

OUR NORTHWEST STATES

IS BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

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

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Farfield for two years past has shipped a greater number of carloads of wheat than any other point in Whitman county.

The body of Herman Szwarcbach, a young man who was drowned in the river recently, was recovered at Wawawai.

The last school census shows that there are now 3324 children, 1639 boys and 1685 girls, of school age in Thurston county.

Over a thousand people are expected in the Sound country to attend the Kane Interstate fair and Elks' Carnival Sept. 10th to 20th.

There is a petition in circulation in fine county praying that the department of the interior set aside the land around the Red Fish lakes as either a forest reserve or a national park.

The state board of control has awarded the contract to furnish to the state penitentiary 2,500 bales of jute at 98 a bale. The board also awarded contracts for furnishing engines and amos for the western Washington penitentiary.

Governor Rogers says: "In the case of the two murders recently committed in Tacoma a reward of \$500 will be offered for the arrest and conviction of murderers in each case, or \$1,000 both, and when correct names and addresses have been furnished a formal proclamation will be issued."

A man believed to be J. Moulthrop, 56 years, was instantly killed at Wapato, on the O. R. & N., between Hay River and Riparia, recently. The man was working on a steel bridge and was in excavation for concrete piers, when he was crushed by a pile of gravel.

The supports of the tramway gave way and caused an accident.

Wheat is commencing to move into warehouses in Davenport. All that has been brought in so far easily grades No. 1, the kernels being full and plump and free from smut.

The celebration of the Woodmen of the World in Seattle began with a half long torchlight parade in which 2,000 members of the order participated. The procession was witnessed by 30,000 people. The local camps set to secure 1111 candidates for initiation, but nearly 1600 were ready to enter the order.

William Eaton's gun, with which he intended to shoot an owl, shot Ross square in the face recently in the mountains, eight miles from Day. The two men were sleeping outside a shack when the owl appeared.

On pulled forward his gun by the trigger, the hammer catching on an obstruction. Luckily the shot was fine and most of it was extracted.

The State Agricultural College and School of Science has arranged a series of farmers' institutes under the auspices of the experiment station to be held during the months of October and November. Institutes will be held in the following towns: Goldendale, Pleasant, Ambay and Ridgefield, and Castle Rock, Chehalis and South Bend, Montesano and Aberdeen, Custer, Monroe, Ritzville and Agate. The institutes will be held for two days at each of the points mentioned.

OREGON NOTES.

From February 18, 1899, to June 30, Malheur county is credited with 1 coyote scalps.

For appropriating \$130 belonging to local lodge of Red Men, J. H. Collier of Athena, its erstwhile treasurer, 18 months in the state penitentiary only.

The eighth annual Astoria regatta extended another regatta held there in the past years in attendance and the attractiveness of the program. It is estimated that there were over 10,000 visitors to the city.

Following their leader blindly as he led, an entire flock rushed over a precipice about 40 miles up the Walla Walla river because the first one went.

Sheep were at the head waters of the river, where canyons are numerous. Twenty-seven became panic-stricken, were unknown, and were all killed by falling over the cliff. They belonged to sheepmen named Genevay, Faure and Ranglers.

He broke out suddenly in the store of the Crown Paper company recently. The water hose was promptly applied, but when the fire was well under control the hose broke and before it could be repaired, the fire got under a second time and the flames spread rapidly across the canal, igniting the store and warehouses of the Willette Pulp & Paper company. Both buildings were completely destroyed and the contents, consisting of alum,

sulphur, pulp and machinery. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 or \$15,000, largely covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion.

IDAHO GLEANINGS.

Jacob Henderson of Council is preparing to erect large shearing and shipping corrals on his place just east of town.

The Boise Statesman says an apple tree on Jefferson street is in full bloom. The tree has already borne one crop of apples.

The board of trustees of the Lewiston state normal school has adopted plans for a training school and bids for construction will be called for.

The Pacific Legion of Honor is no more. It is merged with the Pioneers of the Pacific, and all members of the former now belong to the latter lodge.

Weiser reports that George Falligan is building a dam at the mouth of Mann's creek that will cost \$1,000. It will enable him to irrigate his farm of 200 acres.

Charles Dancher, a prospector living in Dead Man Gulch, near Mullen, was badly bruised recently by an explosion of dynamite, thought to have been fired by malicious purpose.

Last week closed one of the most successful meetings of teachers' institute in Lewiston. The enrollment was sixty, the largest number ever assembled in Nez Perce county.

Bert Hillman, who escaped from the penitentiary on the 22d inst., was captured four miles south of Meadows, in Washington county. The capture was effected by two farmers, Arnold and Ambs, who had been searching for him. He was brought back to the penitentiary.

