## NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Import ant Happenings of the Cur-

Three persons were killed on the Bal-Chester, Pa., by a passenger train The Daily Mail laughs at the report

The Daily Mail laughs at the report of the Canadian expedition in Hudson's bay hoisting the Birtish flag over Baffin's Land, to get ahead of the Americans, and declares that the territory has long been a British possession.

The first of the sealing fleet to return to Victoria was the Casco. She brought 1,064 skins, taken off the language coast and Copper islands. She

Japanese coast and Copper islands. She reports that the Calotta, with 1,400 skins, and the Director, with 1,000 skins, are close behind her.

Five men met a horrible death from black damp, the after-accumulation of a fire in the Jermyn mine near Rend-ham, Pa. The bodies were discovered by a gang of men who went down into the mine with supplies for combating the fira. Noobdy knew of their deaths until the discovery of the lifeless bodies.

During the past month nearly \$5,cific ports for Europe. Besides this, 28 lumber vesses have sailed for foriegn ports with cargoes valued at over \$200,-000. As the month of August nearly equaled September, the export of grain and flour alone for the two months would easily run into the ten-million

Baron von Stumm's organ, the Post, Berlin, published an article calling at-tention to the fact that 3,308 borses the first seven months of 1897, and in sisting that this new import ought to be excluded. In the same article the Post claims America sends even greater pumbers of dead horses to Germany in the shape of sausages.

Over 5,000 textile workers have been locked out at Loebau, Germany, and in

Commander Booth-Tucker has arrived in Denver to complete the arrangements for establishing a Salvation Army colony in the Arkansas valley.

Michael Simmonds, a railroad brake-man, aged 28, shot and tried to kill his sweetheart, Miss Jenny Long, aged 19, at Baltimore, and then committed Rose the 19-yeabr-old daughter of

John Miller Murphy, died at Olympia, Wash. Her death was caused by an overdose of laudanum, taken to allay

Engineer E. Bennett Mitchell was killed and Fireman John H. Cawley seriously injured by the explosion of a E. E. Lytle is president, D. C. O'Reilly by the liberal praty—aim at re locomotive on the Northern Central is general manager, and Miss May Entailway at Georgetown, Pa.

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right is secretary of the Columbia "No Spanish party, certainly

der from the postoffice department to attach the government frank to pack-ages of sugar-beet seed to be sent throughout the country for analysis.

The latest news from Guatemala reelved here states that a price of \$100,-000 has been placed on the heads of Prosper Morales and his aide, Manuel otes. It is asserted that an order this effect has been promulgated by resident Barrios

As a result of the breaking of a cable, three colored men who were being car-ried up in an elevator shaft of the Northwest Land tunnel, at Chicago, fell 95 feet to the bottom of the excavation. One of them was killed instantly, and the other two sustained fatal injuries.

Word comes from Kaslo, B. C., that three men who were out on the lake about 500 yards were drowned by the oat capsizing. A stiff breeze was blowing, and, as the boat reached the beginning of the swift undertow opposite Kaslo, the men tried to change positions, and the boat was overturned.

Peary, who has just returned to Boston Hope, said: "The 100-ton meteorite in the hold of the Hope fell from the skies hundreds of years ago, and has the Esquimaux. I discovered it in May, 1894, and since that time have en trying to secure it and bring it to

Austrian premier, and Dr. Wolff, the German nationalist leader, has caused be wildest sensation. Count Badeni sent his seconds to Dr. Wolff, who ac-cepted the challenge. The premier sent a telegram to the emperor, asking permission to fight the duel, and at the ame time tendering his resignation. in reply he received not only permission to fight, but also the imperial ap-proval. Count Badeni then made his will, after which he spent the evening at the Jockey Club and a pleasure resort. His wife and family knew nothing about the affair until the duel was ver. It is thought that, as the premier has set example, with the emperor's approval, there will be a serious epidemio

Commissioner Evans estimates that he payments for pensions for the fiscal high-water mark for pensions was in known and most respected frontiersmen 1893 when the payments amounted to in the West, died at the Fo t Russell 159,857,557, since which time they ave been kept down to the figures of unable to leave his bed for some this year's appropriation. The pay- months past. for pensions this year will be within \$30,000,000 of as much as the intire receipts of the government from customs last year, and more than equal

A BROKEN JOURNAL.

