

WINTER BEGINS IN EARNEST IN ALASKA.

Peaks of Mountains Flanking the Passes Covered With Snow.

The Smaller Streams Have Also Begun to Freeze Over.

Many People Who Had Hoped to Reach the Gold Regions Before the Winter Set In Returning to the States Until Spring Has Opened.

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—Winter has begun in earnest with the travelers on the Dyea and Skaguay trails, and all who do not intend to winter in Alaska are hastening out.

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Hundreds are turning back, but the United States mail, in care of G. H. Sprout, and assistants, will go through. A letter received here announced the safe arrival of Sprout with his party at Sheep Camp, and on September 8th he expected to be at Lake Linderman, where a boat would be built.

One of the most distinguished passengers to arrive in the city on the Queen was Burton E. Bennett, who was sent north by Grover Cleveland, the office of United States District Attorney for Alaska.

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the Yukon country in the winter time the murderer could not be brought to the south coast until spring. This is not the way to control Alaska. I have given the matter serious consideration. I think that there should be a commission appointed by our Government to map out a code of laws for the country. At present we depend upon the Revised Statutes of the United States, and when we cannot find what we want in them, we turn to the laws which governed Oregon up to 1854. And the land laws should be extended. At present one cannot get title to land in Alaska. The case is very important and one in advancing the claim for new legislation for the country."

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

A Voyage Which Mrs. Captain Nichols Will Never Forget.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Among the cabin passengers who arrived from the Orient upon the steamer City of Peking were Mrs. A. Nichols, Miss M. Nichols and the former's little son, who on their route from Hongkong to their home at Salt Lake City, after having passed through a terrible experience.

They left New York in March last on board the ship Abner Coburn, of which Mrs. Nichols' husband was Captain, for a pleasure trip to Hongkong. On June 19th the Coburn ran into a gale. The ship was shivered, and everything made as snug as possible, but just as Captain Nichols was coming up the companion-way to make an observation a big sea washed over the stern, smashed the wheel, rolled the two steersmen into the scuppers and hurled the skipper down the companion-way, inflicting injuries from which he died eight hours later.

Chief Officer M. L. Sparks was thrown against one of the boats and seriously hurt. The storm continued for two days after the captain died, but the second officer, J. E. Nichols, a son of the skipper, rigged up a jury rudder and navigated the vessel for fifteen days, during which time Chief Officer Sparks was confined to his berth.

Captain Nichols was buried at sea, his body being placed in a coffin as his remains were consigned to the deep. The Coburn arrived at Hongkong in time for Mrs. Nichols and her family to catch the City of Peking homeward bound.

No Danger of the Plague Here.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—The Southern Pacific Company makes the announcement that it is shipping no freight either into or through the plague-infected city of New Orleans, and that there need be no apprehension about the yellow fever finding its way into Los Angeles through shipments from that city. Special quarantine officials of the company are located at Algiers, across the river from New Orleans, which is not an infected port, and by authority of the State officials freight is placed on board of the Morgan steamers and sent to destination without the slightest detention.

The Willamette Sails for Skaguay.

TACOMA, Sept. 22.—The steamship Willamette sailed from Tacoma tonight for Skaguay, Alaska, and way ports. She will carry to the north all the freight that can be stored in her hold and piled on her deck. The deck load comprises 300,000 feet of lumber. The cargo will amount to 2,900 tons. The steamer has eighty head of live stock, comprising cattle, hogs and sheep. The passenger list from the Sound will number 100 people, the most of whom are traders or speculators for Skaguay and other ports.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 22.—At the close of an eight-days' trial, the jury this evening brought in a verdict of manslaughter against L. A. Scott for the killing of Charles Richards at Randsburg in September, 1896. Scott and Richards quarreled and had a rough and tumble fight. Finally Richards broke away and started to run, when Scott picked up a revolver that had fallen from Richards' pocket and shot him dead. This was Scott's second trial, the first jury having disagreed. Sentence will be passed on Saturday morning.