Failure of a brake to work on the Aitchison grain tramway at Kendrick resulted in much grain being scattered down the hill, fully a ton of wheat being lost and 25 of the iron buckets being thrown from the cable. No one was seriously injured. Damage to the tram was slight.

Wilkison & Thompson, railroad contractors, are advertising for 1,000 men to work on the Pacific & Idaho Northern railroad extension from Council to the Seven Devils country. They will have 20 miles of the extension completed before snow flies. This will bring the road within 20 miles of the mines. They expect to work steadily through unless the weather is too severe.

C. W. Smith, editor of the Clipper, was arrested last week on a charge of criminal libel, the complaint being made by Probate Judge Koelsch. The Clipper published an article criticising the judge, the sheriff and the county attorney for their having as alleged, eaten the chickens involved in a chicken-stealing case earlier in the week. The chickens were buried by the sheriff after they had served their purpose in court.

The Boise water company has sued the city for \$10,723 for water used for street sprinkling purposes, basing the charge on the rate of 12 1/2 cents per 1,000 gallons. The state law provided that water for public necessities shall be furnished free of charge and the company proposes to test that provision in the courts. All incorporated towns in the state will be affected by the final decision.

MONTANA ITEMS.

Sunday the "open season" for almost all the desirable game on the list began.

The Labor Day celebration Monday in Missoula was an affair of unusual interest.

President McKinley has appointed William F. Hunt of Montana governor of Porto Rico.

Farquahar Gillis, a wealthy sheepman, was recently dragged to death by a frightened horse on the range near his ranch.

Residents of an incorporated town in Montana that has a tax levy of its own for street improvements cannot be required to pay a county road tax, according to County Attorney Odell McConnell.

Homer E. Emerson, foreman of the East Grayrock mine of Butte, fell a distance of about 45 feet recently and received injuries that may result in his death.

The Lemp saloon at Butte was held up and robbed by two masked highwaymen recently and the thieves succeeded in getting away with \$60.65 from the cash register.

In the person of E. H. Bartlett, more familiarly known in Madison county as "Old Bart," is one of the most unique characters who have figured in the history of Virginia City during the two score years of its municipal existence. Although approaching his eighty-eighth birthday he still presents a typical picture of the rugged, hardy son of New England.

J. C. Falcon, S. S. Holmes and Chris Bloom of Butte are candidates for the penitentiary and there appears to be nothing that will save them from a trip to Deer Lodge. Falcon, Holmes and two women made full confessions to County Attorney Breen and Chief of Police Reynolds, and admitted that they had been concerned in many of the late robberies in Butte.

ORIGIN OF RAG TIME.

One Ben Harney Said to Have Invented It and Its Name at Louisville.

"The approaching end of rag time suggests the true story of the origin of the name," said a music publisher. "It has never been printed. About ten years ago a young fellow named Ben Harney went to a party given by colored folks in a suburb of Louisville. While he was there two darkies, who were experts on the banjo, began playing.

"While they were playing Harney noticed that the rhythm produced by the two banjos was peculiar, but very catchy. So after a while, when called upon to play something, Harney ran his fingers carelessly over the keys of the piano and tried to imitate the time made by the two banjos.

"At first he failed, but before the night had passed he had acquired the time and kept the crowd entertained with snatches from popular songs played in this fashion. One of the darkies who had performed on the banjo became suddenly interested in Harney's playing. Approaching Harney he inquired:

"'Marsa Ben, wha' am yo' playin' dar? Dat am de funniest kin' ob tune I've ebber heerd.'

"'I don't know what it is myself,' replied Harney, in an offhand way. 'I suppose if I had a dress suit on, like some of these actors at the show, I might give it a nice, fashionable name. But as it is I can't think of any name in these rags and you will have to let it go at that.'

"The darky sized Harney from head to foot. Harney's clothes were neat and fitted him well. The negro thought the argument a poor one and said:

"'What's the diffrence wha' kin' ob rags yo' plays in, Marsa Ben? Yo' kin allus git er name fo' it. I see tell yer Marsa Ben, dat Ah ain' very much in lobe wid dat tune.'

"About a week later there was another party in the neighborhood. Harney was present and had to play. The two banjo players were also there and they thumped away together, playing all sorts of tunes. The same darky who a week previous wanted to know the name of the measure Ben was playing abruptly arose and, turning to the guests with a merry laugh, said:

"'Ladies an' ge'man. Marsa Ben Harney has got some ob de most peculiar kin' ob music dat I ebber heerd afo'. Ah! I see yo' kin' 'dulgence fo' t' hyar it. I see don' know de name ob de tune, but it am de lobllest I see ebber heerd.'

"Ben thought the remark very funny and replied: 'What do you mean, Jasper? That music I played in those rags last week?'

"'Yes,' returned Jasper enthusiastically, 'dat "rag-time" music.'

"Well, after that rag-time became the real thing in the town, and when Harney came east he introduced it in New York, and it soon was the rage all over the country. And the name rag-time has clung to it ever since."—New York Sun.