Caused a Serious Accident on the Den

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 5 .- One person killed outright, one so badly injured that he died soon after the accident, another severely injured, and many slightly hurt, is the result of a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande, at Colopaxi, seven miles west of Pueblo, at 2 o'clock this morning, caused by the breaking of a journal on one of the coaches. The train, the first section narrow-gauge, from over Marshall pass, was slowing down to take the siding at Colopaxi. While running at 10 miles Three persons were killed on the Bal-timore & Ohio railroad tracks near of the first day coach broke. The car pitched over on its side and dragged with it all the cars behind, another coach, two sleepers and the company's payear. Three tourist cars, the baggage-car and the engine, all ahead of the first coach, remained on the track.

The cars were all crowded with ex-Mountain and Plain at Denver. There was little excitement and not much wreckage, as the train was running

Mrs. McIntyre was in a lower berth in the forward sleeper, and was found after the wreck lying dead on the ground near her berth window. She was badly orushed.

Mr. Seyler was standing on the platform between the two coaches when the wreck occurred. He was badly crushed. He was conscious and dictated several telegrams to relatives.
Of the injured, Mrs. Robinson alone

is seriously hurt, and her death is feared. She is at the railroad hospital The list of those hurt is complete from her case to those who received

Immediately after the accident a re lief train was sent out from Salida, and all were promptly given attention. Railroad officials have been overwhelmed with inquiries all day, and have freely given all the information at their disposal. Wrecking crews were sent from Pueblo, and the track was clear

New Railroad Line.

Biggs, Or., Oct. 5 .- The Columbia Southern Railway Company ran its first train over the road tonight, connecting with train No. 4 on the O. R. & N. At precisely 8 p. m., Engineer Spear pulled the throttle, and engine No. 1 moved out of Biggs up a heavy grade. The run was made to Wasco in one

D. C. O'Reilly, the general manager, stated that at least three months' busi-ness awaited shipment. Two hundred ousand sacks of wheat are stored at the Wasco terminus, and the farmers of Sherman county will hand the buik of Sherman county will hauf the bulk The World correspondent called to-of their grain to Wasco and ship it by day on Premier Sagasta, who said, in the Columbia Southern.

It is proposed to extend this road to of country, and relegate to the past the exiles to accept autonomy. Why the stage coach which has heretofore should we need mediation, when our Secretary Wilson has secured an or-er from the postoffice department to senger-car and engine equipment, but tuch the government frank to pack-interchange with the O. R. & N., using

Strychnine in the Coffee.

Schuyler, Neb., Oct. 5 .- A physician summoned hastily to the home of Frank Davis, nine miles northwest of seven Davis children and the mother dead, a fifth child in a dying condition and a sixth victim ill. Strychnine had been put in the coffee, apparently by the mother, but for what cause is not

home before breakfast. When the meal was prepared, the rest sat down, in its course, the mother One of the sons, frightened at the remark, did not partake of the meal.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 5. - A special In a recent interview, Lieutenant to the Union from East Longmendow says that Mrs. George Brownlee and her two sons, Thomas, aged 21, and James, aged 19, were burned to death in their home early this morning, and the house destroyed. The family all escaped. Mrs. Brownlee, lo her head, rushed back into the house, thinking her sons had not come out Thomas rushed after her to save her and James after Thomas. The mother and elder son were overcome, while celebrated Walter Savage Landor, has James got out, but was burned so ee- just returned from India, after a terverely that he died this afternoon.

