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ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curly Told in This Column.

The citizens of Tehachapi are ready to negotiate for a waterworks.

The Cle-Elum, Wash., coal mines are working full time and are behind in orders.

A Minneapolis firm has had plans prepared for a large brewery to be built in Stockton.

The town of Bakersfield has voted by three to one to incorporate as a city of the fifth class.

Of the \$30,000 required for the new Phoenix, Arizona, opera house, the citizens have subscribed \$11,000.

A mysterious stranger giving the name of M. Johnson shot himself through the temple at Sonoma.

Port Blakeley, Wash., railroad last year hauled 160,000,000 feet of logs, product of the Simpson camp.

The Valley railroad has received its first installment of rails on the order for eight thousand tons.

The ladies of the reform association at Spokane, Wash., have organized a crusade against the gambling dens and dives.

G. L. Smith, a well-known business man of San Francisco, has committed suicide. Despondency was the cause that led to the act.

The newly-organized board of trade at Randsburg will send the Los Angeles chamber of commerce a suitable exhibit of their ores.

The Santa Monica Land and Water Company hopes soon to have the new compressed air system in operation and with it expect to increase the quantity 300 or 400 per cent.

The Colonia Improvement Company has incorporated at Ventura. Stock, \$150,000. Objects, to construct buildings, operate electric light plants, acquire water-rights, etc.

The shortage of hay around San Francisco is causing some alarm. The visible supply is given at 50,118 tons, as compared with 124,150 tons at the same time last year.

John F. Milner, who shot and killed S. J. Durrah at Snow Creek, near Banning, Cal., last September, over a dispute about a water right, was sentenced to six years in San Quentin.

The Burns hotel, at the entrance of the race track at Emeryville, was destroyed by fire recently. Forty lodgers escaped with little but their night clothes. Loss about \$3000.

In a game of football between the Marysville and Wheatland teams at Marysville, Clyde Maxwell of Wheatland had his back broken. His entire body was paralyzed, which resulted in his death.

Warehouses, No. 5 and 6 of the farmers' union at Stockton were destroyed by fire. Between 10,000 and 12,000 bushels of grain was burned. The loss of grain and buildings is estimated at \$300,000.

The legality of \$275,000 of Santa Cruz municipal bonds has been attacked on the ground that they were not sold to the highest bidder and that the proceeds were not paid into the city treasury as provided by law.

The new colony of the Salvation Army near Soledad has been named Romie. A meeting to promote the interests of the colony was held recently at Golden Gate hall, San Francisco, and was addressed by Commander Booth-Tucker, Rabbi Voorsanger and other speakers.

De Witt Gray, a young man formerly residing in Fresno, while on his way to the Klondike lost all his belongings in the rapids. His boat struck a snag and everything went to the bottom. Fortunately another boat was near and with the greatest difficulty it rescued him.

E. O. Stratton has resigned his office as Chairman of the Territorial Livestock Sanitary Commission, of Arizona, an action understood to have been founded upon his unsuccessful prosecution of Charles W. Pugh, former Secretary of the commission. No successor has been named by Governor McCord.

A man named Davis arrested at Ukiah on suspicion of being one of the highwaymen who attempted to hold up the northbound overland stage, has confessed, and implicates his brother, who will be arrested. At the time of the robbery the stage was being driven by Fred Miller, who lashed up his horses and escaped.

The Yukon Transportation and Commercial Company has been incorporated at San Francisco, articles being filed in the County Clerk's office. The incorporators are J. W. McDonald, W. F. Mills, J. A. Thompson, R. G. O'Brien, A. Altmyer, W. A. Richardson and Thomas Archer. The capital stock is \$750,000, of which \$5500 has been subscribed.

The report of the local branch of the mint at San Francisco shows an increase of the coinage for the year 1897 of nearly \$4,000,000, and the largest business, with the exception of two years, since the mint was established in 1854. The deposits for the year have been heavy, leaving \$4,000,000 of uncoined gold deposits in the mint at the close of the year's business.

The Government has instructed Dr. Hies, the quarantine officer for the port of San Francisco, through Past Assistant Surgeon Roseman, that hereafter he shall refuse permission to land the passengers or crew of any vessel crossing the quarantine line at this port without his consent, and to allow no pilot or master to leave a vessel until the quarantine official has been put on board.

George Sager, a bachelor living near

Dayton, Oregon, was murdered on his farm a few days ago. On his body were several wounds, and when found the body was in a sitting posture with a huge knife sticking in it. There is no clue to the murderer. There are evidences of a desperate struggle, showing that Sager fought hard for his life. No motive is known for the murder, as he was never known to have much money.

