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BRIEFS OF THE NORTHWEST'S GROWTH.

Desperate Horse Thief Rounded Up-Hunting For Hidden Treasure-An Army Officer Arrested For Stealing Another's Overcoat.

In a wild, rugged, lonesome country about eleven miles southeast of Sonora, Cal., there was enacted a horrible tragedy early last

Such a murder has not for years, if ever, startled the inhabitants of that quiet, everyday community. Men discuss the subject with fixed looks and determined voices which auguriff for the perpetrators of the deed if they are caught. Across the Little Tuolumbo river, near the little hamlet of Milton, was a fine suspension bridge, which had been erected by private enterprise at a cost of over \$10,000, at a place which in former days was known as Wood's ferry. It was a toll bridge, and Charles S. Pease was too keeper. He was sixty-four years old, and had collected the tolls for years. With him on that fateful night sat Byrum N. Lowe, a friend, who was years old. The tollhouse is a comfortable place, and the two old men sat quietly talking, when two sneaking assassing a primed themselves up to the window of the small house, placed a rifle upon the sill, pulled the trigger and sent a bullet through Lowe's brain. It was then an easy matter to murder Pcase. The supposed cause of the crime was robbery, but the poor unfortunates had not more than \$15 upon their persons.

Not satisfied with the diabolical crime they had committed, the assassins proceeded to add arson to murder. They deliberately prepared to burn the toll house, perhaps to cover their crime, perhaps for some other reason as yet unknown. Soon the luridtongued flames were lapping up the structure and the remains of the two old men who had been so foully killed. Their plan was complete. The bridge is in a rather lonely place. and no one knew of the terrible deeds unti

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the following day.

The blackened bodies presented a fearful
sight. Lowe was found lying on his back
and his arms, legs and head were entirely
consumed by the fire, only the white ashes
outlining what was once the members of a
human being. His trunk was burned to a crisp, the heart and lungs being baked into a

Pease was horribly burned. A small fragment of the body was found lying at the base of the bridge abutment, but the head, legs and arms and a large portion of the trunk were entirely destroyed, and what was left

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Intense excitement prevailed throughout the county because of the crime, and great indignation has been expressed at the indifference of the sheriff concerning the matter. Relatives of Pease telegraphed to Sheriff Thorne of Calaveras county that they would pay \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of murderers, but who they are no one car conjecture. All the evidence points to the fact that the crime was committed before the men had retired, for portions of the clothing

Big Gold Strike.

There is great excitement at Dayton, Nevada county, Nev., over a rich discovery of gold in Eldorado canon. Jacob Grubber, a resident of Dayton, has for several weeks canon, and about two weeks ago he com menced work on a claim which was abandoned some twenty or twenty-five years ago. He tollowed up the ledge and has been rewarded by a discovery which is likely to result in a magnificent fortune to him. He struck a body of quartz of almost unprecedented richness in the face of his drift The ledge is two feet thick and the quartz from foot to hanging wall is lit-erally speckled with free gold. Pieces of the rock crushed in a motar yielded coarse and fine gold in such countries. fine gold in such quantities as to indicate that the entire ledge would work up in the five figured thousands per ton. Hiro Ken-nedy, a wood hauler, arrived at Dayton from the canon at 9 o'clock at night, reported the discovery, and before daylight the next morning a dozen people were on their way to the new Eldorado. Everything in the shape of a rig was engaged and many started on foot for the scene of the find, which is about four miles from Dayton. For the last two decades but little prospecting has been done in Eldorado canon, for, although the sides are thickly interspersed with veins and ledges, they were supposed to be quite or

Hurting Hidden Wealth.

E. Griego and C. N. Lewis of Albuquerque N. M., have finally succeeded in purchasing from the heirs of Antonio Sandoval a piece of property of about one acre adjoining the old church at Barelas, a suburb of Albuquerque-in fact, the old ruins of Antonio Sandoval's house. Mr. Sandoval died in 1861 It a very advanced age. He was peculiar, eccentric, close fisted, and was recognized as one of the wealthiest Spanish gentlemen in New Mexico. It has long been a mystery what he did with his moneyor where he de posited it before the war, for he never did business with any bank, and when he died no record could be found to lead to the discovery of his hidden wealth. Some, how-ever, were under the impression that the old man buried his money on his place, and among the believers was E. Griego. Mr. Sandoval was an extensive dealer in cattle, sheep and horses, and old inhabitants state that he would often drive large flocks of sheep to the markets of Mexico and Calireturning home with bags of gold. for the past ten years Mr. Griego has trying to purchase the property, and it is authoritatively stated has at last succeeded in company with Mr. Lewis. The gentlemen will investigate the property and will dig after the nidden money, which is thought to amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

Paring Down a Chinaman. The pocketoook containing \$12,000 worth of diamonds belonging to L. M. Wagner, a Los Angeles jeweler, which mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago, has been found They were turned over to the chief of police by a Chinese vegetable peddler and by him returned to Wagner. The Chinese found the jowels the day after they disappeared, in St. James' park. He did not know their value. and exhibited them to various persons on his route. He sold one stone valued at \$800 to a servant girl for \$5. Intelligence of this reached the police, and with the clue thus furnished, detectives were put to work. Finally the number of his vegetable wagon found, and by this he was traced, being finally run down yesterday afternoon ner had for two weeks offered \$1,000 for the return of the jewels. The Chinese was

Robbed and Nearly Frozen. George Clark of San Jose, Cal., while in Santa Clara recently, was accosted by young man, who asked him to cross to the other side of the town plaza and assist in fixing a broken down wagon. When about in the center of the plaza two other men sprang from behind a tree, gagged Clark, half stripped him, tied him to a tree and

searched his pockets. They secured \$60 and

a gold ring and escaped. Two hours later parties going home from services at the Methodist Episcopal church found young

Clark haif naked, unconscious and almost frozen. The officers were notified and Clark was taken to the Valley hotel and physicians summoned. At midnight he had recovered consciousness, but was in a very weak condi-

Deserved Lynching.

