bitterest business and political enemy. It is stated that Mrs. Daly is anxious to sell the property and Senator Clark has sent an agent to the ranch to examine it and make a report to him as to its value.

American Board of Missions.

Boston, Sept. 23.—The annual statement has been made public of the fiscal year of the American Board of Missions. The total receipts of the year applicable for current expenses were \$607,370; total expenditures, \$717,081; excess of expenditures over receipts, \$109,711, which, added to the debt of a year ago, makes the present debt \$182,341.

The receipts for the past year, compared with those of last year, show a gain in donations from churches and individuals of \$6396, a shrinkage in receipts from the woman's boards of \$16,118 and a shrinkage in legacies of \$30,206.

A large legacy was expected during the year, but for good reasons the payment has been deferred for a few weeks. Had this been received, it is stated, the board would have met its hopes and would have made a considerable reduction in the debt with which it began the year. The board is said to be in a much stronger financial condition than a year ago, notwithstanding the increased debt.

Big Fire in Toledo.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 23.—The local plant of the American Tin Can company was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$300,000.

MINING NEWS OF THE WEEK

NORTHWEST IS MORE ACTIVE.

Interesting Items of a Miscellaneous Nature Gathered During the Past Week—All Districts Showing Vast Improvements—New Mines Beginning to Ship—Mining Accidents.

The largest and richest mineral belt in the world lies on the western side of the continent. With the exception of one section in northern Mexico and another in British Columbia, this wonderful producer of metallic wealth lies chiefly within territory over which the jurisdiction of the United States extends. In the latter, the belt embraces the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Washington and Wyoming and the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Alaska. The annual mineral output of the belt north of the Mexican boundary line aggregates in round numbers \$230,000,000. This constitutes, of course, only about one sixth of the mineral production of the United States, which amounted last year to nearly \$1,360,000,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

E. J. Wilson, manager of the Standard Pyritic smelter at Boundary Falls, has gone east. He confirmed the report of the option taken by the Chicago-British Columbia mining people, and stated that he was now on his way to Chicago in connection with the deal.

The shipments from the Rossland camp for last week aggregate 1740 tons. Of this 540 tons was shipped from the Le Roi No. 2 dump to the Trail smelter, and 1200 tons was mined in the Josie mine and was shipped to Northport. The total output for the year to date now is 223,218 tons.

Shipments of ore from Phoenix, B. C., as far as reported for last week, were as follows: Knob Hill group, 4440 tons; B. C. mine, 420 tons; Winipic, 180 tons; Snow Shoe, 180 tons; Mother Lode, 1536 tons; No. 7 mine, 25 tons; King Solomon, 90 tons. Total for week, 6881 tons. Total for year to date, 257,566 tons.

Conrade Wolfe, manager of the Monarch mine, near Ymir, reports the strike of a free gold ledge across the divide from the Monarch that eclipses all free gold finds made in the country. The property is owned by George Harrison and partners, and the remarkable part of the discovery is the largeness and richness of the ledge.

In addition to putting in another furnace, the British Columbia Copper Company is increasing the ore storage capacity of its smelter at Greenwood. The upper ore bins from which ore is trammed to the sampling mill will hold about 3000 tons. The lower bins, placed between the sampling mill and the furnace, have a capacity of about 6000 tons.

The management announces that the Le Roi mine will be reopened immediately. Robert Angus will be superintendent and the shift bosses will be W. A. Bryson and R. Desmond. The first shift will go down the shaft at 7 a. m. and the second at 3:30 p. m. It is said that a full crew of engineers, firemen, blacksmiths and other auxiliary men has been secured and all the machines and tools are in the mine ready for work. The Josie mine will be operated as usual in addition to the Le Roi. In the Le Roi stoping will be commenced on all the levels and ore will be shipped continuously to the Northport smelter.

Heretofore the Granby smelter, as is well known, has been treating an average of over 600 tons of Phoenix ore each and every day, but as soon as the enlargements are completed this capacity will be increased to about double, or 1300 tons per day. In addition to this, the company is putting in a converter, for the purpose of treating the copper matte and converting it into blister copper. This will be the first plant of the kind to be put in operation in British Columbia or the Dominion. At present the matte is shipped east and refined there. As the matter runs about 50 per cent, it can easily be seen that the saving in freight alone, when the converter is in operation, will be a large item.

