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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

### BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Current Week.

Deep mystery surrounds the death of Isaac Hoffman, of a prominent firm of San Francisco clothiers. He was found dead with two bullet holes in his head in his office. Foul play is suspected.

Frank Castle, accused of murdering John Beck at a mask ball at Cleveland, in Kikikat county, Wash., has been acquitted after a trial lasting five days. Self-defense was the plea. The case cost Kikikat county more than \$1,000.

Five children were burned to death in the residence of J. H. White in Waleh, W. Va. The ages of the children ranged from 4 to 12 years. The children had retired when the fire was started. White and his wife were away on a visit. Enemies of the family are believed to have fired the house.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury, at the close of business on May 29, 1897, was \$996,654,052, a decrease for the month of \$1,500,000, which is principally accounted for by an increase of over \$2,000,000 in cash in the treasury. The debt, independent of the cash, was increased during the month by \$463,215.

The director of the mint has about completed his figures of the gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1896. He finds the production of gold to have been about \$53,000,000, an increase of over \$6,500,000 as compared with 1895. The production of silver is given as 57,200,000 fine ounces, an increase of 1,200,000 ounces over 1895.

Clas Spreckles has commenced suit in San Francisco to recover \$1,000,000 damages from William R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, for alleged libel. The matter complained of was contained in an article commenting upon the recent visit of John E. Searies to that city, and an alleged deal, by which the Salinas and Watsonville sugar factories passed into the hands of combine.

Senator Pettigrew has introduced in congress a bill to provide for the submission to a popular vote at the congressional election of 1898 of the following questions: Shall congress at once enact a law providing for the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1? Shall the constitution of the United States be so amended as to provide for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people? It is made the duty of the secretary of each state to forward the result of the vote to the president, who is required to transmit the statements to congress.

Major-General Nelson A. Miles has arrived at Lamia, visited the Greeks and subsequently lunched with Crown Prince Constantine.

C. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific, is reported to have bought out the entire townsite of Flavel, near the mouth of the Columbia.

The coffee crop of Brazil this year is estimated at 9,000,000 bags. The government will have to give warrants upon the coffee stock for pressing expenses.

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo telegraphs that the chamber has authorized the Colonial railway to issue debenture bonds to the value of \$400,000 for construction expenses.

From a Russian source comes news of a conspiracy against King George far more deeply rooted than was supposed. There is indubitable evidence that Premier Ralli and his colleagues in the cabinet are gravely implicated in a plot to overthrow the dynasty.

The sultan's show of resistance to the powers is generally attributed to German backing, but it is also rumored that negotiations between Turkey and Russia have been proceeding this month relative to the portion of Asia Minor, including Rizeh, in the southeast corner of the Black sea, and the territory up the Joruk river.

Governor Budd, of California, has decided not to interfere in the death sentences of Theodore Durrant and Salter D. Worden. The former was convicted of the murder of Blanche Lambert at Emmanuel Baptist church, and Worden was found guilty of wrecking a train during the A. R. U. strike three years ago, when Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers were killed.

The policy of the postoffice department as to the appointment of minors in the postoffice has been definitely fixed, and they will be debarred from chief clerkships and deputy postmasterships, except in a few of the third-class offices, where circumstances urge their peculiar fitness. Even then they will not be allowed to become acting postmasters, on account of the legal declaration that contracts made by minors are voidable.

The plague of beri-beri continues to ravage the province of Santiago de Cuba. There are municipal doctors who infamously allow hundreds of people to die without offering them the slightest assistance.

The revolt of the striking convicts at San Quentin, Cal., has been finally quelled. While threats of bullets had apparently no effect on the mutineers, a four-inch stream of water from the fire hose had the effect of completely subduing the most refractory.

## MURDERED AND CREMATED.

Young Illinois Farmer Falls a Victim to Thieves.

Sterling, Ill., June 4.—Robbed, murdered and cremated.