A man named Alderman was recently ar-

rested at Nanaimo, B. C., charged with crim-

mal assault on a little girl, Idaline Tripp. After a summary examination he was held for trial. The child on giving her evidence in court created a strong feeling against the prisoner and cries of "Lynch him" were repeatedly heard. The prisoner, while he pleaded not guilty, partly admitted the crime. Jilted and Spicided. Three men out walking in Oroville, Cal.,

saw a man sitting against a railway company shed some distance out of town. The front of his shirt was on fire and they ran to him, thinking he was drunk. While trying to put out the fire the man fell backwards read and it was then seen that he had shot himself through the heart. He was identified as M. S. Corbelay of Wyandotte. He left a letter to his father saying that he had taken his life because Eliza Parker, a girl to whom he was engaged, had broken off the engagement. The Skeleton Out.

A gentleman who arrived in Astoria from Portland stated that there is a dark, deep mystery at present connected with the Ainsworth building in that city, says the Astorian. On top of the building is a skeleton, whether of a man or a woman, however, he is unable to state. He said, however, that the ghastly object had been bleaching on the tin roof for several days, and that neither the coroner's deputies, the police nor the reportors seem to have any use for it. So far as he knows, there is no anatomical museum or medical college in the building, and he and others are anxious to have the matter inquired into.

Faro-Playing Judge. A delegation from the Bar association of Port Townsend, Wash., appeared before the judiciary committee of the house at Olympia recently, and asked that charges of Impeachment be brought against Morris G. Sachs, judge of the superior court of Ciallam, Jefferson, Kitsap Island and San Juan counties. The delegation presented a sworn statement by three reputable citizens of Port Townsend in which it is alteged that Judge Sachs is in the habit of visiting gambling dens and participating openly in faro. It is further charged that Judge Sachs has in sev-eral instances projudiced cases and sat in judgment in causes where he had a personal interest, refusing first to excuse himse The committee advised the delegation formulate charges of impeachment and to present them to the house, which will in turn bring them before the senate.

Wanted to See the Coin. The new district attorney created a sensation in banking circles of Hockton, Cal., by refusing to recognize a certificate of special deposit in a bank as a legal equivalent for money. When the new treasurer took office last month he receive d certificates of deposit in the local banks and on changing the depository accepted their certificates for the coin, his bondsmen being principally stockholders of the bank. The county furnishes no safe place for the money, and it is the cus-

tom to deposit it in the local banks. When the chairman of the board of super visors, the auditor and the district attorney were called to count the money this morning a certificate of special deposit for \$250,00 was not recognized by the district attorney. The other officers were ready to accept it. The count was not made, and there is talk of taking the matter into the courts.

Timber Frauds Convicted. In the United States court at Portland, Ore., last week C. F. Stone was tried and convicted on a charge of defrauding the government by fraudalently locating timber land claims. For the past two years Stone in company with a man named E. J. Hyde has been locating parties in Oregon and Washington on government lands, receiving \$100 from each one. After final proof had been made Stone agreed to buy the land from the parties who located it, giving them a check on the bank for \$1,000, payable in ninety days. The officers have been on their track for a long time, and finally run them down at The Dalles several months ago.

Stone who is a desperate fellow fought the officers like a tiger, but was finally over-powered. The penalty of this crime is two years' imprisonment. Both men will be tried on a charge of subornation of perjury, and, if convicted, will get an addional fiv

Army Officers Accused of Theft. A strange case was before the police mag-

istrate at Miles, Mont., last week. Lieutenant E. Anderson of Troop C, First cavalry, was charged with larceny and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$5 and costs, amount ing to \$20, and ordered to return the stolen property. The facts are said to be that Lieutenant Anderson threw his buffalo overcoat on Henry Rankum's wagons, one of the military train from the Little Missouri. At night when he and his brother officers looked for the coat it was gone. Anderson then seized Rankum's coat and fur gloves, notseized Rankum's coat and fur gioves, not-withstanding the man's protest, who was compelled to drive his team without either overcoat or gloves. When the command ar-rived at Fort Keogh he suffered intensely from neuralgia and had to be treated by the doctor. He will probably bring suit for damages. The confession of guilt on the part of the officer will make the case a more complicated one when it comes before the complicated one when it comes before the military authorities for trial.

Denounced the Messiah. Black Coat, the progressive chief of 900 Arapahoe Indians on the Wind river reservation in Wyoming has never accepted the Messiah theory and has used his utmost endeavors to keep his people out of the movement. In this work he was seconded by the priests, who have been laboring in the tribe ten years or more. Yet many of the young

men have been keen to join the revival. This element was led by a designing medi cine man, a cruel old fellow, who set up as a healer and prophet after an escape from a leaden hail during a horse-stealing expedition. Several big powwows were held and on these occasions the priests acted as arbitrators. The discussions were warm and free. Black Coat finally sug-gested a practical test. Five of the tribe should visit the Messiah and report. He would name the chairman of the committee would name the chairman of the committee and the dissatisfied faction could select the four members. This was agreed to at once, and Yellow Eagle, a bright young red grad-uate from school at Geneva, Neb., left with the three warriors and the medicine man's brother and a first lieu enant. They were gone five weeks. Four days were spent with the Messiah. Yellow Eagle makes a written report which is sent to the Cheyenne papers ov Father Scaliin.

Yellow Eagle says he prayed to the sup-posed Christ all the way. He found the man at the fourth agency from here in Nevada, and his name is John Johnson. "I examined him thoroughly and found

him to be nothing but a smart Indian, well able to deceive the simple. I told him I had come to see my dead friends, as I had heard he could bring them back to life. When he saw he could not loot me he said he had no power over the dead. I called him a liar and a fool for getting his people into trouble, and that if he did not quit his false pretensions I

would see that he was punished.
"He began to fear and tremble, and said runners from five different tribes had been to see him, and he told them to be good and peaceable and dance only once a month. He is now found out and his power ended." Yellow Eagle's party was given a big feast, and their report is accepted as final.