CHANCE TO GET A WIFE.

Where Beautiful Women Are in the Greatest Plenty.

The Hawaiian Islands are full of beautiful women—from an island standpoint—who are waiting and willing to become the wives of ambitious young Americans who go to Hawaii to make their fortunes. Such is the declaration of Miss Rose Davidson, who has



TYPE OF HAWAIIAN BELLE.

been representing Hawaii at the Pan-American Exposition. To be sure, the young women are as brown as Cuban perfectos, but they are said to be good-looking. Miss Davidson, who lives in Honolulu, gives assurance that the agricultural attractions of the country are quite as alluring as the feminine charms, and that fortunes as well as wives await ambitious foreigners.

Conflicting Wishes.

While going his rounds, the foreman of a factory lost a cuff link. After some time had elapsed and the cuff link had not turned up, he caused the following notice to be put up in a conspicuous position in the workshop: "Mr. L—, having lost a gold cuff link, would be very glad if the finder would return it as soon as possible to the owner." Imagine his feelings when a few hours later on passing the notice he found the following appended: "The finder of the above cuff link would be very much obliged if Mr. L— would lose the other one."

FLOODS AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

NUMBER LIVES WERE LOST

Property Worth Millions of Dollars Destroyed by Water—Dams Broke and Houses Wrecked—Trains Delayed on All Roads—Street Cars Stopped—Cemetery Gave up the Dead.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 2.—A rainstorm has wrought havoc all over the city. Houses were wrecked, flooded and keeled over. Many lives were in peril and only heroic work prevented great loss of life.

The fall of rain was the heaviest in the city's history. Trains were delayed by washouts and street car traffic on many lines is at a standstill. The river is a raging torrent. The property loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

With the breaking of dawn the citizens of Cleveland awoke to look upon a scene of devastation and destruction caused by a raging flood. While the entire city was more or less affected, the great volume of raging water vented its anger on miles of the eastern portion of the city and caused an amount of damage estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The overflow was caused by a heavy rain that commenced to fall shortly after 2 o'clock, turning into a perfect cloud-burst between the hours of 3 and 5 and then continued with great force until nearly 10 o'clock. The storm, according to the weather officials, was the heaviest that has swept over Cleveland since the establishment of the government bureau in this city over 40 years ago. There was no loss of life. The waters spread over an area in the eastern part of the city nearly eight miles long and a mile and a half wide. This extended from Woodland Hill avenue to East Cleveland and back to East Madison avenue.

Great volumes of water poured over from Doane and Giddings brooks down Quincy street, swamped Vienna street, rushed like a millrace down Lincoln avenue to Euclid avenue and then on to Glen Park place, where houses were undermined as though built of straw, and large damage done to streets and property.

Over a large share of this exclusive residence territory the water rushed with terrific force, varying in depth from one to three feet. Trestles and bridges were torn down and for hours nothing seemed capable of stemming the tide.

Hundreds of residents were imprisoned in their beautiful homes like stranded islanders and were almost panic stricken, expecting to be called upon to wade into the swirling waters almost any minute. Danger signals were flashed about the city as speedily as the disabled telephone system would allow and the work of rescue commenced. Rowboats proceeded back and forth rescuing whole families from perilous positions, but these proved inadequate and it was soon found necessary to go to the extraordinary precaution of calling on the life saving crew from the river, a distance of seven miles.

The life boats were quickly loaded on wagons and hurried to the scene of destruction.

The torrent surged with great force for hours in Deering street, from Fairmount to Boulevard, and over a dozen families were penned in with water five and six feet deep surrounding their homes. At this point the life saving crew worked valiantly, and, assisted by squads of firemen and policemen, finally succeeded in landing the terror stricken people in places of safety. The fear was greatly enhanced by the momentary expectation that the great Shaker Heights dam would break loose.

Shortly before noon the torrent undermined a score of graves in the St. Joseph cemetery at the corner of East Madison and Woodland and the bodies were soon being tossed about in the waters. Fully a dozen of the corpses were washed into gutters and had not been recovered late tonight. The flood went over the banks of the Doane brook along the boulevard and caused damage that it will take months to repair. Great jagged holes are torn in the beautiful driveway.

Gordon and Wade parks on the East Side and Brookside park on the South Side, where the water also did great damage as it leaped over the banks of Big creek, sustained \$100,000 damage.

Through Glenview the overflow was very destructive. Many houses are swamped, culverts torn out and several streets turned into quagmires. The loss here is also estimated at \$100,000. The street railways will suffer heavy loss, extending in varying directions over every portion of the city. The big consolidated will have to rebuild the tracks over different parts of the inundated districts and the loss is placed at \$50,000.