That tells the awful fate of George Kauffman. He stood guard over his father's granary to protect it from thieves, who killed him at his post and sought to wipe out the evidence of their fiendish cruelty with fire. Today all that remains of him is a corpse with its throat cut, its skull crushed and its head bullet-pierced, a charred lump of flesh. There is no clew to the murderers who committed the crime, but bloodhounds are on the trail.

George Kauffman was the son of Tobias Kauffman, a prosperous farmer, living about five miles north of Sterling. He was 22 years old. Farmer Kauffman has two dwelling-houses with about a quarter of a mile between them. He left his old home for his present dwelling a year ago, but used some of the buildings at the former residence.

Lately Kauffman discovered that thieves were raiding his granary, located near the old residence. He asked his son George to take up his night quarters in the deserted home and watch for the plunderers. George Kauffman began his vigils two weeks ago. He was unsuccessful and regularly went to the other house for his breakfast. Tuesday morning he did not come in at the usual hour. The family waited some time without concern. Then his father became alarmed and started for the old house, accompanied by the hired man. They went to the house, but there was no trace of the young man.

They scented the strawstack, which had been nearly burned down and was still smoking. They were horrified to find on top of the smoking straw the body of young Kauffman, burned to a crisp. The victim had been clubbed and his skull crushed. His throat had been cut and the head nearly severed from the body. A bullet hole showed that the murderer had shot the young man.

Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but so far without success. The surrounding country is intensely stirred up over the crime, and friends of the young man are demanding vengeance at the end of a rope, without the quibbles and delays of the law.

## EXECUTION OF DURRANT.

Warden Hale Will Issue Two Hundred Invitations.

San Francisco, June 4.—There will be 200 invitations issued for the execution of Durrant. Warden Hale has fixed 10:30 A. M. as the hour of execution. Twenty-five medical men will be permitted to witness the execution. At the request of his attorneys Durrant yesterday made a formal demand for release, claiming to be unjustly imprisoned. This will be part of the appeal to the supreme court, and is to cover the point which might be made that by failing to protest and demand his release he had lost the right to complain.

The appeal raises a point which, according to the statement of Durrant's counsel, has never been raised in this state and must be decided before Durrant can be hanged. The contention is that Judge Bahrs inflicted two penalties—imprisonment and death—while the law says one or the other. Counsel will hold that Durrant's life in San Quentin is not detention, but imprisonment; that the position of the attorney-general is untenable, as life in the county jail carries with it no shaving, stripes and no indignity other than detention.

Durrant's first effort to gain a respite by appealing to the federal courts has failed, United States Circuit Judge Gilbert having refused today to issue a writ of habeas corpus, for which his attorney applied.

## BAD FOR THE CROPS.

A Killing Frost in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

Chicago, June 3.—Heavy frosts occurred the past two mornings over the Northwest. Snow and freezing weather are reported from Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, with much damage to vegetables and small fruit.

The Wisconsin strawberry crop may be a total loss. Tobacco in Southern Wisconsin is reported slightly injured and in Northern Illinois badly damaged. Corn in Northern and Central Illinois is reported to be cut down by the frost. Ice formed at many points in this section. Potatoes were killed at some points and must be replanted.

Iowa reports indicate considerable damage to corn, potatoes and fruits. Southern Michigan and Northern Illinois also report much injury by frost. Dispatches from St. Paul say reports from 100 points in Western Minnesota indicate that last night's frost was the most severe in many years. Ice formed in several localities. The weather was cloudy in Northern Minnesota and Northern Dakota and the result was not disastrous. In southwestern Minnesota all the strawberry crop just coming to the berry is a complete loss. The reports agree in saying that corn is also probably completely ruined. Flax and barley are damaged, how seriously may not be known for a week. Wheat being a much hardier plant, the frost has been a good thing for it, as it had a good chance to root firmly and spread.