'Frisco's Veteran Fire Chief.

Chief David Scannel of the San Francisco fire department last week celebrated his seventy-first birthday. The Cail says that for a man who has attained age and who for so many years has done fire duty, stood all the hard knocks and has been overheated and drenched times without number while at his post, in fighting fire, David Scanuel is a most remarkable man, one who does not show the years he carries but looks, as he proudly says himself, twenty years younger than he

"I may say," remarked an old veteran "that the chief is a remarkable man when

you take into consideration that be has got scarcely a whole bone in his body. Why, he has had brick walls crush him, smoke has laid him out, cornices have struck him, and he's been thrown from his buggy I don't know how many times; but he has always came out all right, and is as ready to answer the call of duty as he ever was."

Chief Scannell was bern in 1830, and lived in New York till 1846 when he joined the volunteers and took part in the Mexican war, as a member of Company C. First New York state volunteers, commanded by Colonel W. C. Burnett. He, at the close of the war, was an officer. He came to California in 1851 via the Isthmus of Darien and soon became identified with the fire department, and in July 1856 he became fire department, and in July 1856 he became the first sheriff of this city and county under the consolidation act. In the early days he became a member of Empire Engine compan I, the company of which David C. Broderic was foreman, and which after his death was known as Broderick 1. In 1861 he was elected chief engineer of the volunteer department, holding that office continuously until the close of 1895, when the paid fire department relieved the volunteers and the department relieved the volunteers and the chief was succeeded by Franklin E. R. Whitaey. On the 4th of April, 1871, Chief Scannell was elected chief of the paid department to succeed Charles H. Ackerson and held that position until April 27, 1873, when he was again succeeded by Whitney, who only held until December 1 of that year. On that day Chief Scannell was again elected chief engineer and has held that office ever since. During the time that he has been an officer of the department it has increased materially and he has done much to make it an efficient one.

An Italian's Romance. Sixteen years ago Peter Bacigalupi drifted into Oakland from New York city, where he was born of poor Italian parents. He soon earned a good living and shortly afterward married Miss Lesseur, one of Oakland's belles. Their married life was happy for a time, and then they quarreled. Bacigalupi left his wife and after wandering about finally landed aboard of a steamer bound for Callao, Mrs. Bacigalupi did not mourn her husband's absence, but secured a divorce in San Jose, and last May married Andrew Duffy, a cigar dealer at the Seventh stree broad gauge station. Bacigalupi's life from the time he reached Lima, Peru, reads like a romance. Today he is the richest man in Peru, yet his capital when he reached the South American city was but \$4, and that was stolen from him before night. He became the confidential clerk of E. D. Adams, an American living and doing business at Lima. Adams died and Bacigalupi succeeded to his Adams died and Bacigalupi succeeded to his business and also married his widow. From that time every step Bacigalupi took was successful. He built up an enormous trade and carries in his establishment of American goods from a pin to an anchor, introduced the typewriter, sold sewing machines, snap cameras and overy other kind of American invention. He every other kind of American invention. fitted up two vessels as men-of-war, and made a fortune out of coal and pork speculation. He also pulit a theater to seat 2,000 persons in sixty days, personally tending its construction. He engaged in the printing and publishing business also and prints the Peru Illustrado, the only periodical of its kind in South America.

Great Northern Extension. Burns and Chapman, the well known railroad contractors of Spokane Falls, Wash., have received official notice that their contract for building fifty-five miles of the Great Northern railroad had been approved by the chief engineer. This contract is for the construction of the road from Kootenai falls, on Kootenai river, westward to the Halfway house, which is half way between Bonner's ferry, on Kootenai river, and Kootenai station, on the main line of the Northern Pacific, This is as far west as the road has been definitely located. Burns and Chapman will employ 2,500 men, some of whom have already been sent to the front to begin work. The will require the expenditure \$1,000,000, as it includes some of the heaviest work on the line. The contractors expect to have their part of the road built and ready for operation by January I, next, and it is confidently expected that cars will be running to Spokane Falls by that time, as the work between the Halfway house and Spokane Falls will be comparatively light. Burns & Chapman are among the largest railroad con tractors in the northwest, having built the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific, also the Spokane & Northern and a large portion of the Oregon Short Line. Surveying parties re strung out along the proposed line of the Great Northern from Spokane Falls west to the summit of the Cascade mountains. The indications are, however, that Spokane Falls will be the western terminus of the road for at least a year.

Famous Horse Thief Bagged. One of the most notorious horse thieves of the western country has just been taken to San Quentin, Cal., prison. His name is Jack Williams, but he is known as "Black Jack." Williams has been a terror in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico, for several years, and is grimly remembered by a score of horsewners in southern California, When Captain Lawton went in pursuit of Geronimo he employed "Black Jack" as a scout, and the latter rendered invaluable services in the exciting escapades which followed. He took to horse-stealing on a large scale, until he acquired a large band of animals. The manner of his permanent cap-ture shows what an important part words sometimes play in the dramas of life. "Black Jack" was first arrested for stealing horses in Sonora. The courts in Arizona had no jurisdiction in the matter and the pris-oner secured his discharge. Marshal Paul subsequently had him arrested for smug-gling horses across the border. The marshal had opium precedents to go by, and he believed that smuggling horses into the country was just as illegal a procedure as bring ing in contraband opium. The charge held, and Williams will serve a good-sized term in San Quentin before returning to his old

stamping ground. Going Out of Politics

C. P. Huntington's threat that the Southern Pacific railroad company must keep out of politics is either being carried out effectually, else a big bluff is being made to deceive the public in that direction. From different parts of California word comes that polificians who have held sinecures from the big corporation are losing their jobs. An Oak land, Cal., dispatch tells this story: Wil liam Cruse was explaining how he left the employ of the Southern Pacific company, and this was the way he summed it up: "I was fired, fired bodily, and I want everybody to ired, fired bodily, and I wall. I was just know it. I didn't resign at all. I was just fired." Cruse is one of the West Oakland po-fired." Cruse is one of the litical landmarks. He is a republican of the stalwart brand, and has been one of the principal factors in the manipulation of First ward politics for many years. He was em-ployed by the Southern Pacific company as foreman of their bridge and building department, and as such he exerted an influence over the yardmen, and he it was who used to manipulate the vote of the railroad yards But Cruse was always faithful to his political trusts, if he did not labor very hard for the bridge and building department, so he will be sent to Palo Alto and will be made a foreman on the Leland Stanford, jr., un i versity.

