

NORTHWEST NEWS ITEMS

BRIEFLY TOLD IN NOTES.

An interesting collection of items from the four Northwest states of a miscellaneous nature gathered the past week.

IDAHO.

Ex-Congressman James Gunn has taken charge of the Soldiers' home.

The Snake river is nearly as high now as it was at any time last summer.

Farmers and merchants of Nes Perce have joined hands to build a telephone.

The senate has passed the general deficiency bill for an issue of \$117,000.

The premium list for the state fair is being made up and shows increased offerings in all departments.

The Shoshone canal that furnishes water for the farms around Parma has been sold to a Utah company.

P. T. Brown, commonly known as "Tommy Brown," committed suicide at Walden recently, by shooting.

The westbound Great Northern passenger train was wrecked last week near Bear creek, in the Rockies.

The house bill for a bounty of a cent a pound on sugar manufactured from Idaho beets has passed the senate.

A memorial has been introduced in the house asking for the vacation of the Bitter Root and Priest River forest reserves.

The fight between Madden and King, two featherweights, pulled off at Wallace, was won by Madden in two rounds.

The farmers on Nes Perce Prairie are expressing an intention of putting in a still larger acreage of flax this year than ever before.

A fatal accident occurred at Spirit Lake last week by which Marcellus Horning of State Line met an untimely death by a falling tree striking him on the head.

Mart Kennelly, well known about Halley and other mining camps a few years ago, died at Florence, Col., last week of heart failure, after a long spell of sickness.

The body of Thomas Langon was found recently near the head of the old flume grade on the trail from Murray up to where Barry Hilliard has a force of men at work on Bear gulch. He is supposed to have become exhausted or been overtaken by heart failure.

The house passed the bill appropriating \$30,000 for a bridge across the Salmon river in Custer county; appropriating \$3500 for construction of a wagon road over Packer John mountain; appropriating \$7500 for a bridge the Payette river, near Banner, in Boise county; appropriating \$12,000 for construction of the wagon road from the mouth of Logging gulch to Atlanta, Elmore county; appropriating \$1500 to construct a wagon road from the bridge crossing the Payette river, near Emmett, to the Boise county line; appropriating \$5000 for a bridge across Snake river, in Cassia county; appropriating \$6000 for a wagon road in Bannock county; appropriating \$3000 for a wagon bridge across Snake river, at Warm Springs ferry.

WASHINGTON.

A case of smallpox was discovered in Northport last week. Nelson is the patient's name.

The war department has accepted the bid of the Northern Pacific company for a warehouse and wharfing at Tacoma for its Alaska and Philippine business.

Mr. Payson, representing Moran Brothers of Seattle, has signed at the navy department the contract for the construction by that firm of the battleship Nebraska.

Representative Jones has succeeded in having the department agree to detail an inspector at North Yakima to conduct stock inspection at that place and vicinity.

The commercial club of Walla Walla have decided to send delegates to Chicago, St. Paul and other eastern terminal cities for the purpose of bringing home seekers and inducing them to make their homes there.

Another wreck occurred on the Spokane Falls & Northern railway at a point five miles north of Colville last week. No damage to human life was done. Eighteen box cars were thrown from the rails and badly damaged.

The wife of "General" Peter Spott, a well known Puyallup Indian, fell out of her husband's wagon into a mud puddle last week at Tacoma and was drowned. The same night Spott's son was killed by a streetcar while tying a horse at the reservation.

A miner named Joseph Walker met with a fatal accident near Carbonado last week. He was standing on a mass of loose coal in one of the chutes when the chute was opened from below and the unfortunate man precipitated the full length of the passage. He died almost immediately.

Township 35, range 44, in Stevens county, covering 23,027 acres, will be opened to homestead entry at the Spokane land office April 15. Actual settlers will be allowed three months from

that date to offer their filings and the state of Washington will be allowed 90 days from April 15 to offer selection lists of unoccupied lands.