Pisa, Italy, June 1.—The official report of the disaster at the cathedral yesterday upon the occasion of the unveiling of an image of the Virgin, when a candle fell, setting fire to the building and causing a panic, shows that nine persons were killed and 21 others seriously injured. Most of the victims are women, and all of them residents of Pisa.

Germany is doing her best to divert the emigration of her subjects from this country.

## THE TRADE CONGRESS

International Conference Is Opened in Philadelphia.

### MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

Mexico and South American States Well Represented—An Address by President McKinley.

Philadelphia, June 4.—The international commercial conference, which had its inception in the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, under the auspices of which institution the conference was held, was formally opened this afternoon at the Academy of Music with an address by President McKinley. Mayor Warwick extended a cordial welcome to the delegations and to the distinguished officials of this and other countries who honored the occasion with their presence. He closed by introducing President McKinley, who, when he stepped forward on the platform, was given a tremendous ovation. When quiet had been restored, the president said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: To have assembled the representatives of great commercial interests at home and abroad is so unprecedented as to make this a most memorable event. Representatives here unite in testifying to the importance attached to this undertaking. No ordinary object could have produced such an industrial convention. The interstate and international interests and courts have contributed to its success, but nothing less than deep convictions in the minds of the people represented that the movement here begun will effect permanent gains in their commercial relations can account for its wide and distinguished character. No wrothier cause can engage our energies at this hour. It is a most praiseworthy purpose—the extension of trade to be followed by wider and better fields of employment and easier conditions for the masses.

"The movement is inaugurated on broad and progressive lines. The distinguished body of gentlemen who planned this organization have grasped great economic truths and are prepared to pursue them to a successful conclusion.

"One international industrial undertaking prepares the way for another. A great exhibit like this is an education and an inspiration. It broadens the ideas of the people, strengthens their confidence, promotes the spirit of friendly co-operation and rivalry, awakens commendable ambition and encourages effort in the utilization of all the forces and processes of production. A spirit of friendly and mutually advantageous interchange and co-operation has been exemplified, which is in itself an inspiring help, not only to trade and commerce, but to international comity and good will.

"It is not too much to say that a movement of this kind is, in its general scope, national—aye, more than that—international in character, and I predict that its success will surprise even its most enthusiastic friends and founders.

"I assure the promoters of this enterprise of the deep interest of this government and the people in its success. I congratulate the citizens of Philadelphia that to them has been entrusted the care and completion of this great work. Philadelphia contributed immeasurably to the triumph of liberty, and will now aid in the triumph of labor. May God's blessing rest upon this worthy enterprise and upon those who shall labor for its welfare. I now declare the conference formally opened."

A pretty incident followed the president's speech. When he concluded, Mayor Warwick stepped forward and introduced to the audience "the leading lady of the land, who had, with the president, favored Philadelphia with her presence today."

Mrs. McKinley remained seated, and graciously bowed her acknowledgments of the unexpected compliment. After a few more speeches the meeting was adjourned.

### The Metal Schedule.

Washington, June 4.—The senate today made greater progress on the tariff bill than on any day since the debate opened, completing more than half of the important metal schedule. The speaking was by the Democratic senators, the Republicans taking no part in the debate, except at rare intervals to answer questions which would expedite the advance of the bill. Jones of Arkansas and Vest urged numerous amendments, embodying in the main the Wilson rates, but these were rejected, with one exception. This exception relates to rails, on which Vest secured a reduction from 3 to 1½ cents per pound. It was the first change made without the assent of the committee, and was due mainly to the listless manner of many senators in voting.

In the morning Tillman secured the adoption of a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the recent decisions against the South Carolina dispensary law, with a view to reporting such legislation as might be desirable.

An Omaha Bank Failure.

Omaha, June 3.—A special to the Bee from Lincoln, Neb., says the Merchants' bank closed its doors at noon. No statement was given out. The bank had a capital of \$50,000.