Indian pow-wow, under charge of Chief Sherum of the Wallapai tribe, has been going on at Music mountain, in Mohave county. Delegates of fifteen of each from the

Arizona Pow-Wow.

Apaches of San Carlos, the Yumas, Mari-copas, Pimas, Mohaves and Piutes have been in attendance. Captain Bill, a member of the Wallapai tribe, gave information concerning the pow-wow, but refuses to state the object. Sherum, it is known, is not friendly to the whites, but is afraid to make any trouble owing to the weakness of his tribe. Captain Bill said the meeting would last about ter

Robbed by a Guest.

Herman Luckhardt, aged nineteen, whose home is in San Francisco where he is respectably connected, confessed to entering J. J. Ott's assaying establishment at Nevada City, He had been making his home with the Ott family recently and in that way got an op-portunity to steal the key to the building and entered it. Owing to his youth he was pernitted to plead guilty to petit larceny.

Suspended in Mid Air.

J. P. Corpstem met with an accident at the Cupertino church which nearly resulted in his death, says the San Jose Herald. He

was engaged in painting the steeple, when he lost his balance. His foot having been caught in the rope, he dangled in the air, head down, at a distance of about eighty feet from the ground, until his rescuers, A. P. Montgomery, I. V. Garrigus and E. P. Standley, spliced two ladders and rescued him from his perilious position. Corpstein was unconscious when found, the blood running from his nose and mouth. He was restored to conscious-

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Nebraska. A Sons of Veteraus camp has been mustered in at Tekamah. A broken rail ditches the fast freight near

There are 200 more pupils enrolled in the Plattsmouth schools than last year. Albien business men talk of organizing a stock company to build a first class creamery. The Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge of Hardy enjoyed a fine banquet last

Osceola, but no one was hurt.

It is said that Madison teachers are unable get their pay because there is no money in the treasury.

While operating a circular saw, L. Alis paugh, an Auburn bee bive manufacturer.

An election has been called for March 3 at Tekamah on the question of issning \$10,000 in bonds for waterworks.

The firm of Lorance & Brush, bakers and confectioners at Auburn, has assigned for the benefit of creditors. The question of changing from the con missioner system to township organization is

being agitated in Burt county. The Home Missionary society of Rising City Congregational church has sent clothing to the drouth sufferers valued at \$150. A shooting match will be held at Hastings February 25 for \$50 a side between Frank Crabill of that city and C. C. Halzworth of

Juniata. A petition is being circulated in Dodge county protesting against the proposed appropriation of \$150,000 to advertise Nebraska at the world's fair.

There was no coal for sale in Paxton last last week and the Union Pacific agent secured

consent to sell the company's supply in small quantities to those in need. According to the Nebraskan there is a man in Hastings so mean that although he has money, he allows his aged father and mother to be kept by the city or starve.

A Nebraska City man pawned his coat and shoes for whisky on a very cold day last week and was found in a drunken sleep in a hallway in his shirt sleeves at night. He was arrested and given a chance to sober up The state board of pharmacy will bold

meetings for the examination of applicants for registration as pharmacists as follows: At Millard hotel, Omaha, Tuesday, February 10: at Lincoln hotel, Lincoln, Wednesday, 10: at Lincoln botel, Lincoln, Wednesday February 11; at Grand Army of the Repub hall, Grand Island, Thursday, February 12. Examinations will occur promptly at m, of each day.

Madge Day, the seventeen-year-old adopted daughter of R. N. Day of Tekamah, has disappeared from home. From notes she left at the school house and from what can be learned of her location it is thought she left to join a young man with whom she has become infatuated. This is her second escapade and her guardian has signified his inention of making no effort to bring her back

M. C. Frank, editor of the York Republican, started out to shoot a polecat which was killing his chickens. While carrying the gun n position to shoot it slipped fro d was discharged, the load taking effect his foot and making a wound so serious that it may be necessary to amputate the limb Mr. Frank has only one arm, the other one having been amputated by a railroad train a year or so ago.

The number of gentiles in Utah now is es imated at 75,000 "Who Made Hell?" is the title of a poem in the Payson Leader. Utah and Wasatch counties have purchased

he old Provo Canon toll road for \$4,000. A vein of asbestos has been found in one of the levels of the Ontario mine at Park City. The Welsh society of Salt Lake will hold three sessions on March 3 in celebration of St. David's day.

Governor Thomas has proclaimed that the March term of the Second district court is to be held at Milford. Salt Lake county records hold 6,267 un-

cancelled mortgages. The county assessor has just revised them. The shipments of mutton sheep Utah the past three years are said to have veraged 250,000 per year.

at Dragon Hollow, Tintic, and another Cottonwood, near the Emma. A paying vein of silver has been found in Chicken creek canon, near Levan, and pros-pectors are busy unearthing it.

