

NEWS OF NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

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

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The university campus site at Seattle, for the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition has been adopted by the executive committee. The selection came as no surprise, as it offered more advantages than any other.

The body found in the Fidelity Lumber company's boom at Newport, a short time ago, has been identified as that of Otto Ralsler, who was drowned in the Pend d'Oreille river about a year ago at Priest River.

Irrigation work in the Methow valley is progressing rapidly.

The state board of education has decided that Miss Grace Crooks of Prosser, Benton county, wrote the best essay on the "Life and achievements of Marcus Whitman," so she will get the \$100 watch offered as a prize by Congressman Cushman to the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades in the state. Miss Crooks is an eighth grade pupil. The state board chose from 17 essays, the county superintendents having previously selected the best submitted.

Thomas Cullen of Everett, one of the best known timber cruisers in the Sound section, died recently as the result of a fall on the sidewalk, following a blow in the face delivered by Frank Jones, a machinist.

There is much speculation in railroad circles as to whether the proposed new line out of Spokane, running in a southwesterly direction, will run direct to Pasco, or meet the joint road at Texas Ferry, across the Snake river from Riparia. There is an equal division of opinion.

Harry A. Brewitt, a well known young traveling man, who had resided in Spokane for 11 years, died recently.

There was much rejoicing at Toppish Saturday when the announcement came that President Roosevelt had signed the bill granting title to Franklin P. Olney, Susan Swasey and Charles Wannassay to their allotment.

This assures Toppish an adequate townsite, which has long been needed.

An organized effort to check the spread of wild mustard, which is securing such a start in Adams county, has been taken up.

At the big picnic of the M. W. A. at Walla Walla Governor Mead made a speech.

James (Curly) Rodgers, who has been working as cook in the kitchen of the Ferry hotel at Ferry, is charged with the murder of Annie Turner with whom he had been living. They were both drunk. He smashed her in the head knocking her down.

A strike has been declared in Tacoma against the Tacoma Railway & Power company by about 200 laborers and trackbuilders. The men demanded an increase in wages from \$2 to \$2.50 a day, and two free car tickets each.

The body of a man supposed to be Wm. Gunn was found floating in the Columbia river near the mouth of the Spokane river.

Without so much as a warning tremor, the Howard street bridge over the Spokane river at Spokane collapsed Sunday afternoon, carrying John H. Beem of Honey Creek, Wash., down with the debris to the swirling torrent beneath. He was rescued.

IDAHO NOTES.

The interior department, upon request of the agricultural department, has withdrawn from entry 6500 acres of land in the Boise meridian, to be used for park and experimental purposes in connection with the Sawtooth forest reserve. The land withdrawn will become part of the reserve.

Running races will be the crowning feature of the seventh annual exhibition of the Lewiston-Clarkston fair, which opens October 8 for one week.

The Lewiston school bond election by which it was proposed to vote \$50,000 bonds to erect two school houses for Lewiston independent district, was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 492 to 313.

The grain crop of the Nez Perce prairie and Craig mountain districts will be delivered to warehouses along the route of the Northern Pacific extension now being constructed from Culestac to Grangeville.

The supreme court has denied the application for a receiver for the steamboat Mountain Gem, plying on the Snake river.

In a head-on collision at Rathdrum Saturday morning on the Northern Pacific two freight trains crashed together at the depot. Two loaded box-cars turned over upon the platform, which was crushed and pushed into the lawn. Night Marshal Rogers, who was on the platform, narrowly escaped being crushed.

Representative French has recommended the appointment of S. H. Smith as postmaster at Post Falls and Harry Ingalls at Mullan.

G. A. Redway of Boise is in Washington, D. C. He has been recommended for bank examiner by Senator Heyburn.

It has been determined to designate the meeting of the national irrigation congress to be held in Boise in September as "the Hundred Million Dollar Congress." In other words, an

agitation is then to be started to secure a direct appropriation of \$100,000,000 from congress to supplement the reclamation fund.

There will be a rare day in summer in Idaho this year—a unique day—one without precedent. Uncle Sam expects to invite members of his numerous family from all parts of the country to an unusual event in the southern part of the state. He will offer for sale about 2000 acres of land contained in three townships situated in the heart of a great tract of 30,000 acres of rich and fertile agricultural land which will be watered by the Minidoka project, a great national irrigation work, costing \$2,000,000. The town sites are all platted with wide streets and boulevards, with parks and extensive areas reserved for public buildings. The lots are to be disposed of to the highest bidders for cash. They look sufficiently desolate and forlorn now; but with the opening of the canal headgates, they will bloom forth luxuriantly. The dates of the sale are not yet set, but it is expected that congress will soon designate them.