The Superior street trestle of the little consolidated is practically ruined, and this, with other serious damages on the lines of the company extending over on the West Side, will run their loss away up into the thousands.

Elkes Defeated Walthour.

New York, Sept. 2.—Harry Elkes defeated Bobby Walthour and Wil Stinson in the one hour motor paced race at the Manhattan Beach bicycle track. Elkes covered 38 miles and one lap in the hour.

It sometimes happens that a woman's hair is a bit of fiction founded on fact.

REPORT ON TRADE.

Bradstreet's report on trade for last week says:

A further improvement in corn crop advices, confidence of an early ending of the steel strike, a further advance in cotton and the advent of cooler weather are unitedly responsible for a still further enlargement of general trade distribution at nearly all markets and a perceptibly and more energetic tone of business generally. Especially good reports come from such centers as Chicago, which reports a very heavy business in dry goods, clothing and shoes; from St. Louis, with advices of unusual strength of demand among jobbers and the dry goods trade in August beyond expectations; from Kansas City, which reports that jobbers have all that they can do to handle business offerings, and from Omaha, which reports August trade larger than last year. Wool is moving actively on good manufacturing demand, but it is no higher in prices. Reports from the woolen goods market continue favorable.

Aside from the strength in textiles the feature in prices is the lower range of cereals and farm products generally. Wheat is off a little in liquidation, based on large receipts at the northwest, smaller clearances and less active export demand.

The air of patient serenity with which the iron and steel trades view the trade and strike situation is significant of the confidence growing that the end of the strike is in sight. Leaving out this matter, the trade is in good shape and consumption is large. Financial products, such as hoops, tubes, sheets and tin plates, are still bringing higher premiums. Structural material, plate and bar mills have orders for months ahead.

Wire is scarce at Chicago, owing to the Joliet shutdown. At Pittsburgh merchant furnaces are at the end of their orders and must pile stocks next month if the strike lasts. Foundry iron is in good demand at St. Louis and hardware is in active distribution at all western markets.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 6,607,611 bushels, as against 6,606,989 last week and 3,248,313 this week last year.

Wheat exports from July 1 to date aggregate 57,286,932, as against 25,888,477 bushels last season.

Business failures for the week number 188, against 181 last week, 165 in this week a year ago, 131 in 1899, 164 in 1898 and 198 in 1897.

Canadian failures number 29, as against 24 last week, 32 in this week a year ago, 25 in 1899 and 26 in 1898.

SPOKANE QUOTATIONS.

Poultry and Eggs—Chickens, old, 9@10c per lb., live weight; spring chickens, 13@14¢ 3/4 doz; ducks 14¢ per doz; geese, dressed, 12c per lb; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 12@13c; eggs, fresh, 16¢ per case.

Live Stock—Beef, live steers, 41¢; dressed, 7c; live cows, 34¢; dressed, 71¢; veal calves, dressed, 7@9¢; mutton ewes, 3c; wethers, 61¢; hogs, live, 14.75@15¢ per cwt; dressed, 7c per cwt.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 80c per cwt; onions, 1.25 per cwt.

Sheepskins—Shearings, 10c each; short wool pelts, 30@50c; medium wool, 50@75c; long wool, 75c@1.1.

Hides—Green hides and calf skins, 5@6c per lb; dry hides, butcher, 10@12c per lb.

The local mills pay the following prices for grain, delivered: Club wheat, 44 1/2¢ bulk, 46 1/2¢ sacked; bluestem, 47c bulk, 49c sacked; red, 43c bulk, 44c sacked.

Yankee Won Futurity.

New York, Sept. 2.—John E. Madden's Yankee, at 4 to 1 in the betting, won the classic Futurity at Sheepshead Bay today, the richest fixture on the American turf. He won driving by a length and a half from what was perhaps the best and highest class field which ever ran for the stake. Lux Casta was second, while Barron finished third. It was a great race and nobly won, and a record breaking crowd of 30,000 people stood up in their excitement and cheered. The winner's share of the stake was \$36,900.

Society was out in force, and the big grandstand was packed to overflowing, while the broad lawns and infield were black with people. All the celebrities of the sporting world were on hand and every walk of life seemed represented. The track was fast and the conditions favorable for a true run race.

Fatal Fight at a Social.

Piketon, Ohio, Sept. 3.—Israel M. McCollister and John B. Outlip were killed and McCollister mortally wounded as the sequel to a social given at Salt Creek, south of here. Miss Stella McCollister and Sallie Outlip engaged in a dispute, and while McCollister was endeavoring to quiet them he was stabbed from behind and expired almost instantly. Nance is alleged to have beaten the dying man with a club. A terrible scene followed, during which knives and revolvers were drawn and women fainting. Excitement is still high, and more blood may flow, as it is said a mob will take the matter in hand when it has been definitely settled who committed the murder.

You can afford to lose the flowers of time for the seed of eternity.