### Remorse at Last.

Omaha, June 3.—When Henry Thomas, watchman for the Pacific Express Company, at the main office in Omaha, shot himself Saturday night, he left a note, giving rise to the belief that he had taken a package of bills amounting to \$8,900 from the office. Nearly two years ago the robbery occurred. The money was found in the barn. Thomas referred to in his note. He had never been suspected in connection with the robbery.

Certain female insects live 64 times as long as the male. The females of bees and ants are longer lived than the males.

## MANY ITEMS COVERED.

Senate Reaches the Metal Schedule on the Tariff Bill.

Washington, June 3.—The senate made good progress on the tariff bill today, advancing to the important metal schedule. During the day the paragraphs covering marble and stone, china, glass, brick and tiles were completed, with a few minor exceptions. Messrs. Vest and Jones of Arkansas in behalf of the minority of the finance committee, proposed numerous amendments, which were defeated by majorities of 8 to 14. The votes were on party lines in the main, although Messrs. Rawlins and White, Democrats, voted with the Republicans to increase the rate on onyx, and McHenry voted with the Republicans against Jones' proposition for a reduction of the rates on china.

As a sequel to the recent sensational speech of Tillman, Smith rose to a question of personal privilege while the tariff debate was proceeding, and made a brief but pointed denial of any speculation in sugar stock, either recently or at any time when sugar was the subject of legislation. Tillman was among those who heard the denial, but he made no comment on it.

Molaurin was sworn early in the day, raising the membership of the senate to 89.

Washington, June 3.—There was a lively session of the house today, at which the policy of Speaker Reed and the Republican majority was again made the subject of attack by members of the minority. Richardson and Simpson led the onslaught of the minority. The majority position was ably defended by Henederson and Grosvenor. The appeal of Lewis, taken last Thursday, from the decision of the chair, that a resolution relating to foreign affairs did not constitute a question of privilege, was laid on the table, and after the skirmish over the methods of procedure, three special orders were successively adopted, by two of which the senate bills making a special appropriation for the government printing office, and for granting the secretary of the navy authority to contract with any two vessels to carry supplies to India, were passed. The other provided for the consideration of the Frye bill, to prevent collisions upon harbors, rivers and inland waters of the United States connected with the ocean, but Payne, in charge of the latter bill, was forced to abandon it for the day to avoid the point of no quorum.

The conference report on the sundry civil bill was adopted. The compromise relative to the revocation of President Cleveland's forest reservation order excited some comment. Loud objected to one feature of the compromise, but the opposition was not carried to the point of division.

## DEVASTATION OF CUBA.

Weyler Extends His Decree to the Eastern Part of the Island.

Havana, June 3.—A decree issued by Captain-General Weyler, dated Sancti Spiritus, May 27, was published here today. He announces the approaching commencement of military operations in the eastern part of the island and orders the enforcement of the provisions of his decree of January in the provinces of Pinar and Santa Clara, the closing of stores in unfortified towns, and the concentration of the country people and the destruction of all resources which are undefended, as was done in the other provinces. The captain-general gives the people of those two provinces one month in which to comply with the terms of the decree.

### Fillbuster Dauntless Seized.

Washington, June 3.—The secretary of the treasury has received a telegram from Inspector Hampton, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., stating that he boarded the steamer Piscoyne on New river inlet yesterday, while she was transferring arms and ammunition to the Dauntless, and that he was knocked down, disarmed and driven off. The telegram was referred to the attorney-general for such action as the gravity of the occurrence may warrant.

Department officials say they have no doubt the Dauntless had just returned from a successful landing in Cuba of munitions of war, and her capture is regarded as highly important. The persons who maltreated Inspector Hampton will be rigorously prosecuted.

### May Have Been Hypnotized.

San Francisco, June 3.—A young woman known among her friends by the name of Henrietta, for several years in the service of the family of Louis F. Montague, of this city, has mysteriously disappeared. It is supposed that she is now in the neighborhood of San Mateo. The young woman was supposed to be the victim of hypnotic influences, and detectives were employed to find out if there was any crime being committed in the matter, and to locate if possible the criminals. Dr. A. A. d'Acosta attended the young woman, and Mayor Phelan is said to have taken interest in her case. She is well spoken of by her friends and her disappearance is causing them much concern.

