

BUTTE NEWS.

RESUMPTION OF PAVING

A Row Between Contractors and the Engineer's Office.

DUST FOUND IN THE SLAG

The Stone Was Also Too Large and Paving Was Stopped for Several Days—The Contractors Were Obligated to Surrender.

Paving was resumed yesterday after being suspended most of the week on account of a row between the contractors and the engineer's office over some of the material. The row started on Tuesday, when the slag furnished contained too much dust in the opinion of Inspector Hobson—in fact, it seemed to be about two-thirds dust. The inspector kicked and Contractor Ryan stormed. City Engineer Bickenbaugh examined the material and he sustained Hobson and declared that it should not be used.

The next day there was stone furnished in place of slag, but the stones were nearer the size of paving stones than of material for concrete. The city engineer measured some of the stones furnished and found they were six and eight inches. So those were rejected. Then there was a crisis indeed. Work on the paving was entirely suspended for several days while the contractors and the engineers went to it. Alderman Smith, who is furnishing the sand for the paving contractors, took up the gage of battle for them. There was an effort to have a special meeting of the council held and get the engineer fired, but the special meeting was not held.

The contractors went to the mayor about it, but got no satisfaction. "My advice," said the mayor, "is that if the city engineer has rejected the material you had better cart it away. What he says goes." So the contractors threw up their hands and the strike was over. Yesterday the contractors had some good slag on the ground of proper size and things moved along in good shape.

The contract with the paving men gives the city engineer final and absolute power in the determination of material to be used. Neither the mayor nor the paving committee can override his decision, and if he decides that it is not proper the only way the contractors can get a different decision is to have the engineer fired, which isn't likely to happen. The specifications give the contractors a half inch of leeway either way in the size of the stone to be furnished.

The concrete is now being laid on the south side of West Park street, the south side of East Park having been finished. The blocks will be laid on East Park street this week. The street railroad company is laying the paving blocks in its tracks on West Broadway. The street railroad company has been making steady progress and will soon be through with its work.

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CAMARA AT CADIZ.

The People Are for Peace at Almost Any Price. New York, July 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Gibraltar says: Admiral Camara's squadron, consisting of the flagship Pelayo, the Emperor Carlos V., the Rapido, the Patriota, the Buenos Ayres, the Audaz and the Pielago, left Cartagena Tuesday afternoon, and passing the straits of Gibraltar at night without being observed, arrived on Wednesday morning at Cadiz. The Lepanto and two torpedo boat destroyers remain at Cartagena.

Admiral Camara's arrival at Cadiz aroused no enthusiasm whatever among the people, who on account of the rigorous press censorship, remain in ignorance of everything going on in the outside world.

While in Cadiz on Wednesday the Tribune correspondent noticed that the universal desire of the civilian population remaining there was for peace at any price. Every one seemed heartily sick of the war. The losses to commercial classes, owing to the complete stagnation of business of every description, has told terribly upon the merchants, and the only persons who at all favor continuing the war are a few military officials and functionaries.

General Orphan, the newly appointed commander of the defenses at Cadiz, is hastening the construction of new batteries. Most of the coast defense artillery in position consists of old-fashioned pieces and there is a great deficiency of ammunition for the new Krupp guns recently mounted.

Sailors Must Wait.

Washington, July 30.—The sailors of Sampson's fleet who participated in the destruction of the vessels of Cervera's squadron probably will have to wait some time yet for their prize money. The navy department has prepared lists of all the crews of the Spanish vessels and the crews of our own fleet that participated in the engagement who were entitled to prize money.

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money, for the use of the auditor of the treasury in settling the accounts, but the treasury department officials, in their care to prevent any misapplication of funds, requested that they be supplied with further details of information, and their request has necessitated the return of the lists to the North Atlantic fleet off Santiago for amendment. To prevent further trouble and delay on this score, Secretary Long has issued a circular No. 42, which has been dispatched to all commanding officers of the navy, laying down the rules for the preparation of the prize lists as suggested by the order from the navy department.

