

# NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

## A GLANCE OVER THE FIELD.

**Tax Levies in Several Counties of Washington—Irrigation Enterprise in Montana—Electric Light Plant at Salmon City.**

The killing of large numbers of sage hens is reported from Kittitas valley.

The way tax payments have rolled into Columbia county treasurer's office during the last 30 days has been remarkable.

It is estimated that the receipts from taxes in Chehalis county for the last quarter will amount to between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

Cowlitz county's tax levy for 1897 will have to be sufficient to raise the sum of \$79,728 for state, county and school purposes.

In Snohomish county the total amount of taxes levied for all purposes is \$287,602.90, and the average rate of taxation is 36 mills.

The fifth annual meeting of the Washington State Dairymen's Association will be held in Seattle December 28, 29 and 30, at the rooms of the chamber of commerce. The butter and cheese exhibit will be held at the same time and place.

The levee just completed in the Klamath river bank, which will prevent the escape of Klamath river water through the slough into Lost river, will not only reclaim thousands of acres of land in the Tule lake valley, but will reclaim many acres of bottom land that has heretofore been overflowed by slough waters.

Prosecuting Attorney Magill, in Cowlitz county, is holding up the settlement made between the commissioners and the Northern Pacific Railway Company for delinquent taxes. The prosecuting attorney is holding out for at least \$35,000, instead of settling at \$20,000, the price agreed upon. There is some question as to the county's right to collect the tax.

County Treasurer York did a land office business at Everett in the last two days of November. He took in almost \$70,000 in taxes in these two days. The mails alone brought in about \$16,000.

Thirteen men in different parts of Whatcom county have been cited to appear before the superior court on December 17 for not sending their children between 8 and 15 years old to school three months during the year. Many more citations are to follow. The fine is not less than \$10 in each case.

The highest charter rate paid for Puget sound wheat loading for four years has just been given for the British ship Jordanhill, 2167 tons, due from Melbourne. She gets 49s 6d and is chartered for Europe.

The citizens of Elberton are taking steps early in the season to prevent the flooding of the lower part of town, which usually occurs when the water raises in the Palouse river. A large force of men and teams have been at work building a dyke along the bank of the river next to the town. The dyke, which is several feet high, was made of fallen trees and brush, covered with dirt.

A milkman's trust has been formed at New Whatcom, all the retail dealers of milk in the county being in it.

The Palouse country reports an advance in the price of farm lands.

### Montana.

A petition for a survey of lands on the ceded Crow reserve is being circulated throughout Sweet Grass county.

The Shoshone Irrigation Company has instructed General Manager George T. Beck to get out the lumber and material for the construction of a flouring mill at Cody early in the spring.

The buildings at Fort Buford were sold at public auction the other day, most of them being knocked down to ranchers living in the immediate vicinity for a mere nothing.

Two horsemen from Wisconsin are on the Madison in search of smooth, blocky horses, weighing from 1150 upward. They are paying \$25 for wild horses filling these requirements.

St. Mark's parish of Anaconda, organized by J. B. Dosee, F. E. Sargent, J. H. Durston and others, to build a church and maintain a Protestant Episcopal religious society in Anaconda, has just been incorporated.

A dispatch from Glendale says that while coming down Lion mountain John Blennerhasset and Frank Weber, miners in the Hecla Consolidated, started a snowslide which killed them, making 26 who have been lost in snowslides since the camp was established. Blennerhasset had a family at Lowell, Mass., and Webber a family in Shaver, Iowa.

Several mountain streams in the upper Teton country have been choked with small ice gorges, which are backing up the water, and small new channels are being made all over the district. Travel is reported to be extremely dangerous.

Northern Montana stockmen have been engaged in gathering up their cows and calves for winter care. During the past summer several large stockmen have erected sheds, etc., for this purpose, and some have been made sufficiently large to afford accommodations to those who are not prepared, at a fixed price of \$5 per cow and calf for the winter season.

The county coroner has submitted his report to the Silver Bow commissioners, covering the three months ending with November 30. It shows that the record for violent deaths in Butte during that period was equaled only once before, and

that was during the three months including January, 1895, when occurred the big powder explosion. The coroner's report shows that during September, October and November he held 37 inquests. There were 19 in September and nine each in October and November.