Killed by His Brother.

BUREKA, Sept. 22.—Charles Hoaglin died today at Bloksburg from injuries received from his brother Hank during a drunken quarrel last night. The brothers disagreed upon a trivial point, and Hank hit Charley on the head with a picket. The blow seemed to have produced no ill effects, and Charley started to retire. This morning he was found unconscious near the scene of the trouble, and died a few hours later. Hank has surrendered himself.

Fire at Fort Bragg.

FORT BRAGG, Sept. 22.—Fire today on Franklin street destroyed the hotel building owned by Isaac Kempe, Sr., hotel and saloon of I. Kempe, Jr., and saloon and lodging-house owned by Charles Aulin. The fire originated in the first-mentioned building. Cause unknown. Losses fully covered by insurance.

Death of a Pioneer of San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 22.—George Scherer, proprietor of the Eagle Brewery, and one of the pioneer residents of San Jose, died here this afternoon, after an illness of over six months' duration. He was 67 years of age. He leaves a widow, but no children.

Stack of Hay Burned.

The alarm of fire shortly after 1 o'clock this morning was occasioned by the burning of a stack of hay on U street, between Eighth and Ninth.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN CHINESE EMPIRE.

Peiho River Burst Both Its Eastern and Western Banks.

A Vast Sheet of Water Extending for Twenty-Odd Miles.

One Hundred Thousand People Rendered Destitute, and It is Estimated That Property Loss Will Amount to a Million Dollars.

TACOMA, Sept. 22.—China advises the steamer Empress of China, which arrived at Victoria last night, report that this year's harvest was lower by more than a foot than those of preceding years, but in spite of this disease, and also the fact that the grand canal has not contributed anything due to its usual quantity of water, the Peiho River has burst both its eastern and western banks, and one vast sheet of water now stretches from Yang Chung to Pei Kuan, a distance of twenty odd miles. One hundred thousand people have been rendered destitute and the damage to property is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

The railway is in danger from the flood, and should a wind of any strength arise, the damage to the road from the wash of the waves may be considerable. A Chou Ping missionary correspondent writes that "the rumors about our foreigners and our Christians kidnaping children are still being circulated. The Governor has issued a proclamation, it is true, but it has really done more in increasing the fears of the people and making them more suspicious of all strangers than before. Last week three travelers passing through a village were set upon and beaten to death and buried by the excited mob. Another man living just outside the city was accused of kidnaping, and was so frightened by the threats that he lost his reason and is now running about the place half naked and quite crazed. Several Christians have been beaten, and attacks have been made upon some of our country chapels."

The officials in that district are doing everything to quiet the people, and so far there has been no attacks on residents at Chou Ping.

FROM THE ORIENT.

A Chinese Syndicate Buying in All the Silver Obtainable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The steamship City of Peking brings the following news from China and Japan: Russia has obtained from the Corean Cabinet permission to use a part of Zetsui Island as a coal depot. Japan already occupies a larger portion of the island. It is stated by the Japanese newspapers that the Chinese have formed a syndicate and are buying in all the silver obtainable, in anticipation of the adoption of the gold standard after October 1st. It is feared that sufficient silver may be collected, when Hongkong and Singapore are taken into consideration, to purchase all the gold coins minted. The Government is alarmed at this prospect, and is studying to avert the catastrophe. Some advise it to stop the exchange altogether, while others suggest that a restriction should be placed on the aggregate amount of the exchange, and this should not exceed 50,000 yen daily.

Arrested for Forgery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—W. A. Bird, a recent arrival from Los Angeles, was arrested today at the telegraphic request of Sheriff Burr for forgery, and an officer is expected here tomorrow to take him back to Los Angeles. Bird refused to make any statement other than that he understood that he was accused of having forged the name of one Griffiths to a check for \$3,000.

Williams and Slagel.

