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NEWS OF THREE STATES.

POINTS IN SEASON'S BUSINESS

Record of Crimes and Accidents, Together With a Summary of the Happenings in This Part of the Country—A Look All Around.

Fishermen at the Cowlitz river complain of a scarcity of smelt. Two thousand tons of 1897 crop of hay will be shipped from Palouse, Whitman county, this season.

A Whitman county man has started a new desiccator, which is producing 5000 pounds of evaporated potatoes daily. Two crews are employed and the plant is run the entire 24 hours.

About 8,000,000 eggs have been put in the troughs of the new fish hatchery on the White Salmon in Klickitat county.

Port Gamble's total foreign cargo shipments in December were 738,371 feet of lumber, 105,375 tons and 259,000 shingles. The total coastwise shipments were 1,746,984 feet of lumber, 529,400 tons and 29,500 shingles.

The Washington state fish commissioner, A. C. Little, is making an examination of the Des Chutes river at Tumwater with a view to putting in a fish ladder for which an appropriation of \$500 was made by the last legislature.

Fish Commissioner Little has been preparing his annual report of the fish and shellfish output of the state of Washington for the past year. His report will show the salmon pack of Puget sound as an increase of 312,361 in 1896, and 494,976 cases, against 312,361 in 1896, and an increase of 175,665 cases, or over 55 per cent.

A large panther was killed the other day near Ludlow by a farmer of that section and taken to Port Townsend. The animal succeeded in killing five of the countryman's cows before a bullet ended his career. Heavy snow and consequent scarcity of food in the mountains is driving the panthers into the valleys. But recently one was seen in the suburbs of Port Townsend.

The total indebtedness of the city of Montesano on December 31, 1897, was \$47,647.41. Since the city clerk's report was made, the county treasurer has remitted to the city \$1,738.94, amount of taxes collected during last quarter. This would reduce the debt to \$45,908.47. December 31, 1896, the debt was \$45,079.06; December 31, 1895, it was \$45,119.91.

WYOMING.
Total collections, \$141,199.20; disbursements, \$110,426.36. Receipts, state school fund, \$11,478.65; general, \$29,715.36; county bridge, \$11,617.36; county school, \$1074.75; special school, \$16,223.36.

Superintendent Brimhall of Thurston county is in receipt of numerous applications from country districts in Thurston county for teachers. Quite a number of the country districts of this county will have eight months of school, and almost none of them will stop short of six months of school for the year. The scarcity of teachers gives wages an upward tendency. Thurston county teachers have been teaching for an average of \$25 to \$30 per month in the country districts. The wages now offered range from \$30 to \$40 per month, says the Olympian.

Montana.
There are 122 dentists authorized to practice in Montana.

William F. Cody, better known the world over by the cognomen of Buffalo Bill, with a party of friends is en route for his ranch in the Big Horn basin.

The preliminary organization of the Flathead County Fruit Growers' Association has been effected at Kalispell, Mont. Twenty-three names were enrolled as members.

United States District Attorney Leslie has instituted in the United States court 14 suits against parties accused of illegally taking the public lands. Most of the suits brought are against parties living in Teton, Cascade and Chouteau counties.

A northern Montana wool growing firm that shipped a clip of about 64,000 pounds to Boston last July, has just received returns on the consignment. It sold for 18 1/2 cents in the original bags, netting the owners 15.10 cents, which is the best result yet reported in this vicinity.

Range cattle in the Milk river country are picking up, but need water badly. Ranch cattle that have been fed and watered are in splendid condition. Wolves and coyotes are still numerous on the range, and those who have hounds have had good sport killing these pests.

In an opinion addressed to Rev. George C. Stull of Billings, a Methodist minister of the gospel, Attorney General C. B. Nolan holds that all property of churches, except places of actual public worship, are subject to taxation. As such church property as parsonages has been considered exempt in almost every county in the state, the opinion is of decided interest, affecting as it does almost every church in Montana. In a conversation with Rev. Mr. Stull some time ago the attorney general expressed the opinion that such property as parsonages, where the pastor of a church resides, were exempt from taxes under the constitution of the state, but upon inquiring into the subject he found that all church property not actually used as places of worship is subject to state and county taxes, unless specially exempted by the constitution. The constitution of Montana makes no such provision.

Idaho.
An effort is being made to have Boise designated as one of the United States railway mail terminals.

Oscar and Ammi Joselyn, aged 10 and 12 years, sons of Muscular Joselyn, of the Sixteenth infantry land, Fort Sherman, were drowned Sunday while skating on the lake. Two other boys were through the ice with them, but were rescued.

There are now 187 patients in the insane asylum at B...

STATE HAS JURISDICTION.

HALF OF COLVILLE RESERVE.

Judge Hanford of the Federal Court No Decides in the Habeas Corpus Case of Antone Mischel, Now in Jail in This City—Land Has Been Restored to the Public Domain.