OREGON ITEMS.

The Jaeger Bros.' jewelry store at Portland was robbed of between \$2000 and \$3000 worth of jewelry last Sunday.

A young woman known as Cecil Lamont met a violent death in a gun store at Portland recently. Her head was blown off.

The Evening Telegram of Portland ridicules the work of the secret service agents who have been investigating alleged anarchistic organizations. The Telegram asserts that literature seized by the secret service and forwarded to Washington is not anarchistic in its nature, and consists of various political writings.

Baker City is providing a fatality as a result of a Fourth of July celebration in advance. A youngster of 9 years, named Wiley was handling a small gun when it exploded. He sustained injuries to his hands, which have been followed by lockjaw. Doctors say he can not recover.

MONTANA NEWS.

Deputy United States Marshal Junius G. Sanders has arrested a state senator and several wealthy stockmen of Montana on a charge of fencing public lands.

A. W. Erickson, a well known chaac-ter of Melrose, and one of the best bronco busters in that section, was thrown from a horse recently and hurled against a building, striking on his head and killing him.

Registration for the Crow Indians lands is proving one of the worst "frosts" in the history of the northwest. At the Billings office the registration has averaged several hundred a day, while at Miles City and Sheridan, Wyo., it has ranged from six to 14 a day. The lack of interest is due to the high price the government will ask for irrigation.

J. L. Pemberton, a ranchman living near Big Timber, is nearly distracted over the disappearance of his wife in Kansas City. She started a few days ago for Lessner, Kan., near Kansas City, telegraphed her husband she reached the latter city, then all trace of her was lost. The police are seeking to find her.

One of the worst hailstorms that ever occurred at Great Falls prevailed recently, but no damage was done.

The senate has passed a bill appropriating \$15,000 for the extension of the West Gallatin wagon road from the Yellowstone Park boundary to the Mammoth Hot Springs.

The business men of Havre are leaving no stone unturned to impress upon congress and the military authorities the benefits to be derived from holding the annual military encampment of regulars and militia upon the Fort Assiniboine military reservation.

Anaconda, Mont., June 22.—Mother General Julien, of the Ursuline order of Sisterhood, is visiting in Anaconda. Mother Julien came direct from Rome.

The sheep industry is proving profitable in this state. Bitter Root County has 20,000 in different flocks.

Fourth of July will be a big day for the Irish societies of Silver Bow county, the members of which will hold the twenty-fourth annual picnic of the organization at Gregson Springs.

Butte's total contribution to the San Francisco relief fund was \$22,086.45.

Elaborate preparations that will make the event surpass anything of the kind ever held in Butte, are being completed for the meeting of the Shriners July 24.

The program and premium list of the Montana state fair has been issued and distributed throughout the state by the secretary, John W. Pace.

The shearing season has commenced with the wool growers in the Bitter Root valley. From all reports the wool crop promises to be up to the average this year. There are now estimated to be about 20,000 head of sheep ranging in the valley.

Every effort is to be made to have a representative exhibit at the state fair this year from all the counties.

FAST AUTOMOBILISTS ARRESTED.

New York Police Cleverly Catch Speed Limit Violators.

In an effort to lessen the number of Sunday automobile accidents in New York city, Police Commissioner Bingham equipped two squads of police with high powered touring cars and sent them out to arrest all violators of the speed law. The policemen were attired in the latest summer styles of automobile apparel. Before nightfall they had made 22 arrests of chauffeurs and owners, \$100 cash bail chaffeurs and owners, \$100 cash bail

People do not push ahead by patting themselves on the back.

HAD A FIERCE FIGHT

MUTINOUS TROOPS AND LOYALISTS NEAR MOSCOW, RUSSIA.

Authorities Compelled to Use Artillery to Quell Rebellion—Police of Odessa Are Said to be Arming the People to Massacre the Jews—Two Regiments Refused to do Police Duty—Transport Crew Mutinied.

According to reports in circulation in Moscow, Russia, Monday there has been a fierce fight between mutinous troops and loyalists on the outside of the town, in which the authorities were compelled to use artillery to put down the rebellion. The authorities absolutely decline to discuss the matter.

The report originates from the fact that about 5 o'clock Sunday evening rifle firing by volleys was heard, which increased in violence as the moments went by, and was soon added to by the loud notes of field guns in action. It has been rumored for several days that the garrison of the city was on the point of mutiny.