A strike of good ore is reported in the Turk

Willard, Utah, is to have a brick plant next spring that will have a capacity of 30,000 brick daily. The machinery has been It is said that there are upwards of fift

thousand sheep in and around the Wahwah valley west of Frisco, and that most of them consist of herds that have been brought lown from Salt Lake and the region immed iately north of that county to winter. Pat Crowley and two companions, while vorking in the Bullion Beck mine at Eureka

last week, were overcome by bad air. discovered Crowley was dead and his fellow workmen insensible, but the other mea soor recovered after being brought to the surface A one-legged white man from Salt Lake and a one-legged negro from Provo had a des perate seven-round prize fight at Tintic las week. The negro was victorious and put his man to sleep in good shape. The fight was for \$50 a side and the one-legged champion

ship of Utah. Salt Lake Tripune: George A. Smith of Kansas is in Salt Lake searching for his brother, John Wesley Smith, who left Sioux Fails, S. D., sixteen years ago. John Wes ley would do well to put himself in a position to be found, as he is heir to an estate worth \$100,000, which he can get by calling for it. He was seen in Ogden eighteen months ago, at which time he said he was going to Portland, but nothing has been heard of his

horses running at large on the desert be-tween Iron county and Pioche. These ani-mais are generally the colts of stock turned out on the range by Iron county people. There is much speculation as to whom they belong because other horses than those belonging in Iron county run there. It is claimed that the wild horses are a nuisance at present, and are occupying one of the bes winter ranges in Utah, to the exclusion other more valuable stock.

Washington.

The new dock at Port Hadlock will be 32 feet long, 100 feet wide, and will nft 8,00 tons. The Great Northern railroad has filed with

the auditor of Kittitas county a mortgage fo £6,000,000. The farmers at Davenport are happy at getting 49 cents a bushel for wheat and in having plenty of cars to ship it. Prominent Washington statesmen were victimized by an adventuress claiming to be Congressman Holman's daughter.

The litigation over the Dead Medicine silver mine, which has been occupying the attention of the Washington state courts for three

years, has been amicably settled. A company is being incorporated in Tacoms to build a natatorium to be located in a five story building. The first floor will be the swimming tank, second an assembly room and concert hall, and the upper floors rooms

The investigation by the congressional committee into the advisability of opening the Payallup reservation, near Tacoma, has developed the fact that the Indians have sold or contracted to sell nearly one-third of the reservation, for which they have received some \$25,000 in part payment.

The supreme court rendered a decision in the case of the state against the city of Spo kane Falls to recover from the city 10 per cent of the amount collected for lique liceuses from April 2, 1888, to December 1890. The amount alleged to have been collected by the city during that time was \$102. 000. The court decided in favor of the state reversing the decision of the lower court There are similar cases against Tacoma Scattle, Walla Walla and other towns in which large sums of money are involved Under this decision the revenue of the state will be increased by over \$30,000 annually.
Three suits against the city of Scattle were
heard in the superior court at a special session to determine whether the city had a

right to impose a special license of \$1,000 a year upon saloons having musical and theat-rical attractions. A short time ago the city council passed an ordinance increasing the license for saloons of this class from \$100 to \$1,000 a year. A number of proprietors of theaters got out restraining orders to provent the city from collecting this license and the police from interfering with their saleon or musical attachments. The court has taken the case under advisement.

California. A colony will be started near Tulare City

by some people from Illinois. A lively carthquake was experienced at santa Rosa. No damage was done. Murphy and Semple struck a pocket near confervible recently, from which they took

San Diego has entered suit for \$52,104.85 against the Southern Pacific company for delinquent taxes for 1887. Railroad Commissioner Rea has sued Uriah

Wood of San Jose for alleged slander, puts his damages at \$100,000. A big bull buffalo has been shipped from

Garden City, Kan., and will be placed in Golden Gate park in San Francisco. The owners of a mine on White river, Tulare county, crushed twelve tons of rock ast week and got \$1,000 worth of gold.

The Los Angeles Times says the people of Orange county are out \$51,620 on the deal in geiting a separation from the old county. A train struck the Downieville stage at Marysville and five persons barely escaped death. Some of them were badly bruised.

Thomas C. Riddle, a prominent contractor of San Francisco, has been declared insane and committed to the Napa insane asylum. There is a bill before the legislature calling for an appropriation of \$200,000 pose of constructing a sea wall at San Diego. Three Santa Cruz dealers have been fined for seiling eigarettes to the same boy, he having faisely represented himself as being

At San Jose George Baldwip, a veteran soluler, fell from a wagon and was killed by a wheel passing over his head and crushing als skull

Work will soon be started on a jetty at the entrance to the harbor of San Diego. Two years ago congress appropriated \$65,000 for the purpose A company is putting up machinery to run

by steam at the gold brook near Crescent City. The expect to work twelve tons of sand an bour. A swan was killed in Trinity county last week by Van Young. Its wings measured seven feet when spread out and it weighed

sixteen pounds. Up to date ten lawyers are employed in trying to settle the estate of the late Farmer Johnson of San Joaquin county, whose will has not been found.

A Mexican named Movala was convicted of manslaughter at San Andreas and sent to state's prison for two years and six months.

His victim was an Indian. At Independence, Inyo county, rose bushes and other plants are leaving out and the weather continues warm, and everything in-

dicates that spring is at hand. Samuel Millikin of Santa Clara, the other by mistake rubbed some croton oil in them. It is feared he will lose one of the optics.

While visiting at his Yolo county ranch after the conclusion of the Palmer trial, Sen-ator Fair stumbled and fell, cutting a severe gash in his face. His left ear was nearly cut in two. The California hop growers' met at Sacramento, the object being to procure legislative action on beer adulterations, the

prevention of importation of diseased hop coots, etc. The experiments being made in the San Francisco city and county hospital with Koch's lymph are thought to demonstrate so far the efficacy of the remedy in tuberculous

complaints. A man named J. C. Clarkson is charged with baving swindled a number of people at Los Angeles by means of an alleged bene ficiary order known as "The Progressive

Benefit Order." A house of ill repute in Williams was burned. One of the inmates, Sadie Adams. or Van Orden, perished in the flames and her body was burned to a crisp. The cause

of the fire is unknown. A. Schiele, proprietor of the Central house at San Jose, which was destroyed by fire and in which two lives were lost, was arrested on

a charge of arson and released on \$2,000 bonds pending examination. Charles Pelesier, aged twenty, of Watsonville, while returning from a hunt Monday s accidentally killed. His

while crossing a cattle guard and the load was discharged into his body. Track laying on the Southern Pacific extension at Chino is in progress. Nearly 100 men are engaged in the grading, which is nearly finished. The company expects to open the line some time this month.