Thomas Muncaster, an employe of the Union Iron works of Seattle, was killed recently in the freight elevator used in the company's building. His head was caught between the bottom of the machine and the ceiling of the ground floor while he was loading supplies on the elevator from a narrow gallery about 10 feet from the floor.

Will Jenkins was fatally injured in a railway accident at North Yakima recently. He was riding on an empty cattle car which jumped the track. He is a native of England, a stranger in the city, being engaged by Coffin brothers. He is in the hospital and the physicians say he will die. He is aged 46 years. He has a family in the east.

William Seaton, who on December 6 killed his uncle, Dan Richards, with an ax, and with the same weapon attempted the life of his sister and her two adopted children, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the superior court at Seattle. The principal defense offered was insanity. The jury was out less than an hour and the verdict was unanimous.

The Spokane chamber of commerce wants information concerning the land of the entire Inland Empire. A land bureau has been established at the chamber's rooms in the Traders' building, for the benefit of homeseekers. Information is wanted concerning farms for sale and farm land prices, lumber lands, government lands and soils and products. Many homeseekers desire to purchase land and many old residents of Washington have land to sell, owning perhaps more than they can well cultivate. The chamber will not become a land agency. The information secured will be freely given to all who apply.

OREGON.

The Necanicum creek is filled with salmon trout at the present time.

Oil has been discovered on the farm of Edward Duryee, in Camp Creek valley, 16 miles east of Eugene.

C. N. Scott, treasurer of Trinity parish, Portland, was arrested recently on a charge of embezzling \$1,500 from the church.

J. F. Cook of Omaha is in Portland for the purpose of buying horses for the British army. He has bought 200 head in Harney county for early delivery, and expects to purchase 500 more in the state.

A deed to 5760 acres of Linn county timber land has just been filed. The purchaser is named as Herbert F. Rogers of New York; grantee, R. F. Graecen of Minnesota; consideration, \$20,000.

Health Commissioner J. P. Menefee's report for 1900 which has just been published shows Portland to be the healthiest of the large cities of the United States. Its death rate, based upon the Federal Census, is 10.05.

In competition with 20 of the best shots in the state, H. J. Stillman of Pendleton, at the live bird shoot on the lower Force farm, on Columbia slough, carried off the Best trophy and the first prize of \$100 by making a clean score on 20 birds.

Franklin S. Walker pleaded guilty in Portland in the criminal court to an information charging him with embezzlement of \$1,840 from the London and San Francisco bank, where he was until recently employed as a clerk. Judge George stated that on account of circumstances surrounding the case sentence would be suspended and he would release the young man on bail.

MONTANA.

The supreme court has refused to entertain the petition for the reinstatement of John B. Welcome at the bar.

Lulu and Edith McMasters of Missoula were discovered to be suffering from smallpox last week.

Hon. Paris Gibson of Great Falls has been elected United States senator from Montana for the term expiring March 4, 1905.

Frank Stamm, a young man of Butte, is missing and no efforts by the authorities of the Montana mining city avail to locate him.

Gus Hemman was instantly killed at Butte recently by falling down the shaft of the St. Lawrence mine, a distance of probably 50 or 60 feet.

Governor Joseph K. Toole has appointed members for the state board of sheep commissioners in the different counties for the term of two years.

Former Senator Carter of Montana has been appointed by the president a United States commissioner of the St. Louis expedition. He has accepted the offer. The position pays \$5,000 a year.

The first bill passed by the present legislature to become a law without the governor's signature was certified to last week by Secretary of State Geo. M. Hays. The bill is known as substitute for senate bill No. 17, providing for the payment of a bounty of \$5 for each wolf and coyote killed and \$7 for mountain lions.

Attorney General Donovan's claim for salary from January 1, though he entered upon his duties January 7, declared invalid by Judge Henry C. Smith in the district court on Donovan's own showing of facts. State Auditor Calderhead was rebuked for not making answer and Donovan for radical defects in papers.

RUSSIA SEIZES PART OF CHINA

CORRESPONDENT SO REPORTS:

Manchuria to become a part of Russia—Their Flag Raised in Mongolia and the District Organized—Siberian Troops Praised.