OTHER MINING NEWS.

Never in the history of mining in Utah has such headway been made in a like period as during the past eight months.

In a letter from a California miner, who is now in Nome, written to a friend, he strongly advises people to stay away from that country.

The people of Mineral, Idaho, are highly elated over the fact that their ore can be dumped at the Weiser smelter at less expense perhaps, than that from any other district.

The mining exposition which is to be held in New York City, at the Grand Central Palace, December 2d to 8th, will be the first presentation of the practical branch of the mineral industry to the financial center of the country.

The Cougar mine, near Granite, Ore., is to resume operations at an early date. The property is owned entirely in Spokane and was recently incorporated as the Cougar Gold Mining & Milling company, with a capital of 2,000,000 shares, par value \$1.

Dynamite is a deadly poison as will be seen from a report of a mining company in Montana. A box of the usual giant powder was devoured by cattle, and in a short space of time six of them were dead. An autopsy showed the presence of the stuff.

The cleanups of the mines of Sumpter, Ore., for August are estimated to be: Bonanza, \$50,000; Columbia, \$70,000; Red Boy, \$33,000, and Golconda, \$14,000. In addition to all this bullion eight cars of concentrates from the same mines and four cars from the Badger went out by freight.

The superintendent of the Oro Fino mine, situated at Alamo, Ore., a few days since reported by telephone that an exceedingly important new strike had been made. A crosscut which has been prosecuted for some time has demonstrated that the westerly vein at this new vein is 10 1/2 feet wide, all in high grade free milling gold ore.

Work has closed down in the lower workings of the Conjecture mine at Lake View, Idaho, in order to drive the big tunnel further into the hill. The present workings on the lower level, where ore was being taken out, has been done at considerable expense, and the management will stop shipments to develop the property to make it a dividend payer.

The following are the teams entered in the rock drilling contest which took place at the Elks carnival at Spokane: Walter Bradshaw and James Freethy, Butte, Mont.; Frank Stevens and Cash Patterson, Murray, Idaho; J. F. Stevens and Peter Spaulding, Murray, Idaho; Patterson and Cummings, Osburn, Idaho; W. M. Ross and G. S. McLeod, Rossland, B. C.; James Davey and Henry Stevens, Marysville, Mont., and Thomas Bessler and Daniel Dunn, Sumpter, Ore.

The men are all in the championship list in their respective localities. Bessler and Dunn hold medals for a number of matches won in the vicinity of Sumpter and Baker City. Ross and McLeod have been practically invincible in British Columbia, and the three Coeur d'Alene teams have each won matches in their district and elsewhere.

The steamer Excelsior, Captain Humphrey, arrived in Seattle recently from Copper River and Cook Inlet with 136 passengers, bringing also \$75,000 of Chetochena gold, the first large consignment of treasure ever received from that district. Two men, H. Miller and E. Sandberg, owned \$25,000 of the total shipment. Others had amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000 each. In the Excelsior crowd there were probably 50 men from the Chetochena. They report the district a scene of great mining activity and proving as to richness fully up to the expectations of the more conservative men of the camp. Their opinion is that the bulk of the season's output of the Chetochena will not reach Seattle for a month or six weeks. Good reports are given, too, of the Cook Inlet placer diggings by Charles William Gompertz, superintendent of the Pacific Packing & Navigation company's Kenal cannery. Gompertz says the hydraulic mining plants, some three or four in number, installed on the tributaries of Cook Inlet and Turnagain arm, are proving a success. The Polly mine on Resurrection creek has again demonstrated itself one of the greatest gold producers in the Cook Inlet district. Its output this season reached \$70,000.

It is interesting to note that in the Butte and the Marysville, Mont., teams are two members who formerly drilled as partners and claimed the world's championship. The two are James Davey of the Marysville team and James Freethy of the Butte team. They were the winners of the match here five years ago, when they drilled through 49 inches of solid granite in 15 minutes. Later in a contest in Montana they exceeded this feat and established a world's record for doublehanded drilling.

Great Ball Game.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Boston and Chicago Saturday played one of the greatest if not the greatest game in the history of the National league. Both pitchers did remarkable work and for 13 of the 17 innings were supported without a mis-play, a great many of the chances on both sides being extremely difficult. The work of Long and Hickey was especially brilliant. Dexter scored the only run in the 17th, taking first on Long's fumble, second when Hickey was hit, third on a force out and home on Child's fourth single. Score: Chicago 1, Boston 0. Pitchers—Hughes and Dineen. Struck out—By Hughes 13, by Dineen 7. Bases on balls—Hughes 5, Dineen 1.