Fear Outrages at Odessa.

It is reported that the Odessa police are clandestinely arming the worst elements of the city populace and fomenting a massacre of Jews. The authorities of the city have been appealed to by leaders of the Jews, but they are taking no steps to curb the hooligans. It is understood that the Modlinski and Lublinski regiments have refused to do police duty in event of street rioting. The transport Nijni Novgorod, bound from Odessa to Sebastopol, has returned. The crew mutinied and refused to go further, and the commander was compelled to put the vessel back to port.

MOST SWEEPING SUNDAY LAW.

Canada Proposes A Most Stringent Set of Rules.

Sunday will be more thoroughly observed throughout Canada than in any other country of the world if the Lord's day bill now before parliament becomes law. The measure, which is a government bill, and thus sure of enactment, in its present form unless modified by the government itself, is one of the most sweeping pieces of Sabbath legislation ever framed. How wide is the scope of the bill may be judged from the following summary of its main provisions:

First—It is made unlawful to sell anything on Sunday, to transact any business or to employ any other person to do any work, except works of necessity, for money.

Second—Games and performances of all kinds for which an admission fee is charged are made unlawful.

Third—Excursions of every kind by land or water on which passengers are carried for amusement are prohibited.

Fourth—No public park or pleasure ground or amusement place of any kind to which an admission fee is charged can be kept open.

Fifth—No person is allowed to shoot at a target or any other object.

Sixth—The sale of foreign newspapers is prohibited.

N. P. BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Was Favorite on the Road—Had Saved Two Lives.

G. J. Massey, a Northern Pacific brakeman who ran out of Spokane, was crushed between two cars near Marshall, Wash., the other morning, and may succumb to his injuries in the Missoula, Mont., hospital, where he was taken.

Last January, at Hoquiam, Massey risked his life to save those of a mother and her daughter. He was braking on a lumber road. On the day in question Mrs. Kelly and her daughter rode into Hoquiam on a log train. They had been out to the logging camp to see Mr. Kelly, the foreman of the lumber company. The woman and girl rode into Hoquiam on the top of a car of logs.

Just as the train was crossing a trestle as it entered the city, the chains holding the logs on the car upon which Mrs. Kelly and her daughter were seated, broke. In an instant logs were rolling in all directions. The woman and child were spared being crushed to death, but were thrown into the river.

Massey, who was on the train, saw the accident. He saw the woman and girl thrown into the water. Without a second thought he plunged into the river, and at the risk of his own life, saved those of Mrs. Kelly and her daughter.

It transpires that Massey's real name is G. J. Miller.

Cramp's Get a Contract.

William Cramp & Sons' Ship & Engine Building company of Philadelphia was the lowest bidder for ships of the Michigan and South Carolina type with the machinery as prescribed by the navy department. The department plans for machinery will probably be accepted by the navy department in preference to plans of bidders as submitted in other proposals. The bids for the prescribed machinery were known as class one bids, and the Cramps offered to build a ship of this type for \$3,540,000.

The president has sent to the senate the nomination of George B. McGowan of Indiana to be consul at La Paz, Mexico.

The rambling preacher seldom hits the green pastures.

SPOKANE'S LEADING THEATERS.

At the Columbia. "The Liar" would be a more appropriate name than "The Circus Girl" for the show of the latter name, which is the attraction offered by the Byron Douglas company at the Columbia theater this week. The entire plot of the play is founded on the prevarications of one man, who, judged by common standards, would be pronounced a prince of his kind.

Arthur Hummingway, a young Englishman who has read the story of the "Arabian Nights," decides to strike out in quest of adventure disguised as Haroun Al Rashid, sultan of Bagdad. On his first trip, made during the absence of his wife and on one of the characteristic foggy London nights, he meets with a circus girl, who has lost her way and is shivering with the cold.

With an inborn gallantry he ties his handkerchief about her neck and accompanies her to the hippodrome where she is performing. The next morning he is dumbfounded by her arrival at his home, the girl having secured his address from the handkerchief, which he had thoughtlessly forgotten to secure.

At the critical moment of his interview with the girl, who is an adventuress, he is dumbfounded by the arrival of his mother in law on the scene, and on the spur of the moment, at a loss how to give a plausible excuse for the presence of the girl, he introduces her as his niece, who is expected from America. The girl is duly installed in the household, but Hummingway is overwhelmed with confusion by the arrival of the real niece shortly afterward. He dare not acknowledge her, and is forced to turn her away. One lie leads to another, and then a third and fourth becomes necessary to bolster up the first, until he is lost in a hopeless labyrinth of untruth. Not until near the fall of the curtain on the last act is the tangle straightened out, and meanwhile a series of amusing situations occur.