The Pistol Discharged.

find diversion in playfully pointing a pistol at a friend from alleged sense of humor had another object lesson here grounds. At almost the last minute, this afternoon in the killing of Austin the execution was stopped by the grand Orr, 12 years old, by his half-brother, Clarence Crow, aged 20. Crow had loaded his pistol only a few minutes cies of rack which greatly i earlier, and had laughingly pointed the Mr. Landor's spine and limbs. unintentionally discharged, the bullet entering near the left eye, killing the than 22 wounds as the result of his tor-

Denver, Oct. 5 .- A special to the hospital today. Mr. Delaney had been

The increase in the production gold has been very rapid during the past twelve years and is proceeding now at a greater rate than ever.

FREEDOM OR NOTHING

Cubans Willing to Purchase Their Independence.

WILL NOT ACCEPT AUTONOMY

-Premier Sagnets Says What He

"The Cubans are more firmly deter-

is absolute independence."

Colonel F. Lopez de Queralta, formerly of the United States army, and

a veteran of the 10 years' war in Cuba, "To avoid further shedding of blood

of innocent people I would, although painfully, sign and give my consent to a compensation to Spain for the sake of getting rid of the Spanish."

tation with the junta leaders in New

antee by the United States of an in-exploded, but the safe proved demnity of \$200,000,000 in cash can be proof, and, though badly batter displeasing to any of the parties, except contents were saved to the company. that the amount is greatly in excess of the true value of the relies left by Wey-ler. The United States could afford to bandits mounted thier horses and rode back up the proposition, because it off toward the west.
would have the revenue of Cuba to At Chickaraw, the next station,

SAGASTA'S POLICY.

Immediate Recall of Weyler and the

New York, Oct. b .- A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

response to inquiries: "You ask me if the liberal party would assent to medi-Princville, and eventually build on through to Southern Oregon. This will to hastening the pacification of Cuba reclaim from the wilderness a vast area and inducing the rebels in arms and been the only means of transportation. intentions-long and often expressed E. E. Lytle is president, D. C. O'Reilly by the liberal praty-aim at realizing

liberals, could assent to foreign inter-ference in our domestic affairs, or with interchange with the O. R. & N., using our colonies. No government could the cars of that company for freight hope to induce the nation to accept be friendly with us, let her observe the rules of international law, and stop the flow of mortal and material aid, without which the insurgents could not last five months.

"We shall reverse the policy in Cubs, beginning, naturally, with the recall of Weyler. I informed the queen yesterday that the liberal party would accept the responsibility of offic most willingly if her majesty honore the party with her confidence; that the liberal party had plans for all pending questions of the day in Spain, and certainly would grant to Cuba autonomy along the lines traced in the program of the Cuban autonomists themselves. I said so in my manifesto in June, and I have repeated the same promise during the government holidays. eral party is prepared to grant to Cuba all possible government, a broad tariff and every concession compatible with the inflexible defense of Spain's rule and sovereignty in the West Indies We believe this will satisfy the majority of Cubans and we will act thus spontaneously."

Tortured by Thibetans. Bombay, Oct. 5.—Henry Savage Landor, a well-known artist, traveler and writer, and the grandson of the celebrated Walter Savage Landor, has rible experience. He had undertaken Mr. Brownlee himself was badly an exploring tour in Thibet, but he was burned on the hands and face. abandoned by all the members of his abandoned by all the members of his company, except two coolies. Finally, Visalia, Cal., Oct. 5.—Those who treachery, sentenced him to death, and, ad diversion in playfully pointing a after torturing him with hot irons, actually carried him to the execution lama, who commuted torture by the "stre.ching-log," cies of rack which greatly being chained for eight days, he was released. Mr. Landor has no fewer

Hamilton, Ala., Oct. b .- While returning from a party near here late last night six people were thrown from a boat into the Battabachie river and four of the occupants drowned. Those drowned were Misses Lizzie Smith, Belle Key, Mary T. Wearingen and Ella Phillips. Their escorts, Robert and John Wright, brothers, who caused the boat to capsize by rocking it, saved their own lives. The feeling is so bitter against the two men that they have Joe Patchen.

ROCK ISLAND HOLD-UP.

Neither Passengers Nor Train Crev

El Reno, O. T., Oct. 4 .- Bandits robbed the south-bound Rock Island passenger train and all its passengers at 11 o'clock this morning, five miles south of Minco, in Indian territory.