WHEAT REPORT.

Tacoma—Unchanged; blue stem, 55 1/2c; club, 54 1/2c.
Portland—Steady; Walla Walla, 54 @54 1/2c; blue stem, 55 @55c; valley, 55 @56c.

WORLD'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

CULLED FROM DISPATCHES.

Complete Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres for the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events tersely expounded.

Judge Prindle of Chicago decided to allow Emma Goldman, the anarchist, her freedom until the case comes up for hearing, under bonds of \$20,000.

The race between The Abbot and Cresceus for \$20,000, scheduled to take place at Readville, has been declared off. No official reason is given for the change.

At Blooming Prairie, Minn., the safe in the bank of Brainerd & Co. was blown open by cracksmen recently. Between \$4000 and \$5000 in currency was taken. No clue.

At Santa Cruz, Cal., James F. Reed, one of the few survivors of the ill fated Donner party, which came to California in 1848, is dead. He was a native of Illinois, aged 61 years.

At Southgate, a village near Newport, Ky., J. H. Badger, credit man and bookkeeper for the Robert Clarke Publishing company of Cincinnati, was shot and killed by a negro burglar. Mrs. Badger was shot in the back. The negro escaped.

William Heitmiller, a Nehalem rancher, walked into the Truckee Lumber company's mill at Hobsonville, eight miles below Tillamook, and fatally shot Emil Aidardt, an employe. No details are obtainable further than that it is said that family troubles led to the tragedy.

Dr. Rixey says that there has been no material change in the condition of Mrs. McKinley and that she is doing as well as can be expected.

General Frederick Funston, who has been in the hospital suffering from appendicitis for a week, has undergone a successful operation at Manila.

The yacht Columbia is in the dry dock to be thoroughly polished. She is using the old Defender's main boom and the mainmast with which she won the trial races at Newport.

An agent of the brigands who kidnapped Miss Helen H. Stone, the American missionary in the district of Djumabala, vilayet of Salonica, has been arrested at Paritza. Miss Stone has not been rescued.

The body of J. J. Howley, aged 30, a lineman employed by the Northern Pacific railway, was found Sunday morning on the banks of the river at the foot of Nettleton street, Spokane. It is supposed that he committed suicide two weeks by jumping from the Post street bridge.

General Leonard Wood, military governor of Cuba, has left for Havana via Tampa. The expectation of General Wood is that he will be able to complete arrangements by which the conduct of affairs in the island can be handed over to the Cubans by the first of next May.

Antonio Camero, an aged Italian, was fatally stabbed at the Cambria coal camp, eight miles west of New Castle, Wyo., during an altercation with a young Italian whose name was not learned. The young man made insulting remarks about President McKinley and Camero took him to task for it. Camero can not live. The assailant made his escape.

The wild man of Dry creek has been captured and brought to Walla Walla. Sheriff Kees, Deputy Sheriff Painter and a couple of newspaper men were in the party. The man, who gives his name as Louie Mann, but who is supposed to be Louis Johnson, is now in the county jail, closely watched. When he saw the game was up he made little resistance. The wild man was located in a bend of Dry creek bottom, seven miles northwest from Walla Walla.

Investigations recently made by Police Detective Smunk reveal the startling possibility that a plot to assassinate President McKinley was laid a year or more before he was elected for his second term and that it may have been laid in Orange township, where the Csolgosz family lived. A remittance made to the assassin by his brother, Waldeck Csolgosz, about a month ago, led to the investigation, which may have an important bearing on the case.

Aguinaldo's body guard, Major Alhambra, two captains, two lieutenants and 29 men with 28 rifles surrendered about 40 miles north of Baler, island of Luzon, to Captain George Debandy of the Twenty-second United States Infantry, and took the oath of allegiance and were released. Since Aguinaldo left General MacArthur's house for his present place of confinement he has never left the premises, although he is at liberty to do so if accompanied by an officer. The reason assigned is that he fears assassination at the hands of the partisans of the late General Luna.