Seattle, Feb. 1.—The doubt hitherto existing as to whether criminal cases arising in what is known as the north half of the Colville Indian reservation, in this state, came under federal or state jurisdiction, has been settled by United States District Judge Hanford, who ordered Antone Mischel, an Indian accused of assaulting another Indian, released on a writ of habeas corpus and turned over to the sheriff of Stevens county.

The decision is of great importance to Stevens county. The department of the interior recently notified the county officials that the north half of the reservation was still a reservation, notwithstanding the fact that it was open to mineral entry, and that they had no control over it.

Judge Hanford holds that the land involved has been restored to the public domain, and the federal authorities have no jurisdiction over it.

Mischel is now in jail at Spokane for assault with intent to commit murder. The judge ordered that the accused be held five days, that the authorities of Stevens county might, if desired, proceed against the prisoner.

RETRIBUTION SWIFT TO COME.

Attack by Chinese Pirates Upon a European Settlement.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Associated Press dispatches from Vancouver on the 12th instant contained an account of an attack upon Chinese pirates upon the European settlement at Haiphong. The steamer Coptic, which arrived from the Orient today, brought full particulars of the murderous affair and the punishment meted out to those offenders who were captured.

The pirates first attacked the town of Haiphong at 8 o'clock on the night of December 15. It was fired in four quarters simultaneously and half of this provincial capital has been destroyed.

The resident and his family and European officials were compelled to abandon their residences during the sortie, when the troops took shelter in the forts. The force was too small to admit of meeting the pirates, who were armed with rifles, in the open. At Wai Phu Ninh Giann there were no casualties among the Europeans, but considerable damage was done to the town. About 3 o'clock on the morning of December 16 several hundred Annamites crossed the river Lachtray in small bands and converged upon Haiphong. Shortly afterward several fire started in the European and native quarters on the outskirts of the town. Reports of firearms were heard in every direction, and a constable ran to the barracks and gave the alarm. Meanwhile another band, about 150 strong, attacked the village of Ambir. This was headed by an old man who marched in the center of four standards which bore the inscription: "Obey the order of heaven; destroy the Europeans; exterminate the dynasty of Yui-Nen and Mac."

About 4 o'clock a company of French troops in two divisions turned out and charged the rear guard of the pirates with fixed bayonets. Fifteen of the pirates were killed and several more wounded and taken to a hospital.

In the meantime the pirates had entered the house of A. R. Marty and killed his bookkeeper, M. Gauthier, after horribly mutilating him. His seven-year-old child also disappeared. They then attacked M. Dulce, clerk for the Fausse Mining Company, and left him for dead. He was taken to the hospital, however, and may recover.

On the following Saturday 10 of the captured pirates were executed upon the spot where M. Gauthier was assassinated, and after the execution the heads of the pirates were placed upon stakes and set up in front of the house. About 200 Europeans and 500 natives witnessed the execution.

DAMAGE BY HEAT AND FIRE.

Sus's Rays Striking Down People and Devastating Crops.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 2.—The steamer Warrimoo has just arrived from Australia, bringing news of the most appalling climatic conditions prevailing in many sections of Australia. Prostrations from heat are so numerous that the condition of affairs in large cities was alarming. In many instances work is out of the question and sleep impossible.

Telegrams show the same conditions prevail all over the colony. The thermometer during the day averages about 124 in the shade. In the sun it is 160.

News comes from all parts of Australia of destruction by flames. It would appear from press reports that the total damage will amount to millions of pounds.

In Victoria colony 100,000 acres had been swept clean and enormous crops destroyed. In other colonies houses and barns were burned.

MAYHEM AND ROBBERY.

Old Man Tortured and Maimed Until He Gave Up His Few Dollars.

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 1.—Two masked men broke into the residence of Louis A. Stanwood, a recluse near Harvey, and tortured him by sticking a knife into his limbs and burning off his whiskers until he gave up all the money he had, amounting to but a few dollars.

They next visited the home of John Hensley and robbed him, stopped J. C. McGarlan on the road, robbed him of his money, and were going to a fourth place when scared off.

Luther Weaver and Will Henderson, sons of prominent farmers, were arrested later, charged with the crime, which in this territory is punishable by imprisonment for life.

Veteran French Actor Dead.

Paris, Jan. 28.—M. Paul Felix Taillade, the well known and veteran French actor, is dead.

FARM CROPS FOR LAST YEAR.

Final Estimates of Acreage, Yield and Value.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The final estimates of acreage production and value of crops in the United States for 1897, as made by the statistician of the department of agriculture, are:

Wheat—39,465,066 acres, 530,149,163 bushels; value, \$428,547,121.

Oats—25,730,375 acres, 698,707,809 bushels; value, \$147,974,719.