The first report of the Montana state board of sheep commissioners shows that since March 1 last there were sheared in this state 22,169,921 pounds of wool, which were sold at an average price of 11.48 cents per pound, bringing in the aggregate \$2,547,107. In addition to their wool, Montana sheep men sold since March 1 last 587,267 pounds of pelts, which, at the average price of 5.74 cents per pound, brought them \$33,709.31. No estimate of the value of mutton consumed at home or shipped abroad was made, but the amount from sales was unusually large this year.

The survey of the new canal of the West Gallatin Irrigation Company has been completed, and it is now definitely settled that it will be built next spring. The length of the canal will be about 20 miles, and will be taken out one and a half miles above Shedd's bridges, follow around the hillsides, thence across Godfrey's canyon, and empty into Camp creek at the head of the lateral of the upper (or old) canal. This canal will be used to irrigate over 10,000 acres of land.

### Idaho.

J. H. Anderson of Weiser, the state auditor, has been elected president of the Sentinel Publishing Company of Boise. The Sentinel is the state organ of the people's party.

W. B. McCraw, sentenced at Moscow to 15 years in the penitentiary for criminal assault on Florence Cartwright, has been released on \$2000 bail, pending an appeal to the supreme court.

The dam and ditch for the electric light plant is about completed at Salmon City. The water will be taken from the Lemhi about a mile above here, near the flour mill, and the power house situated near the Lemhi bridge. The machinery and supplies have been ordered and the work will be carried forward with all possible speed.

The Great Northern is the second railroad company to pay its taxes in Kootenai county for 1897. Assessor Callahan received the company's check for \$22,334.98, which is the total of its taxes for this year. Several school districts through which that line runs get large slices in the way of special school taxes. District No. 40 gets \$1300, No. 3 \$1092 and No. 14 \$715.

### British Columbia.

A company is about to develop the coal mines at the north end of Vancouver island.

A couple of enterprising Victorians have expeditions out visiting Indian villages along the coast, buying such Alaska dogs as they can find to supply to men fitting out in this city for the Klondike.

At the next sitting of the provincial legislature John Cobaldick, mine owner and capitalist, will apply for an act to incorporate a company to develop and turn to commercial use the rich iron deposits on the coast lines of British Columbia. The company proposes to construct blast furnaces and rolling mills.

The entire line of the Crow's Nest Pass road with the exception of a little piece near Goat river has been finally located. Work on the Kootenay lake end of the road is fairly under way and contracts for 70 miles of the road from Goat river east will be given as soon as Contractor Armstrong can sublet the work. He is finding no little trouble in getting men who will accept sub-contracts from him, as it is stipulated that the men shall be paid only \$1.50 per day.

## MARRIED WOMAN THE VICTIM.

**Mrs. Mary Clute Was Assaulted and Then Beaten to Death.**

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—A horrible murder was perpetrated here at dusk last evening. The victim was a woman and the scene of the crime was the Mission district, in the vicinity of the Emanuel church, about five blocks from the edifice. Many of the features of the crime and its accompanying circumstances resembled the tragic death of Minnie Williams and Blanche Lamont.

It was about 5 o'clock this afternoon that the dead body was found in an upper flat at 803 Guerrero street by the tenants of the lower flat. The woman had been outraged and her body beaten to a jelly with a coupling pin, which was found in one of the rooms.

The victim is supposed to be Mrs. Mary C. Clute, a wealthy resident of Watsonville, Cal. She had just rented the flat from a Miss Blanchard and the noise of carpet laying was heard by the people in the lower flat. The tacking ceased and all was quiet for a time, then terrible screams were heard. The occupants of the lower flat became alarmed and started to investigate when they saw a man leaving by an alleyway leading to the rear entrance. They asked him the cause of the trouble, but he vouchsafed no reply and made his escape.

Joseph Foley, the carpet layer, who was working in Mrs. Clute's recently-rented flat this afternoon, has been arrested. He says he went to the flat at 4 o'clock, leaving at 5 o'clock, but asserts that he knows nothing of any murder.