The trainmen were completely surprised, and were not prepared to offer any resistance when five masked men came upon them at the lonely siding. The place is uninhabited, and the only persons in the vicinity at the time were four section men. The section men flagged the train, the robbers having New York, Oct. 5.—The Herald compelled them to do so. The bandits prints a number of interviews with were hidden in a brush pile, and jump-leading Cubans here on the situation in ed out as soon as the train had taken

Estrada Palma, representative of the Cuban provisional government, and ugly looking six-shooters, the train men, express messenger and all of the "The Cubans are more firmly determined than ever to push the fight until to leave the train and stand in a line, absolute independence of Cuba is acknowledged. I believe the Cubans are
willing to pay a reasonable indemnity
to Spain, provided she withdraw her
troops from Cuba before the island is
totally ruined."

Enrique Devarona said: "The only practical solution of the Cuban problem | ables in the way of watches, pins and

Jim Wright, of Minco, showed a dis-position to resist, when the bandits orhis ears off to prove to his satisfaction that his bravery was ill assumed. Wright's hands then went up. No one

The passengers and trainmen having been thoroughly plucked, three of the bandits turned their attention to the E. Trujillo, editor of El Porvena, said: "Cubans are fighting for absolute independence, and will accept no other solution."

bandits turned their attention to the express and mail coaches, the others standing guard over the helpless crowd on the prairie. The registered mail on the prairie. The registered mail Regarding the proposition for the purchase of Cuba from Spain, General Emilio Nunez, who has been in consulagents. When the messenger had con-"I cannot see how the plans for the open the strong box, they resorted to freedom of Cuba on the basis of a guarbattered, its

guarantee reimbursement, and would gain immediate improvements in its trade relations."

posse of citizens was hurriedly formed. These citizens set out in pursuit of the gang, and officers have been dispatched from El Reno and other points in this section. It is hardly possible that the bandits can be overtaken in the prairie country, and they will probably be able to reach the Wichita mountains.

THE WOODFORD NOTE

Mediation Tendered, But Not Forced

Chicago, Oct. 4.-A Washington pecial to the Times Herald says: It is now possible for the Times-Herald to give, not the exact text of the famous Woodford note to Spain, but a fair statement of its substan-

This now celebrated and much-discussed document simply expressed on the part of the United States the hope date fixed when the consummation is to be reached, but the interests of Spain no less than the interests of the manity and of the world at large are reasons why the war should be ended with the least possible delay. And with that in view, acting as a friend of Spain, because of the great stake which cially and otherwise, because of the an-noyance to which the United States has been put by maintaining a patrol and preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions, and because civilization opposes war, the United States tenders Spain its good offices to act as a friend between the mother country and her rebellious colonists, in the hope that she may be able to effect a settle-

ent and bring the warfare to a close. This is all there is in the note There is not the faintest suggestion of this government forcing upon Spain her good offices, if she does not care to voluntarily accept them, nor is there an brought to an end within a certain time or that Spain must answer this

Carrollton, Ia., Oct. 4. - The slaughter of a mother and her six childecker, a farmer, living eight miles northwesst of here, last night. Boeck-The family were prosperous Germans, pay, and, as far as is known, had lived happily. No moitve for the tragedy has been disclosed. Boecker's victims from his wounds.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Henry Joyce, 65 years old, while temporarily insane, jumped from a second-story window of the county hospital today and received such injuries that he died

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 4 .- In a race that was witnessed by at least 5,000 people, Star Pointer, on the track of the Illinois state fair grounds, this afternoon not only maintained his reputation as the king pacer by defeating Joe Patchen, but he also lowered the world's nacing record in a race by half a second. making a mile in 2:00 %, the record in Pointer made on Saturday, September 18, at Indianapolis when he defeated

Electric Power on the Summit of Chilkoot Trail.

Freight and Passengers Over

Portland, Or., Oct. 4.-Ample facilities for the transportation of freight and passengers over Chilkoot pass will be provided by a Portland-Juneau company, in time for the righ to the Yukon next season.