Berlin, March 11.—The Tagelblatt's special correspondent, who has been traveling in northern Manchuria, Mongolia and on the borders of Siberia and China for a year and whose reports hitherto have been correct without exception, has furnished his paper with a long letter, which is published, containing interesting details regarding the Russo-Chinese agreement on the subject of Manchuria, Mongolia and Turkestan.

He says he is certain the published version of this agreement is in no way like that in actual existence. He proceeds to give facts concerning the proposed international administration of that part of China, demonstrating that Manchuria will become an integral part of Russia, more so than even Bokhara.

In regard to Mongolia he says there is no doubt a protectorate has been established, as this was effected by the hoisting of Russian flags everywhere, the thorough organization of the district, the establishment of tax collecting offices and the opening of branches of Russo-Chinese banks with no one but Russian officials in charge. All this virtually has taken place during the past six months and began before the Boxer outbreak.

The clearest evidence, however, is contained in an army order issued by General Grodekoff to the Siberian troops in which the general said: "You have nobly fulfilled your task of defending a line 100 kilometers long, on the frontiers of the Russian empire, from Uda (Mongolia) to Khoshuna and have thrown back the enemy across this threatened line."

Besides establishing direct communication with L'Hassa (Thibet), where Delalant scored a victory for Russia by an immense bribe of bars of silver, direct telegraph communication also exists between the Russians at Kuldje and those in China, even reaching Sian-fu, where the Chinese have been sojourning, by way of Barkool, Khami, Sokoehow and Lanchow.

Without the knowledge of either the Europeans or Americans or their Japanese allies, the correspondent says Prince Tuan went to Kan-su province (in the northwestern portion of the Chinese empire, bordering on Mongolia), where the best Chinese troops are formed from the 8,000,000 of Moslems there, which troops are firmly loyal to Prince Tuan and refuse to serve against the allies or the Chinese court.

Perhaps the most important information furnished by the Tagelblatt correspondent is that the Russian government has caused to be printed, distributed and posted a decree ordering for March 13 a general remobilization of troops, because "this is rendered necessary in order to put down new disturbances which have broken out in China," meaning thereby partly the Kan-su rebellion under Prince Tuan.

Russia's Demands.

Washington, March 11.—The official correspondence that has passed between the state department and the several powers interested in the Chinese question discloses the fact that Russia, suspected as she is by England, and perhaps by some other powers, of planning to seize and hold Manchuria as her own, has upon every occasion when opportunity served to draw forth a statement of her motives, declared emphatically that she had no such purpose.

On the 16th ultimo the United States addressed strong representations to China through Mr. Conger and Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang. China was told that the United States could not approve any secret negotiations between China and any individual power looking to the concession of territory to such power. And it was further insisted that to be valid any such concession of territory should be given only with the assent of all other powers. To still further emphasize the warning against the beginning of a division of China, it was significantly stated that the United States did not regard the present as an opportune time for making any concessions of territory or even for conducting negotiations for such concessions.

Later.

London, March 12.—The Times in its second edition publishes a dispatch from Shanghai, March 11, saying:

"It is reported upon trustworthy authority that Russia has notified China that unless the Manchurian convention is signed at an early date she (Russia) will withdraw the convention and substitute harder terms in its place.

"Li Hung Chang declares that he is powerless to resist, and has appealed to the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Japan to intervene in China's behalf.

"Considerable uneasiness in consequence of the extreme friction is believed to exist between the Yang-tse viceroys and Li Hung Chang."

Battleship Oregon to Return.

Washington, March 12.—Orders have gone forward from the navy department for the return of the battleship Oregon.

Be not intolerant, agree to differ in opinion, and refuse to turn loud in discussion.

Switzerland has over 1,700 hotels.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Spanish gunboat Ponce de Leon is ashore near Huelva, about 50 miles southwest of Seville.

The official report regarding the progress of the bubonic plague in Cape Town since the outbreak shows a total of 102 cases.

At Berlin Prince Albert Zolmel-Braunfels committed suicide, having learned that the disease from which he was suffering was incurable.