It is reiterated in Los Angeles that Chauncey Depew and other New York Central railroad men are interested in the little railroad which has been built from Kramer on the Atlantic and Pacific to Johannesburg. It is stated that the line will be extended to the borax mines, a distance of sixty miles, and also that it is likely to go fifty miles further and make a connection with D. O. Miller's Carson and Colorado railroad at Keeler.

The Pacific Steam Whaling Company of San Francisco has been awarded the contract of carrying the United States mails from Dyes to Unalaska. The steamer Excelsior will be put on the route, and will run at regular intervals during the spring and summer. The whaling company also intends in creating its steamers from cities between here, Copper River and Skagway, and intends, if possible, getting its full share of the Klondike travel.

The Oceanic Steamship Company will in the near future make a change in its schedule of steamers plying between San Francisco and Sydney and touching en route at Honolulu, Apia and Auckland. It is proposed to hereafter run fortnightly steamers between the port of San Francisco and the ports before mentioned. The Mariposa, which was to leave on March 23 will not leave on February 24th. The sailing days of all the vessels will also be changed so as to meet the proposed new schedule.

The trustees appointed by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst for the obtaining of an architectural plan of the buildings and grounds for the University of California have just completed their programme for an international competition open to the architects of the world, which is to be issued immediately. The competition will close July 1, 1898, when all plans must be deposited with the United States Consul at Antwerp, Belgium. A total sum of at least \$20,000 will be devoted to premiums for the best plans.

A bill appropriating \$250,000 for a public building at Tacoma, has passed the Senate.

President McKinley has signed the bill prohibiting pelagic sealing in Behring sea.

The report that Secretary of State Sherman will retire is again in circulation. The latest report makes Ambassador John Hay his probable successor.

The Naval Personnel bill, now before Congress, proposes to allow seamen the same pension and retirement privileges as are enjoyed by the privates in the army.

Assistant Postmaster General Heath is preparing an amendment to the appropriation bills empowering carriers in rural districts to receive cash and obtain money orders for patrons.

President McKinley is said to have abandoned the attempt to make Judge Paxson chairman of the inter-state commission on the seal of the United States.

Senator Cullom says recent affairs in China and the East have caused many senators who heretofore opposed Hawaiian annexation to now favor it. He thinks the treaty will be ratified.

Senator Orville H. Platt of Connecticut is slated for commissioner of insurance, a bill for the creation of which is now before congress. Samuel Fessenden will probably succeed Platt.

Representative Johnson of North Dakota has introduced a bill to repeal the law which has just gone into effect relative to pelagic sealing and the importation of sealskins taken by pelagic sealers.

Senator Mason will soon prepare and introduce a bill in the Senate providing for a special appropriation for a corn-meal exhibit at the Paris Exposition. He hopes by this means to second the efforts of our representatives in Europe in widening the markets for the abundant corn crop of the United States.

The Postoffice Department has prepared advertisements which will soon be issued inviting proposals for furnishing adhesive postage stamps for the Government for the four years beginning July next. The issues advertised for include the ordinary stamps, news and periodical stamps, postage due stamps and those for special delivery. The number required per year approximates three billion.

Private secretaries to postmasters will be one class of public servants now under civil service protection from whom the blanket will be withdrawn soon. There are now twenty-five cities in which the postmasters have secretaries and San Francisco is one of these. The fact that in any cities secretaries are on temporary appointment give rise to the belief that there would be a change, and it developed that this practically has been decided upon.

Among the questions which will engage early attention in the Senate are: The Hawaiian annexation question, the claim of Mr. Corbett to a seat in the Senate from Oregon, the immigrant and the financial question. The chances are that an early report on the Corbett case will be ordered, even though it may not be favorable. It is not believed that there will be any serious antagonism to the immigration bill, but there may be considerable time consumed in speeches on the subject.

The naval authorities have long regarded the provisions of existing laws relating to the administration of justice as defective, in that naval court-martials are not empowered to secure the attendance and testimony of civilian witnesses. It often happens that important facts are exclusively known by civilians and their testimony is required before almost every important naval court-martial. It rarely happens that witnesses can avoid so doing are willing to appear in such cases.

Secretary Long has submitted to the House Naval Committee a bill to remedy the defect without giving the courts undue authority.

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME.

Things That Have Happened all Over the Country

MENTIONED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS.

Selections That Will Greatly Interest Our Readers Both Old and Young.

The Windsor Grocery Company of Denver, Colorado, has assigned.

An advance of \$1 a ton for beams at Pittsburgh, Pa., has resulted from the formation of the beam pool.

The old fight between the Canadian Pacific and the American western roads over the question of differentials, has broken out again.

The business portion of Muchachook, a mining town of Iowa, was destroyed by fire, there being no water to fight it. Six business places were burned.