STOCKTON, Sept. 22.—George Williams and George W. Slagel, charged with having attempted to wreck the Los Angeles express at Morano, were held to answer this morning under bonds in the sum of \$10,000 each. Their preliminary examination on a second charge was immediately begun, and is still in progress. The officers are putting in a strong circumstantial case against them. It is said that Williams wanted to turn State's evidence, but that the District Attorney would not allow him to do so.

UNIVERSITY REGENTS.

Meet to Discuss Many Subjects Relative to the College. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—At the meeting of the Regents of the University of California today Regent Reinsteil advocated the consolidation of the great educational trusts and the giving to San Francisco of a great polytechnic institution which would combine all the good features of the Cogswell, Lux, Wilmerding and Lick Schools. No action was taken. The board, after thanking Mrs. Hearst for offering to light the campus and library for a year, discussed the proposed viticultural experiment station on the Moffatt ranch, near St. Helena, but failed to accept the three acres offered by reason of the tenure. The committee will look further, for it is felt that investigations into the phylloxera should be made at once. The Committee on Applications reported against permitting the Cooper Medical College and others to grant the degree of Bachelor of Science, but favored a plan which will allow pupils of any college in the State to be examined at Berkeley for a degree, which was adopted.

The Stanford Estate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The petition of Mrs. Jane Stanford to pay certain legacies to Eastern heirs of her late husband came up in Judge Coffey's court today. Eugene Wilson entered an appearance for Mrs. Stanford. C. E. Leydecker and M. Van Voast of New York announced that they would represent the Eastern heirs. T. C. Van Ness stated that he would look after the interests of Charles Stanford, Dr. E. R. Taylor was also entered on the record as the representative of all other heirs and legatees in general.

Judge Wallace's Decision Ratified.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—A largely attended mass meeting was held at Metropolitan Hall tonight to indemnify the stockholders of the old Shippee Harvester Works from the decision of Judge Wallace ousting the old Board of Supervisors, and to emphasize the need of honesty in municipal affairs. J. J. Flynn presided, and speeches were made by Barclay Henley, C. L. Barbour, H. K. Ashburn, James G. Maguire, Gavin McNab, A. P. Van Duzer and others.

SUIT TO OUST POLICE JUDGE.

Brought by a Chinese Resident of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—Through his attorney, Ah Louie has brought a very interesting suit against Justice M. T. Owens, which involves the latter's right to hold office as a Police Judge. The complaint states that in August, 1897, the plaintiff was arraigned before Justice Owens on a charge of running a lottery; that Justice Owens was elected a number of years ago by virtue of the Whitney Act, which Act became inoperative and inapplicable to the city of Los Angeles as soon as said city acquired a population of 10,000 inhabitants, which it did acquire previous to the filing of the complaint against Ah Louie.

Auditor Broderick Refuses to Recognize Either Board.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The Supervisorial muddle was further intensified this morning by the refusal of Auditor Broderick to recognize either of the tax levies submitted to him by the old and new Boards of Supervisors.

After several days of legal wrangling he says he cannot make up his mind which of the two levies is the correct one, and that, therefore, he will let the Supreme Court decide the momentous question for him, so as to avoid any estimate places the amount to be received for the season from that source at \$25,000,000.

Gold for Our Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The steamer Moana from Sydney, due at this port tomorrow, will bring \$1,000,000 in gold to pay for wheat shipped from here to England. This is the second payment from the same source for this season's wheat crop. The Mariposa brought \$2,250,000 in sovereigns last month, and a conservative estimate places the amount to be received for the season from that source at \$25,000,000.

Fears of a Diphtheria Epidemic.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The Board of Health is apprehensive that a diphtheria epidemic is impending in the Chinese quarter, and extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent a spread of the disease. If the situation should grow more alarming Chinatown will probably be quarantined against the rest of the city, and its population compelled to remain within the lines until all danger is past.

THE AL-KI'S BOILERS LEAKING.

PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), Sept. 22.—When the steamer Queen left, it was with her boilers leaking. It will take three or four days to repair her boilers, when she will return south. The Queen's officers report having spoken the City of Topeka near Juneau, with two of her propeller blades broken and her crank shaft bent. The cause of the accident was not learned.

Relics of Long Forgotten Wrecks.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Sept. 22.—The wrecking steamer Whitelaw has returned from the west coast, where Captain Whitelaw has been cruising about among the graves of vessels which have met with disaster on that coast. As a result of his trip, he has chains, anchors and other pieces of long-forgotten wrecks which, when turned into coin of the realm, will amount to more than enough to repay for his trouble. He has secured from different vessels about 10,000 fathoms of chain and over a dozen anchors of different models, weighing from fifty-five to 400 pounds.

Decision Rendered in the Old Shippee Harvester Works Case.

STOCKTON, Sept. 22.—The complicated suit of C. E. Welch against the stockholders of the old Shippee Harvester Works was decided by Judge Jones today against the defendant. The litigation dates back many years. Welch bought a combined harvester of the old Shippee Company under a guarantee. It did not work to his satisfaction, and he brought suit and got judgment. The corporation went into insolvency. This left Welch in the lurch. But not all of the stock of the corporation had been paid up, and he brought action to compel the stockholders to pay up on the stock in full. The court holds that the stockholders are liable, notwithstanding the insolvency. A number of the stockholders transferred their stock to escape liability, but the court holds these transfers are not valid as against the creditors. William Ingits paid the balance due on his stock to the Stockton Savings and Loan Society, a judgment creditor on a mortgage on the Harvester Works. Ingits' act, it is held, placed him in the position of a creditor, but did not release him from liability to other creditors.

Troops Start for St. Michaels.

PORTLAND (Or.), Sept. 22.—Lieutenant-Colonel George M. Randall, Eighth Infantry, United States Army, with twenty-five men from the same regiment, left here at 6 o'clock this evening on a special train over the Northern Pacific en route to St. Michaels by way of Seattle. The train will reach Seattle shortly before midnight, and Colonel Randall and his command will leave for St. Michaels on the steamer Humboldt tomorrow.

Carries a Large Cargo.

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—The steamship Kagoshima of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line sailed today for the Orient with a cargo of 4,000 tons, valued at \$22,700, the largest single consignment being 4,000 steel rails and equipment, going to Chemulpo, Corea.

Experts Say Where Finest Food Is Required Royal Baking Powder Must Be Used.

Miss Suzy Tracy, the cooking demonstrator in the Model Kitchen at the Mechanics' Fair, says:—

"In the practice of my profession as a teacher of cookery I have tried the different brands of baking powder, and I find that Royal Baking Powder gives the best satisfaction. I can accomplish the best results with a smaller quantity of Royal Baking Powder than of any other kind, and I find it always to be perfectly uniform in its action."

NEVADA EDITORS.

The Press Association Holds Its Regular Annual Meeting.

RENO (Nev.), Sept. 22.—The Nevada Press Association held its regular annual meeting in Reno today, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: E. D. Kelly, President; C. H. Sprague, Vice-President; Allen C. Bragg, Secretary and Treasurer. Board of Directors—A. J. McCarthy and S. P. Davis. Arbitration Committee—S. P. Davis, Allen C. Bragg, N. A. Hammel, George M. Smith and Isaac Olcovich. Legislative Committee—Allen C. Bragg, S. P. Davis and E. D. Kelly.

THERE MAY BE TROUBLE IN HAWAII.

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tion of Senator Morgan, will leave for a visit to the other islands at once. In an interview Senator Morgan said: "My attention was first directed to these islands through their civilization by the missionaries and their development in a commercial way. Their importance in relation to our own growing commerce came to me later, and it grows upon me the more I study the question. These islands are today the center almost of our Western empire, and much nearer to us in every way than outlying Alaskan possessions. Aside from their commercial value, their importance to us as a naval station to guard and protect our rapidly growing commerce on the Pacific is, I think, a matter for thoughtful consideration."