At Iowa City fire destroyed the college of medicine and literary buildings at the University of Iowa. The loss is not less than \$250,000.

At Memphis, Tenn., M. A. Winn, a well known commercial broker, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart while in a delirious state, brought on by sickness.

At Terre Haute, Ind., Charles Rogers, in a jealous quarrel, shot and fatally injured his wife and stepfather-in-law, William Bates. He later gave himself up and was taken to Indianapolis to escape mob violence.

The war department has received word of the death of Captain Richard B. Paddock of the Sixth cavalry at Tientsin, China, from pneumonia. Captain Paddock was appointed to the army from Illinois in October.

The condition of former President Harrison is serious. Dr. Jamieson states that the upper part of General Harrison's left lung was infamed. There is some danger of congestion of the rest of the lung and the right lung.

At Owensboro, Ky., a cloudburst did great damage. The sewer well and a big water main on Main and Davies streets burst and a hole 25 feet deep and about 50 feet wide was torn in the streets for some distance. The streets were undermined so badly that today part of them caved in.

It is reported in court circles that Earl Roberts "thankfully returned" to Emperor William the insignia of the Order of the Black Eagle, conferred at the time of the kaiser's visit to England, after noticing the unfavorable comment in the German press upon the bestowal of the honor.

At San Francisco three men and 76 head of horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Morton's livery stable at Leavenworth and Geary streets. The three men were asleep in the hay loft. They were Charles White, Charles Young and R. Jamieson, and were employed at the stable.

At Argonia, Kan., the private bank of J. H. Springer was burglarized by three men and \$2800 in cash and \$4000 in registered government 3 per cent bonds secured. About \$140 in gold and \$8000 in bonds was left untouched. The vault was entered through the brick wall and the safe was blown open with nitroglycerine.

At Palermo, Sicily, a heavy cloud has hung over the city, the sky being a deep red. The rain now falling resembles drops of blood. This phenomena, called "blood rain," is attributed to dust from the African deserts, transported by the heavy south wind now blowing.

The phenomena now to be seen in Sicily extends over southern Italy. At Rome the sky is yellow and at Naples a rain of sand has fallen, the heavens being darkened.

Unconfirmed information came from native sources, saying that Aguinaldo is in hiding in the province of Isabella, on the northern coast of Luzon island. American troops are scouting in that direction. Captain Duncan of the Fourth infantry has captured a squad of insurgents and 12 rifles near the town of Imus in Cavite province, 12 miles south of Manila. General Lloyd Wheaton, commander of the department of northern Luzon, reports the troops of his department to be in excellent health. Less than eight per cent of them are sick. The Manila board of health has announced that on an estimated population of 300,000 for the city of Manila the annual death rate is 24 per 1000.

Scaries May Be a Bankrupt.

New York, March 11.—A petition has been filed in the bankruptcy court in Brooklyn to have the affairs of John S. Scaries wound up in bankruptcy. The petition was filed by William W. Cook as attorney for the petitioner, the Western Reserve National bank of Warren, Ohio, the Duluth Furnace company of Duluth, Minn., and John Thomas of Niles, Ohio, whose claims against Mr. Scaries are something over \$90,000. This proceeding takes the administration of the property out of the hands of Edward Dwight, to whom Mr. Scaries made an assignment a few days ago.

Storm on English Channel.

Paris, March 10.—The storm on the English channel continues. A fishing smack has been wrecked at Tregastel, near Brest, and the crew of four was drowned.

The schooner of St. Mars of Bordeaux has been wrecked near Morlaix. Lifeboats rescued five of her crew and the remaining seven perished. The gale is sweeping over the bay of Biscay. The Norwegian bark Lizzie Curry from Savannah, with a cargo of wood, was thrown on the rocks on Gijon bar and is a total loss. Her captain and crew were saved.

Senator Wolcott of Colorado is heavily interested in a recent rich strike in the Cripple Creek district. It is in the Last Dollar vein and runs 1000 to 1500 ounces to the ton. This is said to be by far the richest vein in the district.