### Exports and Imports of Specie.

New York, Dec. 12.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the past week amount to \$21,305 in gold and \$898,029 in silver. The imports were: Gold \$42,825, silver \$64,352.

Sound moves 743 miles per hour.

# PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS

## PERSONAL DISPUTE IN HOUSE.

**The Legislature, Executive and Judiciary Appropriation Bill Reported—Passage of a Deficiency Bill—Mileage of Senators and Representatives.**

The house Friday passed the pension appropriation bill without amendment and adjourned until Monday. The amendments offered by democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. As passed, the bill carries \$141,263,890. The debate covered a wide range. It touched not only the question of our pension policy, but that of civil service reform and the receipts and expenditures of the treasury under the Dingley law. On the latter question Mr. Dingley made an important statement in which he expressed the opinion that the receipts would equal the expenditures before the close of the present fiscal year and predicted a surplus of \$10,000,000 next year. The civil service law was savagely attacked by several members, notably by Mr. Brown (rep.) of Ohio, and Mr. Linney (rep.) of North Carolina, and was warmly defended by Mr. Johnson (rep.) of Indiana.

### Monday's Session.

Almost the entire session of the house Monday was consumed in adjusting a personal dispute between Mr. Hepburn of Iowa and Mr. Norton of Ohio, which grew out of a controversy that occurred last week during the debate on the pension bill. The point at issue was as to whether a certain word uttered by Mr. Norton, but which he afterward disclaimed any intention of using, should appear in the permanent record. The house by a party vote—134 to 121—sustained Mr. Hepburn. Mr. Bingham (rep.) reported to the house the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, secured unanimous consent for the passage of the deficiency bill, which, he explained, carried but three items—\$5000 for the construction of a building at the naval academy, \$30,000 for payment of the temporary employes of the house and senate, and \$150,000 for the payment of mileage of senators and representatives.

### Civil Service Commission.

The house Tuesday, after a session of about two hours, adjourned out of sympathy for the president, whose mother was buried at Canton this afternoon. The time of the session was devoted to the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It was decided to postpone consideration of the item providing for the maintenance of the civil service commission until after the other features of the bill had been concluded. It was apparent from the remarks made that the entire subject will be exhaustively debated. There is seemingly no disposition to curtail discussion, and it probably will not be concluded before the holiday recess. After a session of 15 minutes the senate adjourned out of respect to President McKinley, who was in attendance upon the funeral of his mother. The only business transacted was the introduction of bills and resolutions.

### Reducing Clerical Force.

The house spent Wednesday in the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and 89 of the 112 pages of the bill were covered, and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force at the pension office 95, involving a reduction in salaries of \$115,000. The civil service question, as it was yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion today, and the proposition of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip to retire clerks for age, was made the text of denunciation by Mr. Moody and Mr. Johnson, both of whom are defenders of the civil service law. There was a long debate in the senate over the administration bill to prohibit American citizens from engaging in the Behring sea fisheries industry.

## HAS BEEN HEAVILY ROBBED.

**New York Postoffice Said to Have Lost That Amount From Registered Letters.**

New York, Dec. 13.—It has just been learned that one of the biggest robberies in the history of the New York postoffice occurred on November 9. The amount involved is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and was taken from registered letters in the railroad mail service on that section of the Central railway of New Jersey known as the New York, Somerville & Eastern branch. On November 9, it is stated, two packages containing \$30,000 were taken. How long the defalcations had gone on before has not been ascertained. Major Charles F. Lewis of the Philadelphia branch of the government railroad service has been in this city investigating the robbery, which has been kept secret until now by the postal authorities.

### Washington People Reticent.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The postal officials here have admitted that there had been a number of losses of registered mail matter reported by the railroad referred to, but said that the amount would not reach as much as \$100,000.

National banks first established in the United States in 1816.

## RECOGNIZED AS A CHURCH.

**Christian Science Treatment of Disease a Violation of Law.**

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—As a result of the recent decision of Presiding Judge Pennypacker of the court of common pleas, refusing to grant a charter to the First Church of Christ of Christian Scientists, a bill is to be introduced into the next session of the legislature, amending the laws relating to schools of medicine so as to admit of the recognition of the Christian Scientists as a portion of the healing fraternity, although as a distinct sect or society, very much as the homeopaths or eclectics are recognized as distinct from the allopaths.