"Parson Jim."

The company now has in preparation "Parson Jim," a play by Lloyd Grand, author of the famous "Iron-master."

AT THE SPOKANE.

Miss Crossman Comes July 9 and 10.

Henrietta Crossman, who comes to the Spokane theater July 9 and 10 in "Marry, Mary, Quite Contrary," is said to be a ready and witty impromptu speaker, who rarely escapes being called upon for a speech at each performance. Those who have heard her address an audience know her manner of coming smilingly to the footlights, and in a conversational tone which seems to imply friendship, uttering a few bright remarks, often based on some incident of the occasion. During one of her runs in New York it is said there was a period of three months when she was compelled to make a speech at each matinee.

SPOKANE

Wholesale Produce Prices.
Vegetables—Potatoes, 60c cwt; cabbage, \$2.50 cwt.; lettuce, 50c lb; rhubarb, \$1.00 crate; onions, 30c doz; spinach, 75c crate; Walla Walla asparagus, 8c lb; radishes, 30c; tomatoes, \$2@4 crate; strawberries, \$2.50 @3.50; cherries, \$1.75@2; Walla Walla peas, 5c lb; gooseberries, \$1.75@2 crate; beets, 30c doz; new potatoes, \$2.25 cwt.; California red onions, 2; carrots, 30c doz.

Oranges—\$4.00@4.50 box; lemons, fancy, \$4.75@5 case; dried figs, 75c @80c; 10 lb box; figs in bulk, 6c lb; black figs, 10 lb package, 80c; Pard dates, 8@9c lb; golden dates, 7@8c lb; cranberries, \$15 bbl, \$5 crate; bananas, \$2.75@3.50 bunch.

Flour—Local, \$4@4.75 bbl; Minnesota, \$5.75@6 bbl.

Butter and Eggs—Fresh ranch eggs, current receipts, \$6.50 case; fresh ranch, selected, \$6.50 case; best creamery butter, 22c lb; cheese, twins, 15c lb; local ranch butter, 21c lb; California butter, 22c lb.

Honey—\$3.25@3.50; strained honey, 8c lb.

Sugar—Granulated cane sugar, \$5.55 per 100 lbs; beet sugar, \$5.55 per 100 lbs.

Coffee—Common package goods, \$16.25 per 100 lbs.

Seed—Alfalfa, \$14 cwt; red clover, \$16.50 cwt; Kentucky bluegrass, \$12.50 cwt; timothy, \$5 cwt; onion sets, 8c lb; white clover, 17c.

Prices Paid to Producers.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4 cwt; cows, \$3 cwt; sheep, \$4@5 cwt; hogs, \$7 cwt. Hides—Green steers, 8c lb; cows, 7c lb; salted, 1/4c higher; dry hides, 15c lb; calfskins, green, 10c lb; kip, 8c lb; sheepskins, \$1@1.25.

Poultry and Eggs—Live hens, 13 1/2c; live spring chickens, 20c; live roosters, 11c; live ducks, 14c; live geese, 12c; live turkeys, 16c; dressed hens, 15c; dressed ducks, 14c; dressed geese, 14c; dressed turkeys, 18c; fresh ranch eggs, \$5@5.25.

Creamery products, f. o. b. Spokane—First grade creamery butter fat, 22 1/2c.

Feed—Timothy hay, \$17@19 ton; alfalfa hay, \$12.00; oats, \$1.40 cwt.

Northwestern Wheat.

Portland, Ore.—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74@75c; red, 70c; valley, 72c.

Tacoma, Wash.—1c higher for red. Export—Bluestem, 74c; club, 72c; red, 70c.

Food Inspection in London.

The London county council's health committee recommends that the council seek parliamentary powers to enable it to establish food inspection stations and public slaughter houses in London, and to provide for the inspection of all food entering London.

COLLEGE HONORS--THE FINAL AWARD.



GREAT RUSSIAN WATERWAY.

Czar's Government Planning for Baltic-Black Sea Ship Canal.