"During my stay in Honolulu I hope to secure such data as will enable me to act in the matter intelligently. It has never been my good fortune to meet any natives, and I desire very much to meet and converse with them. We are not disposed to do anything that will bring pain or degradation upon them because of our superior strength. All these things must be considered in dealing with so important a question."

The Japanese cruiser Nanwa left for the Orient on the 17th. While steaming out of the channel she ran on a sandpit, but she slid off into deep water without any particular damage. Godfrey Rhodes, an old resident, died on the 8th, aged 82 years. The deceased was prominent in Hawaiian politics for many years.

AGAINST DEFENDANTS.

THE BALTIMORE TO GO TO HONOLULU. VALLEJO, Sept. 22.—Orders have been received at the navy-yard to put the cruiser Baltimore in commission October 1st. She is ordered to proceed to Honolulu, presumably to relieve the Philadelphia.

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TO-MORROW SPECIAL SALE OF Umbrellas.

For two weeks past we have been working our entire force hard in our workrooms to get together an entire new assortment of styles to present to you that your interest might not detract from this—the ever-busy corner in the BIG STORE. That our work and efforts have been successful we leave to you to judge. Come to-day and see millinery art in its supremacy.

Trimmed Millinery.

For those who would create these articles for themselves we have the materials for the making—linen, braid, rings, etc.

Battenburg

Art work in its various styles stands in high favor. We are now showing an elegant new line of these goods, comprising doilies, table covers, shams and bedspreads, all Battenburg, or linen center. Battenburg edges; the most handsome in design and delicate of handiwork we've ever shown, and priced in our usual popular way.

Mohair Braid Trimmings.

Our trimming department is replete with all that is new in its line; braids, plain, fancy and in sets, which fashion has decreed should be just the proper thing this season for all dress garments.

Shoes, \$4 for \$3.

Is what we are selling every day. An entire line of \$4 shoes reduced to \$3. They are genuine hand welt and hand turned, for which we do not charge extra, and made in the new shapes, coin toes, with kid tips, lace, cloth or kid tops, also pointed and medium pointed, \$4, reduced to \$3.

New Arrivals in Silks.

Among them you will find the newest designs, the prettiest

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\$1 55 FOR A DOZEN CABINET PHOTOS WITH COUPON.

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If you have trouble with your eyes, headaches or glasses do not fit, call and see us. We will tell you whether you need glasses or medical treatment. EXAMINATION FREE. Glasses warranted to fit correct.

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6 O'CLOCK CLOSING NOTICE.

Hereafter our stores will close evenings at 6 o'clock, excepting Saturdays, evenings preceding holidays, and such other evenings as we shall announce from time to time.

BOYS' CLOTHING SPECIALS ON SALE THIS WEEK.

At 95 cents a Suit. At \$1 50. At \$2 00 a Suit. At \$3 75.

An assorted lot of mixed Cheviot Suits, well adapted for school boys, in brown, black, or gray mixed. Two styles—double-breasted two-piece suits and reefer suits with deep sailor collars. A good run of sizes left. Sale price, 50 cents a Suit.

We offer a lot of Single and Double-Breasted Knee-Pants Suits, in brown, mixed and also tan colors. Former prices were \$3, \$3 50 and \$5. Ages 12 to 14. We've bunched them together at the uniform sale price of \$2 a suit.

You can secure a good School Suit in recent style, with large sailor collar, double-breasted coat, muslin shirt, wool cheviot, with a lighter shade interlining. Ages 12 to 14. For large boys, ages 14 to 16, we have the same as above, with double-breasted coat and rolled collar.

Dark gray mixed wool cheviot (not school) School suits for boys wearing long pants. Ages 12 to 14. Coats square or round cut. A splendid wearing suit. They won't last long at this price, so call early.

The Chas. B. Nathan Co. ST. BETWEEN 6th & 7th