Frank Wilson, a boy 11 years of age, is in custody at San Diego for larceny. He is a confirmed thief, having been arrested half a lozen times within a year. occasion he stole \$10 from his father. The Lower Californian says that over \$100,000 worth of cloths made by the Ense-

nada woollen mills have been shipped to Mexico, and they compare yery favorably with imported English and French cloths. A decision was rendered by three Superior judges of San Diego county that there is no

legally existing police court in that city under its new freehold charter. The salary has been reduced to \$6 a year by the city council. The editor of a Colusa paper saw fit to criticize a barn-storming company recently The manager and the "heavy villain" tried to assault the editor, but he produced a gun and drove the pair into the Sacramento river. Joseph Morrow was mysteriously shot near Elk Grove, and his assailant has been identified as T. J. Batty, a stepson of Morrow. His stepfather stabbed him some years ago at Chico and the shooting was done in revenge. The report of Isaac Upham, president of the San Francisco board of trade, made to that body shows the productions of California for the past year to have amounted to \$119,415,114, an increase of \$4,662,357 over

The petroleum excitement in the Mattale section, near Eureka, bids fair to throw the country into a fever of excitement. There

seems to be every reason to believe that oil and gas may be produced in paying quan-George I. Holt died in Santa Cruz. He was a member of the well known 'California Hundred," which went east and became Company A of the Second Massachusetts

1862 until the surrender of Lee at Appemat Contracts have been signed for all the machinery required to run the new Stockton flouring mill at a capacity of 1,250 barrels of flour a day. The price was \$60,500. This will be the third mill of that capacity in Stockton and mill be consented to the capacity in Stockton, and will be in operation early next

with which command he served from

ummer. Richard R. Jones, while working in the Tyler drift diggings near Campeonville, Yuba county, was shockingly cut up about the face and arms by the explosion of a blast. It had hung fire, and he went back into the drift to see what the trouble was, when the

The residence of George Long near Lassen was broken into recently and the furniture destroyed. The malicious persons, not content with this, fixed a shotgun in the barn in such a position that when the door was opened the gun would be discharged, peraps with fatal effect to the one entering.

Fire destroyed two dwelling houses on Coronado Beach belonging to J. F. Beaudry and Mrs. J. S. Brigrs. No cause can be given for the fire. The inmates barely es-caped with their lives in the clothes they slept in. Coronado has no fire department and nothing could be done to put out the As Dr. Booth of The Needles was leaving

the bedside of a patient the other evening the was shot at by an unknown assailant with a Winchester rifle. A policeman who at-tempted to arrest the man was shot in the arm. He was finally clubbed into insensi-blity and his weapon taken from him. He was insane. was insane. A warrant has been sworn out by John Kelly for the arrest of Justice of the Peace

Lovejoy of Mississippi township, Sacramento county, for petit larceny. He charges him with picking his pocket of \$30. He says Lovejoy is an ex-convict and a reformed opium flend. Lovejoy was elected by a small majority at the last election. A few days ago the three-and-a-half-year-old son of John Kennedy of Nevada City strayed from home and got lost in the moun-tains near by. He wandered around until nightfall and then, like the babes in the story book, scraped some leaves together and

slept on the improvised couch until daybreak. He then made his way to a ranch, where he was found by the men who were searching for him.

Recently a young man who was hunting in the woods near Nevada City was chased by wild hog and "treed." As the beast showe signs of staying, the young man reached down for his rifle, which he had left standing against the trunk. In drawing it up it was discharged and the ball so badly shattered the hand that it was found necessary to amputate it.

A. M. Thompson of Panoche was instantly killed the other day while digging a well on his ranch. A horse was employed in hauling the bucket from the well, and a new, stiff rope was being used. The rope becam untied while the loaded bucket was bein ifted from the well, and in falling it struck Mr. Thompson on the forehead, crushing the skull and causing his death.

The Ukiah Press says: D. G. Pitner is preparing a novel incubator and one on a gigantic scale. His hop house is to be converted into one. The house contains two rooms, each twenty-four feet square, with a capacity of 16,000 eggs. He will begin about Sebruary 15, by trying 8,000 eggs in one of the rooms. It is to be heated with wood and kept at a temperature of 103. It will require attention day and night.

Oregon.

Isaac Briggs, a pioneer of 1847, died at pringfleid. He was eighty-nine years of Springfield.

The legislature has been asked to approprinte \$1,000 to start a regue's gallery at the

The Evening Telegram of Portland has been purchased by a party of St. Paul capitalists beaded by G. H. Moffat.

Ex-State Printer of Oregon W. A. McPheron died at Portland. Dissipation had made im a mental and physical wreck. The Southern Pacific roundhouse at Portland was destroyed by fire, with two engines

and three coaches. Loss about \$30,000. The state treasurer of Oregon reports cash m hand of \$2:33,244.29. He also holds and securities for insurance companies worth 82, 160, 500. Burglars entered the posteffice at Rose-

berg and, opening the safe, took \$1,200. They overlooked \$75 in coin and about \$4,500 in promissary notes. The steam schooner Louisa Olsen has sailed

rom Portland for a year's cruise to Behring sea. She is the first scaler to leave that port for northern waters. The Eugene City board of trade has de-

cided to give \$5,000 as a bonus for the estab-lishment of a first-class fruit and vegetable cannery at that place. Cattle and horses are dying in large num-ers around More, and the owners have sent for the state veterinary officer to find out the

Twel-Da-Ha-Ma-Nine, the oldest Indian among the Umatillas, died last week. The Indians say he was more than one hundred

Captain Allan P. Warren of the steamer Belshaw was drowned near Astoria a few days ago. A boat he was in struck a snag and he lost his balance, falling overboard. A female cougar in Tillamook county killed seventy-five sheep recently in one band. Hunters started for her scalp, but she es-caped. Two of her cubs, however, were shot.