There was a general resumption of all mills at Pittsburg and at McKeesport except at the tin plate mills, which were working with the same forces as last week.

The National Tube company has issued instructions to its sales agents to se-

cept all business at prices current before the strike. The company also announced that all of its mills are now in full operation.

Frank Erne, the lightweight champion, was defeated by Jim (Rube) Ferns, the welterweight champion, at the International Athletic club at Fort Erie. Erne was knocked out in the ninth round. The fight was witnessed by 4500 persons.

The asylum for the insane at Norfolk, Neb., was almost completely destroyed by fire recently. It is believed that three inmates were burned to death. The fire originated from some unknown cause in the west wing of the institution.

O. O. Rhude, county treasurer, of McMinnville, Ore., was indicted Monday by the grand jury for the larceny of public funds. His bond was fixed at \$2500 and he went to jail in default of bail. A shortage of \$1800 is claimed. He was re-elected at the last election.

Arthur Goldie, a well known mining man, was drowned on Powell river, about 40 miles north of Vancouver. He was coming down the river in a canoe and was swept by the swift current over the falls, which are about 90 feet high. His body has not been recovered.

At Butte, Mont., the Never Sweated, one of the principal producing mines of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, employing 450 men, is shut down. The shutdown was made necessary by damage done in the shaft and engine room by a slide of earth, a displacement of fully seven inches having occurred in the last few months. The foundation of the big hoisting machinery, which was put down at a cost of \$40,000, has been broken and has shoved out of place.

The gasoline lamp under one of the linotype machines in the Anaconda Standard office at Anaconda exploded at 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, starting a fire that temporarily put the plant out of service. All of the machines were more or less damaged, as much by water as by fire. The press, however, escaped injury. The fire got into the double roof of the Standard building, where it did considerable damage to the structure.

Five masked men entered the saloon and gambling room belonging to C. L. McGinnis at Pendleton, Ore., at 10:30 Monday night and took about \$1500. Fully 20 persons were in the room at the time. The robbers waited until the bartender left the bar with drinks and then rushed in, telling the crowd and dealers to "Hold up your hands." One guarded the front door, two covered the crowd. The other two went through the faro and roulette banks and commanded McGinnis to open the safe.

Fully 3000 people saw W. M. Ross of Phoenix, B. C., and G. S. McLeod of Sandon, B. C., break a record in the drilling contest at the big tent on the Elks' jubilee grounds at Spokane.

They drove 51 inches in hard granite in 15 minutes. Miners declare that this forms a new world's record. The previous record, they assert, was that which was made in Spokane by Freethy and Davey on October 9, 1896, when they drilled 49 3-8 inches.

There were three teams in last evening's contest. They were: Frank Stevens and Peter Spaulding of Murray, Idaho, James Davey and H. Stephens of Marysville, Mont., and W. M. Ross and G. S. McLeod, known as the Rossland team. The record made by each team was as follows:

Rossland team, 51 inches.
Marysville team, 46 27-32 inches.
Murray team, 42 15-16 inches.

Phillips in Business.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—The "George M. Phillips company," with \$400,000 capital, 20 per cent paid up, was formed here today with the former "corn king" as president. The plan to form a company of the creditors of the old company was recently abandoned.

Mr. Phillips owns 25 per cent of the stock of the new company. He will draw a salary as president and manager of the new concern, and stated today that whatever dividend his stock paid him, would be applied on the debts of the defunct company.

Absconded.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 23.—The steamer Ha Ting arrived from Skagway this evening, bringing a report of the alleged absconding of Edward Daniel, cashier for Baruch & Co., merchants, of Dawson with a sum of money variously estimated at from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Daniel is said to have been since taken in charge of Eagle City, Alaska, and he will probably return to Dawson to stand trial. The money all belonged to the firm mentioned, of which Daniel was acting in the capacity of manager.

Eleven Lives Lost.

Tours, France, Sept. 20.—An explosion caused by a fire in a powder factory at Ripault has resulted in the death of 11 persons and the injury of 17 others, a majority of whom will die from their injuries.

The Hearing of Maggio.

Santa Fe, Sept. 23.—The hearing in the case of Maggio, the anarchist suspected of complicity in the conspiracy to assassinate President McKinley, has been postponed, owing to the absence of his attorney, W. B. Childers.

A woman can generally manage to cry a little more becomingly in a new dress than in an old one.