### Foul Play Suspected.

Grangeville, Idaho, June 3.—A man of the name of Culbertson was found dead at the Warren Warm Springs, on the 23d of May. The men with him buried the body and acted in a suspicious manner. Foul play is suspected, and the coroner has exhumed the body. An inquest will be held. On the body were found checks from a Colorado bank.

### Crop Prospects Good in Whitman.

Colfax, Wash., June 3.—The general crop prospects around Colfax are good. The grasshoppers have done no harm, except to gardens, in a few spots. Throughout the county an unusual fruit yield, especially of berries, is promised. The strawberry crop is the largest ever known. The market is flooded with berries at \$1.25 a crate, the lowest price at which they have ever been sold here.

## ALMIGHTY VOICE DEAD

Himself and Fellow Outlaws Killed at Bay-in-Bluff.

### VOLUNTEERS DID THE WORK

Indians Were Riddled With Bullets by Their Retreat—Bodies of White Victims Recovered.

Winnipeg, June 3.—Fear of a repetition of the trouble of 1885 has been renewed by the shooting of the remaining Indians at Bay-in-Bluff, near Duck Lake. The trouble was small in itself, but it was feared that if Almighty Voice, the Indian outlaw and murderer, and his companions escaped to their hands the fire would spread. People all over the Dominion, therefore, feel greatly relieved.

Superintendent Getnon returned to Prince Albert from Manichias hills last night with the police and volunteers, bringing the bodies of Corporal Hocken and Constable Kerr. A coroner's inquest was held and Hocken and Kerr were buried with military honors today.

The volunteers from here arrived at the bluff Saturday night under command of James McKay and took a position around the bluff. The Prince Albert gun began work about 7 o'clock the next morning, and was answered by a shot and some taunting yells from Almighty Voice. Twenty-five police from Regina under command of Inspector McDonnell came up, bringing with them a nine-pounder gun and commenced to shell the bluff, keeping up a fire for about two hours, during which time the bluff was very much cut up. The Indians not returning the fire, the shelling was stopped at 11 A. M.

After a consultation among the officers a general charge was ordered, the volunteers keeping up a continuous fire as they charged. When they arrived at the rifle pits, they found all the Indians had been shot. Almighty Voice was literally riddled with bullets, and the others were mortally wounded in several places.

Police Constable Kerr and Mr. Grundy's body were found 125 yards from the pits with shots in several places on their heads and bodies. They were stripped of their clothing, which was found on the bodies of the Indians. After the bodies of the Indians had been identified they were buried where they fell. The remains of the murdered police were taken to Prince Albert, and those of Mr. Grundy to Duck Lake. Indian John, Almighty Voice's father, who was caught while conveying ammunition, will be brought to Prince Albert as soon as possible.

Captain Allan, Sergeant Rapan and Surgeon Venn, who are wounded, are progressing favorably. It is thought by many that if it was not for the police, a second edition of the trouble of 1885 might have developed.

### A Photographic Discovery.

New York, June 3.—William A. Eddy has just taken the first double photograph in midair that has ever been seen. He did this with special apparatus after a year's study. By his invention it will be possible to take from midair a perfect photograph of the entire horizon line. With such an apparatus Eddy claims that a photograph can be taken at sea which will show a ship approaching when it is ten miles beyond the horizon line, as seen from a ship's deck. The inventor is confident his apparatus can be used to great advantage during war. The photographs today were taken with two cameras, but it is proposed to arrange this so they will photograph the whole horizon at once.