The charred remains of E. Hagge, a farmer who lived near Boyd, ten miles south of The Dalles, were found in the ruins of his burned Hagge was a pachelor, living alone and nothing can be learned as to the cause of

Ed Bettinger, employed at the railroad yard at Pendleton, while uncoupling cars, missed his footing and was rolled along the was unconscious when picked up, but it is thought he will recover During evening service in the Baptist

church at Linkville, the chandeller fell to the loor and scattered blazing oil on the carpet and seats. A panic seized every one but Paster Spoon, who stood by and saved the building from destruction. The Skyhomish, an affluent of the Snehom-

ish, a stream that empties into Puget sound, is said to abound with the "tyee," or king salmon. This stream has not hitherto been resorted to by fishermen, but the Indians have spread the fame of the "tyee," and it is ikely that it now will be, At Meagher's Landing on the Columbia, near Astoria, a few days ago, Jeremiah Mc-Graw attacked his brother, Robert McGraw, and stabbed him three times, inflicting wounds

tnat are likely to prove fatal. The mon und an unsavory reputation, but nothing is known of the cause of the crime. Five more damage suits have been bro against the Southern Pacific railroad pany by passengers on the train wrecked at Lake Labish in November last. The dam-ages asked for in the five suits today amount

o \$92,850. In all seventeen suits have been

rought, asking for \$277,025. A bill introduced in the Oregon legislature aims to take the building of the city hall at Porland from the hands of the city council and place it in the hands of a commission.

The councilmen will oppose the bill to the bitter end. They now have the structure well under way and do not propose to lose their to. their job.

Two Japanese women were shot in a Portland house by a Chinaman. They became involved in a quarrel over a small sum of money, when the Chinese drew a revolver and fired several shots. One of the women is thought to be fatally injured, as a bullet entered her thigh and ranged upward. The F. M. O. Holston, convicted of forging per

sion vouchers and checks, was sentenced at Portland to the penitentiary for ten years. Holston, who is an old man, broke down and wept bitterly. He claimed to be an old soldier and has an excellent record. It is claimed that Holston had nine wives, but this he emphatically denies. The rush of freight at Portland for San Francisco by the Union Pacific steamers during the past month has been unprecedented. Grain, potatoes, etc., have been pouring in from Willamette valley until the steamship dock is crowded. The company

has found it necessary to stop receiving anyhing but strictly perishable freight. Company G, First regiment, infantry, O. N. G., has issued a challenge to any company on the Pacific coast for a drill for not less than \$1,000 a side and the entire gate receipts. Each company to drill thirty-two men, two guides and three officers in the school of the soldier and company. Upton's tactics and official decisions to govern. Three army offi-

cers are to judge and their decision to final. The drill to take place in Portland. Two boys, respectively eight and nine years of age, were arrested at Portland the other day for breaking into a store under cover of the night, forcing the till, and steal-ing a quantity of knives and books. The crime was executed with a coolness and at-tention to detail that would have done an old hand proud. In consideration of the youth they were returned to their parents.

A little girl of Mr. Linville, residing on Lower Trout creek, near Cross Key, burned to death last week. Mrs. Linville's attention was attracted by loud screams from the children, and when she returned to the house the mother found the dress of her lit-tle girl in flames. It is supposed she went too close to the fireplace or that one of children ignited her dress by holding a lighted brand to it,

Ting Wing, a well known Chinese labor contractor proposes to institute heavy dam-age suits against Pendleton and other east ern Oregon towns for outrages committed or his countrymen in the recent raids. Ting Wing had a large force of men at work on the Union Pacific railway, and as they all re-turned to Portland, glad to escape with their lives, he will seek redress of Manager Me-Neil for breach of contract. Some of the Chinese lost considerable property.

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Directors of the Portland clearing house last week held their annual meeting and elected a new board of officors as follows: President, R. L. Durham; vice president, W. M. Ladd; secretary, H. C. Stratton; manager, J. L. Hartman. A clearing house committee was appointed as follows: G. E. Withington, William Mackintosh, R. L. Durham, D. F. Sherman and I. A. Macrum. The total exchanges for the year ending December 31, 1890, aggregate \$93,439,224.75; balances, \$17,785,075.34. The daily average exchanges, \$298,527.87; daily average balances, \$56,821.32. The total exchanges during January, 1891, The total exchanges during January, 1891 were \$8,584,845.11.

Colorado.

During 1800 2,317 dwellings were erected in Denver. The amount expended on new buildings of all kinds was \$16,500,000.

Following is the number of acres of land filed and entered in the various land offices of the state during 1890: Denver, 544,275; Pueblo, 239,407; Glenwood Springs, 62,752; Central City, 924,783; Del Norte, 196,691; Gunnison, 9,880; Durango, 79,000; Sterling,

27,254; Hugo, 15,626; Montrose, 28,600; Ab ron, 37,062; total, 9,952,950.

A pool was recently formed to work the Barker mine in the Nevada district. A plant is being erected consisting of a thirty-horse power engine, friction hoister and forty-horse

Efforts are being made to establish a nokeless powder plant in projectors are Germans and they are said to have the monopoly of the inventor's rights in this country. It is estimated that the plant

will cost 8500,000, of which the German syndicate is ready to advance half. The report of Fish Commissioner Land shows that there are not less than 6,000 miles

of trout streams in the state, and at least 500 lakes which it is the duty of the state to keep stocked with fish. There are now about 1,000 miles of barren streams is the state where it is possible for trout to live and thrive. The Lookout mountain resort company pro-

poses to establish one of the finest summer resorts in the country. A broad-gauge rail-road will be built from Denver to the base and another line be constructed to the crest of Leekovt mountain. Steam will be the motive power. Articles of incorporation have been filed in the secretary of state's office for the Denver, Apex Gulch & Lookout Mountain railroad. Ex-Senator Tabor is designated as president of the company. The capital at hand is sufficient to equip the road with the most substantial appointments. Work will begin this month, and the new line will be Simbing the crest of Lookout mountain by he end of spring.