DESIRE ANNEXATION.

Philippine Natives Wish to Be Part of the United States.

Manila, July 22, via Hong Kong, July 30.—Conversation with a considerable number of natives failed to disclose the existence of any perceptible anti-American feeling among the Philippines. These people are apparently satisfied to accept annexation to the United States. Their principal desire is for a peaceful existence with the minimum of trouble. They, however, earnestly wish the abolition of the mission to the Philippines, and are particularly interested in Spanish official capacity there at the present time. They object to the church, apart from the orders of friars. The Philippines are scarcely interested in any particular form of government, but only desire to be left alone.

The rebels who recently captured Calocan shelled the Spanish block house at Malaga, where, after having smashed the Spanish cannon, they bayoneted the place and bayoneted 20 Spaniards. German officials here explain that the landing of food at Manila recently was merely a trifle, and was for the relief of German residents. It has now been decided to discontinue this mode of aiding the subjects of Germany at Manila.

A MASS OF TESTIMONY.

Will Be Presented by the Roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Chicago, July 30.—Officials of Western railroads are preparing their case against the Canadian Pacific for presentation to the interstate commerce commission at its session in this city next Monday. P. E. Eustis, general passenger agent of the Burlington, it is said, will make the principal argument for the Chicago & North Western. General Agent Fee of the Northern Pacific will handle the bulk of the heavy testimony for the American transcontinental lines. When the Canadian Pacific went through to the Pacific, the Northern Pacific was its only competitor. Mr. Hill's line had not become a competitor in 1882. General Passenger Agent Whitney of the Great Northern is, however, producing an immense quantity of testimony in this case. Mr. Whitney says: "The issue is whether the Canadian Pacific shall compel the American roads to charge more for transportation from the point of the United States to another than it does."

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

Philadelphia, July 30.—Ballgame and Cleveland broke even in their doubleheader this afternoon. Baltimore won the first game in the ninth inning on a field error, Kelly's double and Holmes' single. McGraw's wild throw in the first inning of the second game was responsible for Cleveland's three runs. Jennings was put out of the second game for arguing with Lynch before he went to bat. Attendance 7,965. Score, first game:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Cleveland and Baltimore.

Batteries—Young and Criger; Maul and Robinson. Umpires—Lynch and Andrews. Second game:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Baltimore and Cleveland.

Batteries—Hughes, Kitson and Robinson; Powell and Criger.

Louisville, July 30.—The Giants tried a new pitcher to-day, and the Colonels could do nothing with his delivery. Attendance 2,000. Score:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Louisville and Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 30.—Miller proved a mark for the Reds to-day, and he was the only pitcher after the fourth inning. McKenna, who took his place, did not do much work. Score:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Cincinnati and Brooklyn.

Batteries—Griffith and Chance; Weber, Donovan and Farrell. Umpires—Snyder and Connolly.

Pittsburg, July 30.—The Pittsburgs made an easy victory of the Phillies, but they failed to get more than two in an inning. The Phillies hit Killen more freely near the end, and had no trouble in winning the game. Attendance 1,300. Score:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

Batteries—Killen and Bowerman; Orth and McFarland. Umpires—Swartwood and Walter.

St. Louis, July 30.—The Browns gave the Boston a close call to-day. Clements leaving the bases filled in the ninth inning by being retired at first on a hit to Stovett. Score:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for St. Louis and Boston.

Batteries—Sudhoff and Clements; Willis and Yeager. Umpires—O'Day and McFarland.

Tacoma, July 30.—Seattle beat Tacoma to-day in a poorly played game by a score of 10 to 4. Law was hit heavily, and a new pitcher, Williamson, was substituted in the eighth inning. Score:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Tacoma and Seattle.

Batteries—Roberts and Hartman; Law, Williamson and Kelly. Umpire—O'Tool.