One thousand shirt ironers are on a strike for the abolition of piecework and the inauguration of a fifty-eight-hour week with a wage scale ranging from \$10 to \$12.

The United States has preferred damages to the extent of nearly \$30,000,000 against the government of Spain for losses sustained by American citizens in Cuba on account of the present war.

Eight million feet of lumber were burned on the docks of the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company at Crow Island eight miles below Saginaw, Mich., causing a loss of about \$120,000. The docks were destroyed.

Professor Melville Bell, the distinguished scientist and father of A. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and Mrs. H. G. Pillsley of Toronto were married at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York, recently.

Edwin Clifford, a former West Shore Railroad detective, has been sentenced in Jersey City, N. J., to be hanged February 16, for the murder of William Kitzon, a division superintendent of the West Shore road.

An engine and a caboose on the Chicago, Hammond & Western left the track while crossing a bridge over Salt creek, two miles north of Lagrange, Ill., and plunged into eight feet of water. Six men were injured.

Insurance Superintendent Van Cleave of Springfield, Ill., has decided that it is a violation of the law for an insurance company to print upon the back of its policy or upon its advertising matter any other than its corporate name.

The miners employed at the Green Mount, Richland and Schuerman mines, near Belleville, Ill., who stopped work a few days ago because of a dispute over the scales, have resumed, the disagreement having been fully adjusted.

At a home talent theatrical, given in a hall at Cedar Point, Kan., the flooring gave way, precipitating twenty people a distance of twenty feet. One man had a leg broken; another his ribs crushed, and about thirty others were scratched and bruised.

P. J. Mabry, agent of the Southern Express Company at Brunswick, Ga., who embezzled more than \$15,000 from the agency and escaped, has been captured about four miles from Savannah. Mabry was searched and \$15,000 was found on him. Mabry said he spent only \$1.55.

The owners of the cotton cloth and weaving mills in New Bedford, Mass., have voted to post notices of a 10 per cent reduction in wages to take effect January 1st. It is understood that the reduction will apply to all salaries. The cut down will affect nearly 10,000 employees.

It is reported that the notorious Black Jack's gang of outlaws has crossed the line from Mexico on route to Silver City, New Mexico, for the purpose of releasing the Southern Pacific train robbers captured recently near Stein's Pass. Deputy United States Marshals are on the lookout for the gang.

Mrs. Sarah McGowan was shot and killed at her home in Rankin, Pa., and her husband, Anthony McGowan, one of the wealthiest residents of the town is charged with her murder. After the murder McGowan was found locked in a bedroom, apparently asleep. He denied all knowledge of the crime, but was arrested.

Hereafter, the Western Union, of Aspen, Col., will obtain from the Associated Press or from some other source, and send out daily the New York spot cash silver quotations, for the benefit of all who want them. This is believed in Aspen to mean that Handy & Harmon have refused to furnish the cash quotations.

The New York Herald claims that the process of transmitting pictures by wire has been solved. It recently illustrated the report of the Shaw murder trial in Camden, New Jersey, by pictures transmitted by wire 15 miles. The device is one by which a prepared plate is traversed by an electric needle and a similar needle at the other end of the wire produces a tracing upon paper.

Leading Kentucky distillers have inaugurated a movement for a pool of the big stocks of past years. It is claimed that 500,000 barrels of whisky will be put into the pool. A committee on distribution will be employed. Some weeks ago the Secretary of the whisky firms at Cincinnati, St. Louis, Peoria, Chicago and other places are interested in the enterprise, which has not yet been perfectly arranged for operation.

The New York Sun's Washington special says: There is a little patch of land called Goat Island just inside the Golden Gate, over which the War Department has exercised authority for many years. It is now desired by the Navy for the location of a naval training station similar to that at Newport for the instruction of apprentices.

Some weeks ago the Secretary of the Navy asked the Secretary of War to relinquish the right to the island. Secretary Alger declines to turn over this land, and polite notes have been passing between the two departments.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Marquis Ito is forming a new Japanese Cabinet.

Green currants imported from Canada now come in free of duty.

Negotiations for an Anglo-Chinese loan are in progress in London.

J. H. Blumenthal & Co., clothiers of Montreal, Canada, have assigned. Liabilities, \$150,000.

The British government has ordered three Canadian Pacific steamships into commission, to transport troops.

The Spaniards believe that the fact that American correspondents are leaving Cuba indicates that the war is nearly over.

Advices from Persia to Berlin say that that country is on the brink of a revolution. The new Shah's rule has reduced the country to poverty.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle of London denies that Germany has any idea of purchasing the Danish West Indies.

A bellicose spirit has been revived in Norway by the establishment of great Swedish depot for war munitions at Ostund on the Norwegian frontier.

The representatives of the powers have refused to permit the Turkish Government to replace 4,500 time expired troops on the island of Crete.