The Two Dakotas. Counterfeit money is too plenty in the

Black Hills. Pierre barbers have been fined for keeping

pen on Sunday. An aluminum clay deposit has been found car Chamberlain. Arrangements are about perfected for a

new hotel in Deadwood. It is said that at least one hundred families will settle in Ouida county this year. Thomas Kennedy, an old-timer of Deadwood, died at Hot Springs Wednesday.

A three-weeks-old nov baby in a basket was left at Mrs. Vose's door in Yankton the other evening. The South Dakota school lands remaining unseld in April will be leased to the highest bidders for five years.

M. W. Shields, a ticket-of-leave man, was rearrested at Yankton for tippling and reurned to the penitentiary. Tramps at Deadwood made a descent or

and got away with the funeral feast left at the grave of a dead Chinaman. Clark & Smart's bank at Cooperstown has gone into liquidation. This is said to be the first bank failure in North Dakota.

The committee of 100 at Yankton has notified the liquor venders that it means business in its efforts to enforce the law. Parker people will organize a company to work a quarry near that town. resembles that found around Sioux Falls. Much of the recent cattle stealing in South

The artesian well on Hind's ranch, near Woonsocket, will irrigate adjoining farms, the owers thereof paying \$1 an acre for The jail at Ipswich is being rebuilt and re-

Dakota which was charged to the Indians appears to have been perpetrated by white

but so poorly built that the work must be The school lands in Minnehaha county will be sold on April 13 at auction at Sioux Falls. None of these lands can be sold for less than

A party of Sioux Falls people have planned a three-months' tour in Europe next summer. United States Judge Edgerton will be one of Colonel J. S. Meyer of the famous Eighth

cavalry is lecturing on temperance in South Dakota, under the auspices of the Good Templars of that state. The school house at Gilby was burned Wednesday. The patrons of the school were divided on the question as to whether a male or a female teacher should be employed. The quarrel waxed so warm that the school

house was set afire. The site chosen for the South Dakota state fair is in what is known as East Park ad i-tion in Sioux Falls. The Illinois Central railroad and electric motor lines pass imme-diately by the grounds, so that the question

of chean transportation is solved. W. W. Orr arrived in the city from Wirneshiek county, Ia., with five car loads of attie-180 head-says the Madison Sentinel. Mr. Orr comes from a dry district in Io va. here feed was mighty scarce, so he shit ped his stock out to Lake county to winter. State Veterinarian Collins has just comleted an inspection of the horses belonging to the Indians and found forty-two at the Yankton agency with the glanders. These have all been killed. The Indians expect the

government to give them other horses to take their places. Spink county commissioners offer a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of any person charged with stealing lumber or other material from unoccupied farms. necessary on account of the frequent dations of vandals. In some instances bares and valuable houses left by settlers for the winter have been wholly destroyed dur-ing their absence. This is the case in many

The Huron National bank, which suspended December 16, has resumed business again. It was supposed that when the bank reopened depositors would make a rush for their money, but they did not. Only a few asked for their cash and the amounts were small. Business men and others made liberal deposits on the first day, signifying their confidence in Messrs. Hazen and Fowler, the old president and cashier, who

continue to hold their respective positions. Mr. Rousseau, who has lived in South Dakota for thirty-seven years, told the Ouida Journal that he has experienced there three winters like this one. He says that in each instance the following spring and summer were marked by an abundance of rain. For the past ten years each succeeding year has been drier than the one preceding it, and dry seasons must soon come to a close, that time the winter of 1880-1 was the most severe, while the one two years ago was the

next in severity. Wyoming. Almy Methodists have dedicated a new The farmers alliance has organizations in

Sheridan's public schools had to be closed on account of an epidemic of scarlet lever. A Laramie man claims to have secured \$48,000 on two trips to the Alaska gold fields. Evanston is overrun with men who want

ork and can't get it. They are heading

H. B. Ijams of Cheyenne has been pointed secretary of the state board of live stock commissioners. Willard C. Irvin is A company of local capitalists have lo-cated eleven quarter sections of land within

eastward.

mile and a half of Newcastle under the coal land law. Laramie has an epidemic of measles. physician has five patients down with the case in a single family.

Uinta county ranchmen say that sheep on the ranges will come through the winter in prime condition, no matter now violent Febnary and March may be. Engineer Libby was injured by a rear end collision on the Cheyeone & Northern road on Wednesday. An engine with a snow plow ran into a passenger train near Iron Moun-

tain. Store orders are prohibited by inw in the state, but Rock Springs business men use a form of assignment of wages, which is much the same thing. They claim they have to do this to protect themselves, for there are many men in town to whom they are com-

pelled to give credit. Twenty-six miles south of Rawiins on Cow creek is a natural sink or basin embracing about eight thousand acres. This basin, it is predicted, will produce coal. petroleum and natural gas. It is pitted with holes that look like horse tracks. Place a funnel over a hole, apply a match and a strong flame ap-pears. Ed F Stahle, the Cheyenne surveyor, has made tocations there for a Denver syndi-

cate.

J. C. Baird, who was defeated for councilman in the last Cheyenne city election by three votes has filed notice of contest in the district court. He was a candidate on the re-publican ticket and claims the indges of elecnumber of votes on which the voters has placed the mark designating for whom they intended voting in the wrong place. He intended voting in the wrong place. He claims if these votes had been counted for for him he would have been elected by a majority of twenty-two.