The recent appointment of a commission to examine the question of constructing a canal to unite the Baltic and Black Seas revives interest in this tremendous project, which is no less than digging a canal equal in length to most of the so-called canals on Mars. It is by all odds the greatest canal scheme of modern times, and while it presents difficulties, such as passing the Cataracts of the Dnieper River, which have a total fall of 107 feet, it is not considered by any means impracticable.

While the canal is primarily a strategic work, for Russia has a large fleet in the Black Sea which is rusting from inertia, it is just as important commercially, for, as no other agency



ROUTE OF PROPOSED CANAL.

could, it will open up trade in the interior of the Tsar's European domains, and by its tolls be not only self-supporting but a source of revenue to the government.

Longest Canal in World.

From Iltga, on the Baltic, to Kherston, at the entrance to the Black Sea, is only 800 miles in a straight line, but the canal, as mapped by Mr. Ruckteschell, who, it is said, will possibly be entrusted with its building, will be almost twice as long, or between 1,410 and 1,468 miles, according to the route selected. When completed it will be the longest canal in the world, but in spite of these superlatives,



BLACK SEA AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY.

its cost will, comparatively speaking, not be great. An American syndicate has offered to construct the work for \$315,000,000, or for about three-fifths the bid made by a Russian syndicate.

These bids were made a year ago on the favorite route mentioned. Since then, however, a scheme has been prepared by a Belgian engineer, Comte Gustave Defosse, in which J. King & Co., of London, are interested. The details of this proposal have not yet been made public, but they are said to apply to a waterway about 400 miles shorter and having a uniform depth of 28 feet and a breadth on the surface of 208 feet, and at bottom of 114 feet. If this plan is followed, the engineer states the canal can be completed in about six years. With a speed of eight knots, the passage would occupy about five days.

The original plan, which, in view of the rapidly increasing size of vessels, is more accommodating, was for a waterway 3 1/2 feet deep, 140 feet wide at bottom and 268 feet wide at surface. Included in this plan is a broad, well-paved roadway, built at the side of the canal for its whole length. As Russia is not famed for its good roads, this improvement will be

of almost as much importance as the canal itself.

Apart from the extensive works to be built at the cataracts and the actual digging of only twelve miles through a country presenting no great difficulty to the operation, the canal building will very largely be the simple work of dredging a deep channel in the rivers and the existing canal and the widening of the latter.

No one familiar with Russia's humiliating position on the Black Sea need be told that the subject is an old one and a recognized necessity, for while the Tsar has been permitted to build a powerful fleet of warships on the Black Sea, treaties and conventions extending back almost a century, or since 1800, have closed the gates of the Dardanelles upon them.

The Black Sea fleet, which consists of about 150 ships, has been "locked" in the Black Sea principally through British action, although Russia is a party to most of the treaties, recognizing the fact that it is some consolation to know that no other force, not even a British fleet, may pass through the straits, "the key to the Tsar's home," as Napoleon described it.

During the last year, however, Russia has felt the need of her caged fleet, which, if it could have been dispatched to the Far East at an opportune time, might have changed the history of the war. At present the Black Sea fleet can only be used to menace the "sick man of the East," whom most of the powers do not desire disturbed, for fear of the awful contention for the "remains" if the Turk were driven out of Europe.

While Great Britain is distributing her fleets has always made due allowance for the ineffective character of the Black Sea fleet, and consequently has been able to curtail the size of her Mediterranean squadron, there is a general impression that Russia would by means characteristic be able to send her Black Sea fleet past the Dardanelles if a European war were forced upon her and made such a coup desirable.

The canal from the Baltic to the Black Sea would bring St. Petersburg 3,000 miles nearer the Far East, and what is more to the point, would bring it so much nearer Egypt and India. It is no secret that notwith-

standing the disastrous outcome of the war in the Far East, Russia will strike for an outlet on the Indian Ocean. The British have been guarding the northern boundary of India for years, in anticipation of any Russian movement on the frontier. A quarter of a century ago the Russians were at the "gate of India," within a few miles of Herat. There they still are, but it is beyond belief to think they are content to stay there.

Norfolk Rabbit Warrens.

The great headquarters of the natural warren of England is in Norfolk, and more especially in the neighborhood of Thetford. There for miles after mile rabbits are the main "crop" of the country, and a paying one, for the only labor involved is that of catching them. You can walk for miles and see nothing but rabbit warrens on every side. The woods and parks are warrens, and so are the heaths. The only houses in sight are warreners' cottages, and instead of plowmen at work, or men sowing corn, or shepherds and their collies, the only workmen visible are all warreners.—London Country Gentleman.

For every mean man who dies at least two more are born.