Spokane, July 30.—Three poor pitchers were in the box to-day, which was in consequence a poor exhibition. Score:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows for Spokane and Portland.

United States and Spain, Senator W. A. Harris says. "The favorite game of the Spaniard is diplomatic quibbling. We can tolerate no temporizing policy. We must have free Cuba recognized, with no load of debt or obligations for Spanish bonds, Porto Rico for our own and an absolutely free hand in the Philippines. We would be generous as to war indemnity if an immediate and prompt acceptance of these demands is conceded. We would not have the Philippines as American territory on any terms if it can be avoided; would afford them an opportunity to govern themselves, or might concede some form of guaranteed autonomy under Spanish sovereignty for a final settlement, with an adequate naval station for ourselves, but not a moment's halt in the forward movement till acceptance of those terms."

Orders for Brooke.

Washington, July 30.—Orders have been sent to the department of War by General Brooke, who it is expected will arrive at Ponce probably to-morrow or Monday, directing him to send back the transports which conveyed the troops of the Porto Rican expedition as possible. The transports will be returned to New York and will be utilized at once for the sending of additional troops to Porto Rico. The troops will be embarked at Newport News probably, but the ships are to be returned to New York because of the quarantine regulations. The additional troops to be sent to Porto Rico will be such part of General Brooke's corps as it is deemed desirable to add to the expedition already sent to Porto Rico.

Negroes Promoted.

Washington, July 30.—Six colored non-commissioned officers who rendered particularly meritorious service in the face of the enemy in the action around Santiago on the 1st and 2d instant, have been appointed second lieutenants in the two colored immune regiments recently organized under special act of congress. These men are Sergeant William Washington, troop F, and John C. Proctor, troop I, 9th cavalry, and Sergeants William McBrir, company H; Wyatt Hoffman, company C; Macdonald, Russell, company H, and Andrew J. Smith, company C, of the 25th infantry, commanded by Colonel Daggett. These two negro regiments were in the thick of the fiercest fighting during the campaign, and won high praise for their courage and efficiency.

Dunwoody Promoted.

Washington, July 30.—Lieutenant Colonel H. Dunwoody has resigned his commission as colonel of United States volunteer signal corps in order to accept a commission as colonel of the signal corps in the regular establishment. This was created at the last session of congress, before which time there was no colonel in the signal corps. General Greely, the chief signal officer, has the rank of brigadier-general and Officer Dunwoody, assistant chief signal officer, still retains the duties of that office under his new designation, but with the increased rank and emolument of a colonel.

Camp Abandoned.

Washington, July 30.—By direction of the secretary of war, orders have been issued that Miami, Fla., shall be abandoned as one of the permanent camps of the United States forces, and directing the troops now there shall be transferred immediately to Jacksonville. On account of the poor facilities for proper sanitation for the camp, it was deemed desirable to move the troops to some other point.

Another Prize.

Charleston, S. C., July 30.—The French steamer Manoviva was brought in as a prize to-day. She was captured by the U. S. S. Albatross on the 24th. She is now at quarantine here.

Granted a New Trial.

Spokane, July 30.—Rev. W. T. Ford, who was convicted by the Puget Sound Methodist conference of the charge of seducing Jessie Gifford, his servant girl, has secured from the judicial conference sitting here a decision remanding the case back to the trial court for a new trial. The sessions of the conference were presided over by Bishop Mallaleu, who came here from Boston for that purpose. Eighteen clergymen from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana were called to comprise the conference, but two were rejected on conference. The sessions, which were behind closed doors, began Thursday and closed last night. Jessie Gifford is in Spokane at the Deaconess' home, and is singing in the choir of the First M. E. church.

Washington Republicans.

Seattle, July 30.—The republican state central committee met here to-day and decided to hold the next state convention at Tacoma September 21. The vote stood: Tacoma 16, Olympia 15. It was decided to open headquarters in Seattle 29 days before the convention. Charles Gilmore of Seattle was elected secretary of the committee. The basis of representation is one delegate for every 100 votes cast for the presidential elector receiving the highest number of votes in 1896, one delegate for every major fraction thereof and one at large.