### Steamers Not Liable.

Cleveland, June 3.—After being bitterly fought step by step through the courts for nearly a score of years, a decision has been handed down in the court of last resort, the supreme court, in the case of the owners of the barges Eldorado, George W. Wesley and Bay City against the owners of the steamer J. B. Donaldson. The court held that when a steamer is compelled to desert her tow in a storm for self-preservation she cannot be held liable for any general average loss sustained by the tow.

This establishes a valuable precedent and the case has attracted widespread attention. It has attained a national repute.

### Took Deadly Carbolic Acid.

Los Angeles, June 3.—Miss Lottie Vieto, daughter of well-known and prosperous parents, took a dose of carbolic acid this morning and is not expected to live. The theory of suicide is denied by her parents, who say the girl mistook the poison for a toothache remedy. She is a handsome young lady, and a leader of society on the East Side.

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## A CRISIS IS NEAR.

President McKinley Will Demand Reparation for Ruiz Outrage.

New York, June 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: From now until June 10, when he will start on his trip to attend the Nashville exposition. President McKinley's attention will be devoted almost exclusively to the Cuban question. Important developments may be looked for within that period. A new minister to Spain and probably a new consul-general to Havana will be appointed, the report of Special Commissioner Calhoun considered, and a formal note to Spain drafted and placed in the hands of the new minister for delivery upon his arrival in Madrid.

Mr. Calhoun is expected in Washington on Sunday next. By that time the president expects to announce the new minister to Spain, and to have practically formulated his instructions both in regard to the offer of mediation which is to be made, and a demand for reparation for the Ruiz outrage. The understanding is that the report of Consul-General Lee on the Ruiz investigation is now in the mails and will be in the hands of the state department before Mr. Calhoun arrives.

The president, of course, desires to have a talk with Mr. Calhoun, but the private communications received have enabled him to proceed with the shaping of his policy without delay.

The instructions to the new minister will, of course, be treated as confidential until he has communicated with the Madrid authorities and a reply from Spain has been received. There is practically no doubt, however, that the president's note to Spain will be a formal tender of the good offices of the United States. It will be firm in tone, reviewing the whole situation in such a way as to show that the United States is interested in the present devastating war, and that on the ground of humanity as well as for commercial reasons we have the right to use all legitimate means of bringing the war to a close.

Both the administration officials and representatives of the Spanish government are congratulating themselves that the recent furry incident to the passage of the belligerency resolution in the senate has subsided at a time when negotiations are about to be undertaken for a peaceful solution of the trouble. If no unusual excitement occurs, both sides are hopeful that a satisfactory settlement may yet be reached. It is still the opinion of many conservative men here that complete autonomy for Cuba on a Canadian basis will be the final outcome, if the matter is to be settled without a rupture in our relations with Spain.

The report that a special messenger had been sent to Havana to receive reports from Mr. Calhoun and Consul-General Lee was denied today by Assistant Secretary Day, who stated that he did not know that Kimball was to be the messenger.

## THE SALMON PACK.

Every Packer Is Now Running a Full Force of Men.

Astoria, Or., June 2.—It is estimated that the canneries on the lower river have thus far this season put up about three-fifths of an average pack. The large increase in shipments of fresh fish have drawn considerably from the canneries' supplies, and the early freshets in the river, which has kept the water muddy and prevented seining and trawling, is another reason for the small pack. During the last 60 hours, however, fish have been running in much larger quantities, some of the canneries receiving as high as six tons of fish. One cannery is reported to have received since Saturday 20 tons, and every packer is now running a full force of men, who are having all they can do.

Yesterday evening, in a squall at the mouth of the river, four fishermen, Wilson, Hanson, Hoffman and another whose name is unknown, were making drifts below the bell buoy on the incoming tide. To avoid swamping their boats, they were obliged to cut away their nets, which drifted out to sea and were lost. The loss is \$300 to each man.

Brigadier-General Flagler, chief of ordnance, United States army, arrived in the city today, and is now inspecting the new fortification works at Fort Stevens.

## SUICIDE OF A PIONEER.

Took a Dose of Strychnine and Shot Himself.