Articles incorporating the Dyea-Klondike Transportation Company were filed here. The objects of the corpora-tion are announced as follows: "To conduct a general transportation

business from the headwaters of Lynn canal, Alaska, too all points in Alaska, and in British North America, and to carry freight and passengers.
"To acquire, build, locate and operate tramways, bridges, wagon roads,

awmills, etc.; to navigate the Yukon river and its tributaries from St Michaels to Dawson City, and to purchase, build and operate all manner of vessels between Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Ju-neau, Dyea, Skaguay and St. Michaels. Capital stock, \$250,000." Although the announcement of ob

ects is made to cover a wide field, the company's present attention is directed solely to providing means for the trans-fer of Klondikers and their outfits over the most difficult portion of their jour-ney, which is from the steamer at Dyea, over the pass to Lake Lindemann. Construction is already begun, a wharf being well under way at Dyea, and the work of putting up a 5,000-foot cable tramway at the pass itself being started. The company announces that it will be ready for business by February 1, by which time it will be in shape to handle, if necessary, the outfits of 20,000 people a month, doing the work at a reasonable figure. Members of the company make the

following statement: "The trip from Dyea to Lake Linde iann has been made by a man with an ordinary outfit, amply provided with packers. We do not propose to lessen this time very much, but we do pro pose to take over a very much larger onpage than could otherwise be taken in the same time. When finished, our cable tramway, which will be quite similar to those used at some of the big mines on mountain sides, will extend from Sheep Camp to the summit, cutting off a distance of four miles as at present traveled. Our immediate attention, however, will be directed to the most difficult part of the ascent, a stretch of about 5,000 feet, over which we shall be ready to operate by February 1. We shall use the water fall of the Dyea river to convey electric

power to our plant.
"Though the short period that is allowed our company for preparation gives us time only to overcome the worst difficulty of the trip, yet we have justified by the progress of business. When this route is open it will be possible for any number of people to go from here to Dawson with their outfits at less than half the cost of the trin via St. Michaels, without an outfit, at the same time saving 20 days.

"From Portland to Dawson via Chil. koot Pass the distance is only 1,700 miles; via St. Michaels it is 3,700 miles. It takes five weeks at least to make the trip via St. Michaels, and not over 15 days is required by the pass Another important saving of time is in the fact that one can get over the Chilkoot and land supplies at Dawson two months before the first steamer gets up the Yukon from St. Michaels, which is usually not before the middle of The St. Michaels route is but four months of the year, while the Chilkoot will practically be open all the year around when our line is completed. We do not advise the trip being made before February, however.

One of the delays heretofore encounsity of building boats at the lake. Ter days is usually required for this, though it was much longer this year, owing to the rush, and the price prohibitive to a great number of travelers. This company will be able either ren occurred at the home of John to furnish boats, or lumber for them, or it will transport to the summit any 'knocked-down' boats included in the er, the fiendish husband, completed his miners' outfits. It has never been pos bloody work by sending a bullet into sible heretofore to take a boat over the his own head, inflicting a fatal wound. pass, except by piecemeal, which don't

where doing is the construction of a wharf at Dyea. It will have 200 feet frontage and the approach will be 1,700 aged 14; Christine, aged 9; Henry, aged 8; Lizzie, aged 6; John, aged 8, and an infant. All are dead but Henry, and the latter cannot recover time to both passengers and steamship time to both passengers and steamship people, of lighterage, as at present. Had it not been for work already done by Juneau people it would have been almost impossible to have completed this work in time for the early travel

About \$10,000,000 in gold is now oncealed in the teeth of people in the

Astoria, Or., Oct. 4 .- The grand jury today returned a true bill in the case of B. L. Ward and W. G. Howell, treasurer and deputy treasurer, respectively, of this county. The indictment charges them with the larceny of public money to the amount of \$11,953.

Found Dead in His Room. Baker City, Or., Oct. 4 .- William F. Hoey, aged 46, was found dead in his room in a lodging-house this evenFOR FORGETFUL ENGINEERS.