Rye—1,703,561 acres, 27,373,324 bushels; value, \$12,230,647.

Barley—2,719,116 acres, 66,885,127 bushels; value, \$5,514,139.

Buckwheat—717,836 acres, 14,997,451 bushels; value, \$6,319,188.

Statutes—2,534,577 acres, 164,015,964 bushels; value, \$79,643,659.

Hay—42,428,770 acres, 60,664,876 tons; value, \$401,390,728.

Detailed information of states will be issued in printed form in a few days. The revision of the estimates of the acreage of winter wheat and rye for the present season is nearing completion.

TO TEST BLAND-ALLISON ACT.

A Remarkable Suit Instituted at Detroit.

Detroit, Feb. 1.—A friendly suit in chancery was begun yesterday in the circuit court at Pontiac to determine the constitutionality of the Bland-Allison silver act of 1878.

Stephen Baldwin, a Detroit capitalist, purchased some land upon which there is a mortgage held by Fred A. Baker, chairman of the democratic state central committee. Mr. Baldwin tendered 364 silver dollars in payment of the amount due to the mortgagee. Mr. Baker declined to accept silver dollars unless enough of them were tendered to equal the debt at the present bullion value of silver.

Accordingly suit was begun to obtain a decree compelling Chairman Baker to cancel the mortgage and accept the tender made. Ex-Congressman Timothy E. Tarsney is the complainant's attorney, and all the parties are prominent silver men, and will carry the case to the United States supreme court in an event.

ADVERSE TO HENRY CORBETT.

Report of the Senate Committee on a Claim to Oregon's Seat.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The report of the majority of the senate committee on privileges and elections in the Corbett case has been presented to the senate by Senator Caffery. The commissioner recommended that Mr. Corbett be not given a seat in the senate. The Oregon legislature, the report says, deliberately refused to perform any of the functions with which it was charged, one of the most important being the election of a successor to Senator Mitchell, and the precedents are against the seating of an appointee when the legislature has had an opportunity to elect. Senator Pettus concurred in the report of the majority, but files a separate view.

THROWN AT HAVANA'S MAYOR.

Released Prisoner Makes an Ineffectual Attempt to Do Damage.

Havana, Feb. 1.—About midnight Sunday a man named Louis Corolazo, who recently returned to Cuba from African prisons, exploded a bomb at the private residence of the mayor of Havana. The noise of the explosion was heard throughout Havana, although the scene of the explosion was Jesus del Monte. The door was broken and a large hole was made in the house. Those inhabiting the neighboring houses were panic-stricken. The man was captured while attempting to escape.

FORFEITED NEZ PERCE LAND.

Treasurer of the County Wants It Resold.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 27.—Dr. J. B. Morris, treasurer of Nez Perce county, is here to confer with the state land board respecting lands that are to be forfeited, purchasers not having kept up their payments. It has been the policy of the board to lease such lands. Dr. Morris is anxious to have those in his county resold. He suggests that the amount of the first payment be raised from 10 to 20 per cent. The board had the matter under consideration today, but no action was taken.

HON. ELWOOD EVANS IS DEAD.

Oldest Practicing Lawyer in the State of Washington.

Tacoma, Jan. 29.—Hon. Elwood Evans, the oldest practicing lawyer in this state, dropped dead from heart disease on the street at noon yesterday. He was 70 years of age, and came to the sound country in 1851 as a deputy collector of customs. In 1862 he was secretary of the territory, and during 1865-66 was acting governor during the absence of Governor Pickens and Cole.

The Chilkoot Tramway.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Commissioner Hermann of the general land office has reported adversely on the bill introduced in congress granting certain tramway and other privileges over the Chilkoot pass, Alaska, to a company organized to conduct such operations there. He points out that a bill regulating generally such matters is now pending in congress, whose enactment will open a way for corporations desiring such privileges to obtain them in a regular manner.

Internal Revenue Collections.

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Howard Fraction Ore.

A shipment of ore made last week from Howard Fraction, in the Sloan lead, which the British-Canadian Gold and Silver Mining Co. control to the Nel-

SINKING OF ALASKA STEAMER.

NEAR THE SKEENA RIVER.

At-ki Went to the Rescue—Passengers to the Number of Two Hundred and Forty Five Will Be Brought Back to Seattle—Cargo a Total Loss.

Nanaimo B. C., Jan. 29.—The steamer Danube arrived at Departure bay late last evening, bringing down news of the wreck of the steamer Corona, with 245 passengers aboard. The Corona struck a rock near the mouth of the Skeena river and at once commenced to sink. Lifeboats were lowered and the passengers were conveyed to the beach of the Skeena river. The steamer At-ki went to the rescue. She is now on her way south with the unfortunate goldseekers. The Corona struck the rock on Tuesday morning about 10, and is now lying with stern submerged. It is feared that the Corona will prove a total wreck and the whole of her cargo will be lost.