Passengers in Sore Straits.

San Francisco, July 29.—It is reported here that the passengers of the steamer Brixham, who were booked through to Dawson by the Boston Alaska company, are in sore straits at St. Michael. The Brixham had in tow a steamer and a barge, and both were lost on the voyage. The passengers, seeing no way to get to Dawson, are still staying by the Brixham, having refused to go ashore en route at St. Michael.

A Missouri Tornado.

Mayview, Mo., July 29.—A tornado passed six miles south of this place, destroying a dozen farm houses and other buildings in the vicinity. At Tabo the postoffice was destroyed. The damage to crops will amount to thousands of dollars. Representative Joseph Christie's country dwelling was blown away, probably fatally injuring Mrs. Jennings and Edward Reynolds, a farmer.

A Sister Is Dying.

San Francisco, July 30.—Mother Mary Baptist Russell, a prominent member of the religious order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, and a sister of the late chief justice of England, is dying at St. Mary's hospital, of which she is the superior.

Proposed Steamship Line.

San Diego, Cal., July 30.—W. A. Bissell says that the contract for the proposed steamship line between this city and Japan has been signed and the steamers will begin their trips about December 1.

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IT'S THE REGULAR THING

Saloon Holdups Are Getting to Be Epidemic.

NO CLUE TO THE LAST

It Will Take a Bullet Through the Black Masks to Put a Stop to It—Harris Asked Them to Have a Drink.

Men in black masks holding up saloons and roadhouses and burglarizing residences are getting to be a regular thing in Butte in the early hours of the morning, as regular as the incendiary fires were in Butte a few years ago. The police were diligently at work yesterday trying to trace the hold-up at the Copper State saloon, which was briefly recounted in yesterday's Standard, but have been unable to locate the highwaymen. There will have to be a bullet or two put through the black masks before the work is stopped, for thus far the highwaymen have been encouragingly successful.

According to the story of Samuel H. Harris, the bartender, the two men entered the saloon, located at No. 555 South Arizona street, a little after 2 o'clock. They entered the saloon from the Arizona street side in single file, each holding a gun in front of him with both hands. When within a few feet of Harris the man in the rear stepped out and both gave the command for him to throw up his hands. Harris dropped the paper he had been reading, and as he was several feet away from his gun, he complied with the demand. One man kept guard over him while the other went to the cash drawer, opened it and took the money, which consisted of \$61 in silver and a \$5 bill.

There were three checks in the drawer and he took one of them only. It was drawn on the Silver Bow National bank and was payable to Kener & Baker and signed by Edgar Dayton. It was for \$14.25. The second highwayman meanwhile asked Harris if he had anything in his pockets, and Harris said he was broke. He was not searched, and the third took his gold watch. Another gold watch which was in the cash drawer and had been left as security for a debt several weeks ago was also left behind.

After taking the money the robbers started for the door, walking backward still with their guns leveled at Harris. The latter, thinking that something might be gained by delay, said, laughingly: "Won't you have a drink before you go?"

One of the robbers paid no attention to the invitation, but the other said: "Hear what he says? Let's have a drink." The other hold-up then went behind the bar and took up an empty whiskey bottle. He had walked half way across the room before he noticed that it was empty. He returned and got another bottle. "Hurry up," called his companion, who had remained on guard at the saloon door.

The man after the whiskey found the second bottle empty also. He said: "Let the whiskey go to hell," and joined his companion. Both disappeared on Platinum street.

Harris at once aroused J. E. Ledford, the proprietor, who sleeps over in the saloon, and then notified police headquarters. Harris was unable to give much of a description of the robbers, but thinks he will be able to identify them if they are captured. Up to a late hour last night no suspect had been arrested.

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