MINES AND MINING NEWS

OUR NORTHWESTERN MINES.

Items Gleaned From Late Reports—All Districts Are Being Developed—A Prosperous Year Is Predicted—Mining Notes and Personalities.

John A. Finch and A. B. Campbell have gone to New York. The presence there of Charles Sweeny and Thomas Greenough substantiates the report that an important conference of lead producers has been called.

Republic.

A tunnel to cut the Tenderfoot & Trail ledge was run 68 feet.

The development work on the Oversight for February was 98 feet.

The Flag Hill is in 172 feet from the tunnel. This drift was advanced 55 feet.

The shaft on the Qulp mine was sunk 100 feet in February and a large station was cut at the 300 foot level.

The Mountain Lion sank a two-compartment shaft 62 feet during the month. No other work was done on the mine.

The Butte & Boston raised 40 feet and drifted 30 feet last month. The Ohio extended its north drift on the 285 foot level only 50 feet.

Fifty-five feet of shaft were sunk on the California mine last month and during the same time 35 feet of raise were made and 35 feet of drift run.

The Princess Maud's development for the month was confined to running drifts from the shaft at the 300 foot level. These were extended 45 feet.

Eight inches of ore in the uprise on the Morning Glory was sampled recently, and the assay gave \$1400 per ton. The raise is up 38 feet from the second level.

One hundred tons of Ben Hur ore will be run through the Republic mill as a test. If the results are encouraging a contract will be entered into by the mine owners for further treatment of its ores.

February was not only a short month in days, but it was decidedly short in the amount of development work on the mines. There has been a decided falling off for several months past, but it has no doubt reached its lowest point.

There is practically no new work being done in the camp and it is not probable that there will be much until the outlook is brighter to handle the ore. The Republic is still in the lead in the way of development and is the only mine in the camp in which stopping is going on to any considerable extent. The total amount of development work during the month on the mine was about 170 feet.

The bridge that is in course of construction across Granite creek at the Republic sampling works, will consume a little over 100,000 feet of lumber and several thousand feet of round timbers. The weather is a mixture of spring and winter. The breakup is coming slowly, which will be beneficial in keeping the roads in a passable condition. Continued warm weather would cause many washouts and cut the camp off for a time from the outside world.

The large mines that have been doing a large proportion of the work, with few exceptions, are now idle. These include the Tom Thumb, Black Tail, San Poll and Lone Pine-Surprise. Upon these not a particle of work is being done, nor is there any immediate prospect of resumption. The matter must remain as at present for some time.

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made by which some of the ores from these mines can be treated by the Republic mill. This matter will no doubt be settled soon.

A deal involving one of the best groups at the head of Ten Mile creek has just been signed up.

No time is being lost in getting things in shape for the new mill at the Enterprise. A sleighroad has been completed to the millsite from Aylwin and timber is being rushed up. The sawmill is cutting 12,000 feet a day.

P. McVicar has taken up the lease on the Bondholder, recently relinquished by Paul Hauck and partners. Four men are at work.

L. M. Rice, C. E. of Seattle, has arrived in Greenwood to take charge of construction on the Greenwood-Phoenix tramway. Preliminary surveys will be undertaken at once and before the end of the month the actual work of building will be commenced.

What little work has been done on the Iron Horse, Ten Mile, of late has shown the ledge to be widening out. It is now two feet across. A good feature about the ore is that the zinc is disappearing, leaving a live and healthy galena with unimpaired values.

At Slocan Manager Dunbar of the Phoenix is one of the happiest men in the camp as his property is turning out one of the big things in the division. He has ore showing in abundance and the dumps are piled high with it. In the No. 1 drift, which is in 150 feet, there is 2 1/2 feet of ore exposed, giving over \$100 to the ton.

At Ymir the returns from the

Ymir mine for the last month were: Eighty stamps ran 611 hours, during which 4,900 tons of ore were milled, producing 447 tons of concentrates. The total receipts for the month from bullion, etc., were \$41,600; total operating expense chargeable to revenue, \$15,400, leaving a net profit for the month's work of \$26,200.