New Life Saving Device That Has Be

St. Paul, Oct. 4.-A very ingenious nd valuable contrivance for the saving of life by preventing railroad accidents through the forgetfulness of trainmen, has been invented. The machine has PORTLAND-JUNEAU ENTERPRISE just stood a very severe test on the Great Northern railroad, after having been previously operated successfully on the St. Paul & Duluth road. Prac tical railroad men have given strong indorsements to the device after seeing

The object of the device is to provide an accurate and reliable reminder signal and distance indicator for locomo tives by which engineers are prevented from forgetting their train orders as to stopping or meeting places. The mechism is simple, but positively connected with the forward trucks of the engine, accurately measuring the distance trav-

The dial is placed in front of the engineer, showing correctly the distance traveled. Above the smaller of two dials are placed 15 triggers or dogs, pivoted at equal distances around the

ders, he sets one or more of these trig-gers to a point one mile short of the listance to be traveled before reaching the stopping place. The mileage indi-cator, on reaching such point, releases the trigger, which starts a signal whistle blowing. This continues to blow for one-quarter of a mile, promptly warning the engineer of the near approach to a stopping place. If the engineer is inattentive and fails to stop when this last mile has been run over, the machine sets the air brake and stops the train for him. A train similarly equipted coming in the opposite direction would be stopped in the same manner. The device can be made to run forward or backward. For foggy or stormy weather, or for darkness, the device is considered especially valuable for ordinary road use, although its lifesaving feature was the point at first sought for by Mr. Wallace.

After a trial on the St. Paul & Du-luth, and trials on the Fergus Falls division of the Great Northern, the new invention was given an unusual test on the recent trip of President Hill to the coast and back. For this trip, the new scheme, with one engine, No. 663, with Engineer John Wilbane for the entire trip, was tried, and the new life-saving device was on the engine. For 1,820 miles to Seattle on the Great Northern, 170 to Portland on the Northern Pacific, 450 to Spokane on the O. R. & N., and through Montana and back to St. Paul; the new device measured all distances with accuracy, and by other tests completely demonstrated its ability to do all claimed for it President Hill has approved it with considerable enthusiasm, as have other officials on his road. During the past few months, this new device has been used successfully on over 10,000 miles of road. A feature of the test is that it has been made with the inventor's working model.

Admiral Beardslee Reports Washington, Oct. 4. — Admiral Beardslee, who has been in command turned to Washington today and called upon Secretary Long and Secretary With the latter he went to the White House and called upon President McKinley. The admiral, in a short time, will make a formal report to Secretary Long, giving his views and opinions on the Hawaiian situation, and such information as he has ained during his long stay at the islands. The administration is anxious to have a general review from such an ntelligent and experienced source as

Admiral Beardsiee.

Speaking of the reported epposition to annexation, the admiral said today that it amounts to little. The substar tial business interests on the islands, with few exceptions, favor annexation.

St. Louis, Cct. 4 .- According to the Post-Dispatch, John A. Truitt, a conductor on the Northern Central electric \$4,000 to a woman who declares that she loves the man more than his wife The deal was the sequel to the following remarkable statement made to Mrs. Truitt by a Mrs. Stevens, who lives in this city with her father:

'Mrs. Truitt: I love your husband, and I want him. I have traveled the world over, and he is the first man I for him if you will give him up."

Truitt, who is the father of four

children, seems to agree to the deal. It is stated that last Tuesday Mrs. Truitt, knowing that her busband loved nother, attempted to take her life by wallowing a big dose of morphine.

Montreal, Oct. 4 .- It is announced that the Canadian Pacific Company intends without delay to extend the rail-road into Rossland, B. C., and that capitalists closely identified with the railway company have partly completed arrangements for the erection of a large

will treat the Rossland ores practically at cost, and that the shipping mines vill be connected with the smelter by an serial tramway. The Canadian Pacific also proposes adopting similar methods in the Slocan country.