Violent weather has been prevailing in the south of France and Spain. A cloudburst near Toulon has done much damage. A number of vessels have gone ashore.

The Empress of Germany, who has been suffering from influenza, has suffered a relapse. Dr. Zunker, her physician, is staying at the new palace in Berlin.

Herr Trojan, the editor of the Kladderatsch, of Berlin, the humorous weekly, will be prosecuted for lese majeste for ridiculing one of the Kaiser's addresses to the recruits.

Representatives of a Canadian and American company who visited Labrador, report that they have discovered rich deposits of gold ore which may equal the finds in the Klondike.

A fire recently destroyed the Queen's wharf and a large freight shed in Auckland, New Zealand. The loss, including a large quantity of goods on storage, is placed at a million dollars.

Gen. Blanco will take the field within the next fortnight, and proceed to eastern Cuba. During his absence from Havana, Senor Galvez, premier of the new colonial cabinet, will assume control.

The government of China has yielded to the demand of the German Embassy at Peking and has dismissed the commandant of the garrison at Tsao Chau because of insulting language addressed by him to German missionaries.

The British Government is pushing the work of modernizing the great fortifications at the Rock of Gibraltar with all speed, and not less than 5,000 Spanish workmen pass daily over the lines to aid them in their work on the fortifications.

It is said that the experts will testify that the City Hall in the town of London, Ontario, Canada, which fell and killed twenty people, was so constructed to be unsafe, and there is a prospect of a large number of damage suits against the town.

Another rebellion has broken out in Guatemala, led by Jose Leon Castillo, former president of the Guatemalan Congress, and fighting is now going on in the eastern part of the State. A number of congressional leaders are said to have joined the rebellion.

A dispatch from Guanajuato, Mexico, at San Antonio, Tex., says the San Pedro coal mine, near there, was suddenly flooded with water from an underground river, and that thirty-five miners were drowned. An expedition will be sent into the mine as soon as possible to recover the bodies.

An imperial Turkish trade says the projected contracts for guns intended for the Turkish navy shall be given to the Krupp, and that the contracts for the four proposed new Turkish ironclads be given to the Armstrongs. It appears doubtful, however, whether either guns or ships will be ordered in the near future.

There has been a fresh outbreak of plague, especially in the Mandrie District, India, where the inhabitants are seeking safety in flight. There were fifty-four new cases of plague and thirty-seven deaths from that disease in one day. The total plague returns from Bombay up to date are 14,257 cases and 11,852 deaths.

Count von Goetzen, military attaché of the German Embassy, was married to Mrs. Mary Stanley Lay at the Washington residence of the bride.

The circumstances that made another American counter-espionage performance by a justice of the peace, in accordance with the official custom of Germany, and later by Rev. Dr. Meusel of the German Lutheran Church.

The Novosti of St. Petersburg, Russia, publishes an article strongly urging a Russo-Japanese alliance as the best means of guaranteeing the mutual interests of the country and the maintenance of the political equilibrium. It is reported that this view is favored in Russian official circles, where it is felt that such an alliance would contribute to avert complications in the Far East.

In view of the Sultan of Turkey's evident intention to refuse payment of the indemnity for the destruction of the American missionary property in Turkey, pressure will be brought to have our government seize the Turkish port of Smyrna and hold it until the indemnity is paid. This, it is thought, would bring the Sultan to terms, as Austria brought her to terms a few weeks ago.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has submitted to Secretary Long a most exhaustive report upon the personnel of the Navy. He was charged, with a special board, to consider and report upon means to break up the present stagnation in promotions, to settle the standing differences between the line and the engineer corps and to devise a method for the betterment of the condition of the enlisted men aboard ship.

All of these things have been done in a bill, which is submitted to the Secretary for his approval, the features of which have already been sent out.

FOR THE FARMERS.

Some Interesting News for the Ruralist

SPOKEN OF IN THIS COLUMN.

A Few Sensible Hints to Suit the Busy Agriculturist.—Items That May Benefit our Readers.

Most Important of All.

While in my mind there is no doubt but that the display made by California in Hamburg will result in greatly stimulating the demand in Germany for such of our products as form the most conspicuous part of the exhibit, says J. A. Filcher, Secretary of the State Board of Trade, and while I believe a little additional missionary effort would spread this demand throughout northern and central Europe, yet I am convinced from my observations of the situation here and abroad that there is a work yet to be done on the part of Californians before they can reap the full benefit of the market which Europe affords.

In dealing with the Europeans we must be honest; we must so sort, pack and brand our goods that there can be no possible room for deception. They must have, full measure, an honest pack and goods that are chemically pure and true to sample.

Any California who would impose on the European market a single box of goods that does not fill these conditions is an enemy to his State.

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