The first shipment of copper matte from the British Columbia company's smelter at Greenwood was sent to eastern refineries last week. It consisted of two carloads of 30 tons each, being part of the first two weeks' run. An average of 300 tons of Mother Lode ore is being treated daily. Additional railway facilities are to be had by putting in a new spur for use in shipping matte.

At Rosland the ore shipping record was smashed last week, the mines sending out 8591 tons. The largest previous shipment from here in a week was 7814 tons, and so the present week beats the record by 777 tons. The shipments were made by the following mines: Le Roi, 4331 tons; Center Star, 2200; War Eagle, 696; Le Roi No. 2, 750; Iron Mask, 55; Rosland-Great Western, 526; I. X. L., 23.

MINING NOTES.

The bill by Kelley, Brennan and Moore for the taxation of the net product of producing mines of Idaho was defeated.

A rich discovery is reported from Porcupine creek in Alaska. Gravel is said to have been found yielding \$5 to the bucket.

Keller camp is picking up. Work is progressing on a number of properties. The Gold Cord, also on Silver creek, is showing up well.

The Loraine Copper company is composed of Chehalis county, Wash., people. Its capital stock is 1,500,000 shares of 1 cent a share.

A strike of eighteen inches of solid galena ore was made last week in Flood's mine in Minnie Moore gulch at Halley. It is supposed to be on the same ledge as the Minnie Moore.

The installation of pumps, hoists, etc., at the Gold Bug, near Colville, Wash., is going on rapidly under Superintendent F. W. Morris. More machinery is en route to this property.

Work on the Copper King mine near Colville is being rapidly pushed ahead. The greater the depth attained the wider the ore shoot and the better the quality of the ore, which runs as high as 80 per cent copper.

The Deer Trail Consolidated company, operating the Elephant claim, in Cedar Canyon, Wash., expects to make a considerable output of ore this month if the roads permit. Six carloads went out in February despite bad roads and a considerable profit is reported to have been netted to the company.

Preparations are in progress to put a force of men on the Little Giant and continue development with the utmost activity during the entire year. The Little Giant is one of the richest copper-gold properties in the Pierre Lake district, Wash., and it is in shape to make a steady output with a few improvements.

The minority interest in the Northport smelter, which has been held by James Breen, one of the original owners of the plant, has been transferred to the Northport Mining & Smelting company, owning the control of the property, for \$300,000. This is understood to give the company the entire possession of the big plant.

A strike of the greatest importance has just been made on the Keep Cool, on Lake Pend d'Oreille, Idaho. At least nine feet of ore identical with that in the No. 4 level is reported in the face of the drift on the No. 5 or lowest level. This is the big payshoot for which driving has been in progress for some time, and the showing assures its permanence and the existence of an immense body of pay ore.

A report has just reached Lewiston, Idaho, from the Crook's Corral district on Salmon river that an enormously rich strike has been made on the Corson & Thompson property. They have been developing a group of claims with a tunnel, expecting to cut the ledge at a depth of about 100 feet. The report is that the ledge was struck at a distance of 45 feet, but with a vertical depth of nearly 100 feet. The ledge has been crossed for more than 20 feet, and the hanging wall has not yet been reached. Assays of the ledge matter for the full 20 feet average about \$20 in gold, and from 15 to 20 per cent copper. The claim is less than two miles from Finch & Campbell's Blue Jacket, and it is thought that they are extensions of the same ledge. There is a report current at Grangeville that William Springer has secured an option on the property for 20 days for Finch & Campbell.

Metal Report.

San Francisco.—Silver bars, 61c; Mexican dollars, 50 1/2 @ 51c.

New York.—Silver certificates, 61 1/2 @ 63c; bar silver, 60 1/2 c; Mexican dollars, 49c.

London.—Bar silver quiet, 28 1-16 per ounce.

Lights dot the coast of Great Britain at a rate of one to every 14 miles.

In Saxony toy-makers earn a half-penny an hour.