The decision of Judge Pennypacker, which is likely to be used as a text book by the schools of science opposed to Christian Science, in the conflicts that sooner or later are bound to occur in numerous states, was not arrived at until he had digested a mass of testimony taken before a master in chancery. During these hearings many witnesses testified that under no circumstances would they allow a doctor to attend any member of their family, and that even in the case of trichinosis, which is caused by animalcule breeding in the body and feeding in the muscles, they would depend upon faith rather than upon external means of killing such animalcule or rendering them harmless.

In his decision Judge Pennypacker takes the ground that Christian Science is a church rather than a school of medicine, notwithstanding Mrs. Eddy's declaration that the treatment extends to the most serious and fatal diseases, and hence he holds that the treatment of disease by "healers" of the church for fees and compensation is in direct violation of the law regulating the practice of medicine.

## HAVE SENT AWAY WHEAT.

**United States Likely to Need Much of the Grain.**

Chicago, Dec. 17.—William T. Baker, president of the board of trade, says with reference to the unusual conditions in wheat: "Cash wheat is at a premium over future deliveries here and in all parts of the world, because more has been sold than can be delivered. Wheat is scarce all over the world. Not enough was grown last year to supply the demand. America has its own opportunity to make its own price for wheat. I now think this country already has exported a million bushels of wheat which it will soon need for its own consumption, and the full scarcity is not by any means yet appreciated."

## SHE SHOT A BURGLAR.

**Sacramento Policeman's Wife Does Not Trouble Her Husband.**

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 14.—At an early hour Sunday morning a burglar entered the residence of Sergeant of Police McManus and proceeded to ransack the parlor. Mrs. McManus heard the burglar at his work, but decided not to wake her husband. She picked up a revolver from a table by the bed and awaited developments. In a few moments the burglar reached the swinging doors leading from the bedroom into the room adjoining the bedroom and when he opened the door she fired. He made his escape, but the trail of blood he left showed that the woman's aim was good.

## SAUSAGE FROM HORSE FLESH.

**New Jersey, Factory Which Finds a Foreign Market.**

New York, Dec. 17.—The Kearney (N. J.) Townsite Company has granted to Ferdinand Suzenhop permission to operate an extensive plant for the grinding of horse meat into sausage. The township officers recently closed the factory, alleging that the product was for use in this country. But Suzenhop has convinced the authorities that he has an ample market in Europe and the mill will resume operations. He has arranged for a large supply of horses.

### Dawson in Great Need of Food.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator McBride of Oregon has received the following from E. P. Ash, who arrived at Portland on November 30, direct from Dawson City: "I know that the supply of provisions in Dawson cannot last longer than the middle of March. No supplies can reach the interior by ordinary conveyance until next June, and I believe it will require the resources of the United States government to equip an expedition strong enough to overcome the obstacles of a midwinter journey. This expedition should be organized at once, as it will take from 40 to 50 days to reach Dawson City from Skaguay and Dyea. I am certain that there will be intense suffering unless relief is at once provided for."

### Rich Placers Near Dyea.

Port Townsend, Dec. 17.—Charles G. Warren, of this place, a returning passenger on the steamer Al-Ki, reports the discovery of rich placer diggings near Dyea. He says there has been a stampede from Dyea to the placers, which are in the canyon, six miles above the town, and the discovery has caused great excitement. News was also brought down on the Al-Ki of a late discovery on Deadwood creek, seven miles from Dawson City, on the east side of the Yukon.

The total amount of taxes levied in King county for the year 1897 is \$1,017,123.64. The average rate of taxation is 23 mills.

# HOOTALINQUA GOLD FIELDS

## RUSH INTO THE NEW REGION.

**On the Outlet of Teslin Lake—Canadian Authorities Report That Steamers Can Ply on the Stream to Lewis River.**

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Passengers of the Al-Ki, which arrived here yesterday from Skaguay, Alaska, report that Collector of Customs Godson, who is stationed at Lake Tagish, came into Skaguay December 7, bringing confirmatory news of rich strikes on the Hootalinqua river and that many prospectors at Lake Marsh and other places on the road to Dawson had gone into the Hootalinqua country.