It is also reported that the Union Steamship Company's steamer Cogitator was wrecked on the Skeena river. Particulars of this wreck were not obtained from the passengers of the Danube.

POSTMASTER KIPPEN KILLED.

Old Trouble Over Land in the Nez Perce Reservation.

Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 31.—D. A. Kippen, postmaster at Kippen, a prominent citizen of the reservation district, was killed Friday by Joseph Morangue, county surveyor of Nez Perce county, at the latter's home on the reservation.

Morangue, accompanied by two men, came here and surrendered himself into the custody of Sheriff Barton. When surrendering himself he made but a brief statement of the affair and the details of the tragedy will not be known until the findings of the coroner's jury are made public.

From information at hand, however, it appears that the men had not been on friendly terms for some time, owing to unsatisfactory business relations. Morangue owns a homestead near the station house conducted by Kippen, and the latter had plowed and cultivated the land with the understanding that he could secure a lease from the owner. Morangue subsequently discovered that if he leased his homestead he would lose his rights, and so explained the case to Kippen. The matter resulted in bitter feelings between the men and was finally temporarily settled by Morangue giving his note to Kippen for the amount of labor performed, with the understanding that if possible Kippen would be given a lease of the land in future. The matter was in had condition three weeks ago, when Morangue came to Lewiston in attendance on the session of the county commissioners. Morangue completed his labor here and reached his homestead Friday about 11 o'clock, when the tragedy happened.

His brief statement of the affair is to the effect that when he reached his home Kippen was there, and the land difficulty was immediately the subject of a spirited discussion. Morangue reported that while in Lewiston he secured legal advice and could not lose his homestead, when Kippen assumed a threatening attitude and stated that he would compel him to sign a lease. Morangue then drew a revolver and fired several shots at Kippen. The latter fell across the threshold of the door and expired almost instantly.

Losses by Fierce Flames.
Magnificent Church and Chapel in Montreal Ruined.
Montreal, Jan. 29.—Fire was discovered in the chapel adjoining the magnificent parish church of St. John the Baptist, in the northern portion of the city, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. A general alarm was turned in, but before the firemen arrived in force the flames had gained access to the church. The chapel and church were practically ruined. The loss will reach \$250,000.

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Ewart Building, Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Fire last night partially destroyed the Ewart building, Nos. 11 to 23 Jefferson street, entailing a loss of \$200,000. The flames broke out within a few moments after the 500 employees of the various tenants of the building had left the structure at the completion of their day's work. The building damaged to the extent of \$75,000, balance of the loss is divided among a number of concerns occupying the building.

THE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY.

Telegrams and Callers Poured into the Executive Mansion.

Washington, Jan. 30.—President McKinley celebrated his first birthday in the White house yesterday. The chief executive of the nation is 55 years of age. Telegrams of congratulation poured into the executive mansion all the morning, and probably the only sorrowful recollections of the day were occasioned by the fact that he could no longer, as he had done for many years past, spend the afternoon and dine with his venerable mother.

President McKinley is about the average age among presidents in the first year of their inaugurations. William Henry Harrison became president at 68, Buchanan at 66, Taylor at 65, Adams and Jackson at 61, Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, the Virginia presidents, each 57, Johnson 56, Benjamin Harrison 55, Van Buren, Hayes and McKinley 54, Lincoln 52, Tyler 51, Fillmore and Arthur, the New York presidents, 50, Polk and Garfield 49, Pierce 48, Cleveland 47 and Grant 46.

All the members of the cabinet called at the White house in the morning and presented their congratulations, and the ambassadors followed suit. Mrs. McKinley was radiantly happy and received many callers.

Bond for Alaska.
New York, Feb. 2.—The pilot schooner Aetna has sailed from Brooklyn for Alaska with a family party of gold seekers aboard. The party will consist of Charles C. McCarthy and Frank C. McCarthy of Brooklyn, their cousin, William McCarthy of Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. Frank McCarthy and her 3-month-old baby, Conserva Polaris M. McCarthy; Miss Cora Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Platser.

Attorney General Disbarred.
Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 29.—Attorney General Hendricks has been disbarred from practicing in the circuit court of Franklin county. The order was due to an insufficient response to a rule issued against Hendricks requiring him to pay into the court the sum of \$1300 collected by him for the state during his term as attorney general.

Tunnel Fire.
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—The Fairview tunnel through the mountains at Johnson's canyon, near Williams, Ariz., is again on fire, and the officials of the Santa Fe fear that they may be compelled to abandon the tunnel, as they are at a loss to devise means to extinguish the flames.

President Diaz Coming.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—A special from the City of Mexico says: President Diaz is preparing to make a visit to the United States. His itinerary is not yet completed, but he will visit all the principal cities, including St. Louis (Chicago and Washington), and the Pacific coast.

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