Carlists Bendy to Strike

London, Oct. 4.—The Daily Mail, in its special from Madrid, says: The symptoms of Carlist agitation are every becoming more manifest and atgovernment. Carlist emissaries are in the province of Navarre and Castleton, where the party has its strongest supporters. There is the best reason for believing that the signal for a rising will soon be given. The revolt will probably occur in Navarre or Castle-ton.

## 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 48-pound salmon was landed by

A Yambill county man picked 339

pounds of hops in one day. Over 900 acres of flax were cultivat-

ed in Lynn county this year. Scaferts' cannery, at The Dalles, is Soutwhest Oregon Reporter is the name of a new paper at Langlois, Curry

An Oregon grizzly bear weighing 800 pounds was killed on Gate creek, in Lane county.

A farm near Pendleton, which was sold four months ago for \$5,000, was last week resold for \$8,360.

A young man named James Neal, a sheepherder, accidentally shot and killed himself near Long Creek. A peach weighing one and a half pounds, and measuring 13½ inches in circumference, is a Douglass county

The completed assessment roll of Clatsop county for 1897 show a total valuation of \$3,098,740, as against \$4,-012,505 last year.

Notices have been posted on the can-nery at Marshfield notifying fishermen that the prices of salmon had been re-duced to 25 and 10 cents. A Lane county fruit grower has can-

ned seven carloads of pie fruit at his farm, placing it in from one to five-gal-lon cans, principally the former. Another shipment of Wallowa county beef cattle was made from Elgin last

week, consisting of 450 big steers. One of the animals tipped the beam at The Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company is surveying a route for a tele-phone line from Monroe to some point on the main line between Harrisburg

Mr. N. Humphrey, of Lane county, has up to the present time dried 60,000 pounds of prunes from his own orchard and expects his entire crop to amount to about 107,000 pounds.

and Junction.

A contract has been awarded to build a levee across Lost river slough, in Klamath county, for \$2,490. The encroace ments of the waters of Tule lake have made the construction of this A colony of immigrants, 22 in num-

ber, have just come out from Nebraska with the intention of locating in this country. They shipped all their goods out, including a number of mules. They are now looking around Gilliam The body of the tramp who was killed coroner. It was not identified. All that was found on the body was a plat-

tatoes in a sack. The coroner describ the young man as being about 20 years old, five feet seven inches in height, having dark brown hair, blue eyes and as never having been shaved. The Salem fruit dayers are taking care of no less than 1,750 bushels of

prunes per day, or 105,000 pounds eyery 24 hours. This gives a direct output of 35,000 pounds daily, and the company expects to handle 750,000 pounds of green prunes this season. Just as soon as the prune crop is saved the dryers will start on apples and all that are offered will be bought. This ing returns to the owners ranging all the way from \$600 to \$1,000 per acre

The city council of Spokane has fixed the tax levy for that city at 183 mills. The shingle mill at Machias was destroyed by fire; also 1,500,000 shingles. A 350-pound bear was killed a few miles above Dodley, in Walla Walla

A band of 4,000 sheep was recently purchased at North Yakima for shipment to Chicago.

instantly killed by the breaking of an There is a regular stampede of gold-

Wm. Orr, of Walla Walla, was almost

vicinity of Mt. Baker. The Bank of Garfield, having gone into voluntary liquidation, will close its doors January 1, 1898.

A boy named William Hutton, who accidentally shot his arm off recently, died in Bucoda of heart failure.

A new public library has been opened chased \$400 worth of new books. Since January 1, 274 articles of incor

poration, representing a total capital stock of \$256,691,600, have been filed in Seattle. Farmers' institutes have recently been held at different points in Western Washington, conducted by officials of the state agricultural college.

Thurston county, by a late school census, has an enumeration of 2,178 children of school age, a decrease of 127 from the total of last year. The decrease is in the country districts, and Olympia shows an increase of

Olympia shows an increase of 33.

A crazy man whose name could not be learned created considerable excitement in Tekaa by divesting himself of all his clothing and taking a run do sn Main street. After the man had been captured by citizens and persuaded to don his clothing, he was allowed to leave town.