Oakesdale, Wash., June 2.—Leonard Nihoul, a pioneer resident of this section, committed suicide at Pine City, 14 miles west of here, under circumstances unusually tragic.

Late at night he went to the cemetery where the body of his wife is buried, and took a fatal dose of strychnine. He then fired a pistol ball into his brain. The body was found next day across the grave.

Nihoul lived in Spokane, where he conducted a little cigar and confectionery store. He had a second wife, but it is said they did not live together happily.

His first wife committed suicide at Pine City four years ago. He has six children, one son of 19, is an inmate of the asylum at Medical Lake. Nihoul was about 64 years of age. A note was found on his body requesting that his grave be decorated with flowers on Memorial day.

## NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States—Oregon.

A special term of circuit court for Grant county will be held at Canyon City, July 19 next.

Fred and Tobey Hanna of Olex, Gilliam county, last week, after plowing was over, killed 1,200 squirrels.

Mrs. Mary Patterson, for many years a resident of Umatilla county, died at her home in Pendleton, at the ripe age of 84 years.

There was an Indian war dance in the Armory hall in Condon, Gilliam county, last week, by a band of redskins in that town.

Cos county has 71 public school-houses and 2,098 legal voters for school purposes. Curry county has 18 school-houses and 620 legal voters.

Lane county is only a little more than six months behind in her payments of county warrants, and warrants are selling at 2 per cent premium.

J. W. Blake delivered 7,000 head of sheep at Lone Rock in Gilliam county last week—3,000 wethers to Harry Clay and 4,000 ewes to several other parties.

A few days ago a band of 500 head of horses, owned by George Holstein, G. W. Mood and Dan Tartar, was started from the Eagle valley range, in Umatilla county, over the trail for South Dakota to find a market.

The warehouses in The Dalles are filling with wool, but no sales of the 1897 clip have thus far been reported, says the Times-Mountaineer. While there are a number of woolbuyers here, the market is still dull, and will likely show no activity until the bulk of the wool is in.

William Sayers, an old man about 60 years of age, was killed last week at Lost river gap, Klamath county, by his team running away. There was no eye-witness to the accident, but Sayers was evidently thrown from the wagon, striking upon his head among the rocks and crushing his skull.

The residence of Rev. J. H. Grant, in Gray Butte, Crook county, burned last week. The library, valued at \$500, burned, as did most of the clothing and furniture. Mr. Grant was not at home, and, in saving the children, Mrs. Grant's hands were severely burned and her hair was singed.

Frank Davenport, of Hood River, who has the contract for building the big irrigating flume and ditch on the west side of Hood river valley, and is one of the principal stockholders, says the ditch will be completed about the middle of July. It will cost \$28,000 and furnish 2,000 inches of water.

### Washington.

A. T. Hammond, of Everett, was found dead in his bed, having died during the night of heart disease.

Funds have been subscribed in Port Townsend to build a trail along the Little Quilicoene river, and into the Olympics.

The enrollment at the Castle Rock school has increased to more than 200, and the directors found it necessary to employ a fourth teacher.

George Guthridge has commenced an action in the superior court against the city of Walla Walla for damages in the sum of \$115,726 on account of injuries received while acting as engine driver in the fire department.

The Tacoma saloons, which have been allowed to keep open all night, must close their doors from now on between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock A. M. Chief Hoge has issued orders to that effect, and says he intends to enforce them to the letter.

Under the new law, the inmates of the school for defective youth, at Vancouver, will probably not spend their vacations at home this summer, unless their parents are able to pay their transportation, as no provision for such expense is made by the new law.

The sulphur mines now located near the Natches trail about 15 miles from Buckley were first discovered by a camper whose fire took hold of the rocks, which burned and created such a smell that he had to move two or three miles to get away from the fumes.

The fish commission steamer Albatross last week lowered the deep-sea fish-net off Cape Flattery, and when the net was drawn up with