According to a new ruling of Deputy United States Collector of Customs Floyd at Skaguay, goods purchased in Canada and brought to Skaguay must either pay duty or \$6 per day to a customs official while the goods are in transit to the international boundary line.

Collector Floyd has already collected duty on five outfits from British Columbia, the owners preferring to pay the duty rather than pay a customs official to travel with them to the line. Owing to the dispute over the location of the boundary line it is feared that considerable ill-feeling will be engendered by Collector Floyd's interpretation of the customs laws.

### Hootalinqua is Navigable.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—A survey of the Hootalinqua river has been completed by St. Cyr, the government engineer, who reports that it is navigable its whole length from Teslin lake to Lewis river.

A medicine man of the Naas Indians named Joe has been committed for trial for causing the death of Matthew McMillan, one of the tribesmen. Joe took the usual method of curing a fever, by raising the fever as high as possible and then ducking the patient with cold water.

J. D. Wells, mining recorder for Omineca, reports a rich strike on Tom creek, Omineca district.

It is reported at Bella Bella that a small 10-ton sloop, which left Puget sound a short time ago bound for the Copper river, has been lost in Dixon's entrance.

## STORMS EAST AND WEST.

**Seattle Has the Heaviest Rainfall on Record.**

Seattle, Dec. 14.—The heaviest rain storm of which there is any record prevailed here between 10 o'clock Sunday night and 10 o'clock yesterday morning. During the 12 hours 2.74 inches of water fell. The effect has been to swell all the rivers and to threaten a freshet. The Northern Pacific train was delayed several hours by a slide in the southern end of the city. Street car service on several lines was suspended for a while on account of the cable slots filling with mud washed down the streets by the rain.

### Slides on the Northern Pacific.

Tacoma, Dec. 14.—There are three landslides on the Northern Pacific near Seattle, which prevent the running of trains between Tacoma and that point, but the track is expected to be cleared by morning. There is also a slide on the Ocoosa branch which will be cleared tonight.

### Snowstorm General in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—Monday's snow storm was general throughout the state, but as there was no wind, no drifts were formed and railroad traffic only slightly impeded. Reports from all sections of Fe lines west of Topeka as far as New Mexico. Along the Rock Island and Union Pacific lines the storm was also general. Dispatches at the Rock Island offices indicated that the fall was heaviest 200 miles west of Topeka. Trains have arrived from the west nearly on schedule time. The storm still continues, however, and if the wind increases, traffic will be impeded. The snow covered the Santa Fe state are to the effect that great good has been done to wheat.

## HER GOLDEN WINGS OPEN.

**Miss Josephine Drexel, the Heiress, Has Entered Society.**

New York, Dec. 13.—Miss Josephine Drexel, who with Miss Ethel Stokes, shares the dazzling honor of being the richest debutante of the season, was presented to society Saturday. Her coming out reception was given by her mother at 103 Madison avenue. Mrs. John Vinton Dahlgren, sister of the debutante, assisted at the function.

Miss Drexel is the fourth daughter of the late banker, Joseph Drexel of Philadelphia, and she has a fortune of about \$5,000,000 all her own. She is very young and handsome. She is only 17 years old, but is a strong, athletic looking girl, with merry brown eyes and an abundance of dark brown hair. Miss Drexel has spent much of her life abroad. She is an expert with the whip and is devoted to horses. She has three sisters, all of whom are married. Two of her sisters married brothers, and both are living here in New York.

Lucy Drexel, the eldest child, married Bruce B. Dahlgren, and Elizabeth Drexel married John Vinton Dahlgren. Another sister is now the wife of Dr. Penrose of Philadelphia. Miss Josephine is a talented pianist.

### Cattle Rustlers Sentenced.

Baker City, Or., Dec. 16.—Fred Hull and Earl Wheeler, cattle rustlers, have been sentenced to seven and five years respectively in the penitentiary.