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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

FERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From A dispatch from Hawarden says that Mr. Gladstone, concerning whose health an alarming rumor was widely circulated, is in his usual health, and Sunday morning walked to the village church, where he attended services.

Passengers on the steamer Mascotte, which has arrived in Tampa, report that Engel Pasee, who betrayed General Castillo to the Spaniards for \$5,000, was captured by insurgents on his way to Cienfuegos, court-martialed on a drum-head and hanged.

A great fire broke out at Melbourne, Australia, and in a very short space of time did enormous damage. It is estimated that the loss will reach £1,000,-000, while the trade in soft goods has received a serious setback. Hundreds of employes of all sorts have been thrown out of employment.

Changing its name and principles the American Railway League has become a full-fledged political organization. his succeeding in arranging terms of Hereafter it will be known as the Railway Employes and Telegraphers' Political League of America. Its object is to deal entirely in state and national politics, chiefly on legislative lines.

A big masonry wharf, having a frontage of 300 meters on the river Tagus, opposite the custom-house in Lisbon. suddenly subsided and completely disappeared in the riverbed. The wharf. which was recently constructed at a cost of £50,000, rested on mud. Fortunately, no one was hunt in the col-

The hostility between the Christian socialists and the social democrats, Caused by Spontaneous Combustion-A which exists in all parts of Austria and frequently leads to sharp collisions between the rival partisans, has result-

excessive and dangerous crowding will headway.

are taking very active interest in the Steampipes were attached and connecfate of Durrant, It is a tenet of their tion made with the lower part of the faith that capital punishment is wrong, and they are getting up a petition praying Governor Budd to stay the exelife imprisonment. The petition was prepared by Dr. Jerome A. Anderson, resident of the San Francisco Theosophical Society, and it has already received a number of signatures.

The commission appointed to revise the criminal code of the United States. in the partial report which it will make to the president and congress, will present a code for criminal justice in The commission is authorized to do this in the act which creates it as a territory. At present the laws of Oregon are made applicable to Alaska, and these will be revised, codified and amended by the commission to suit the present conditions, and will be submitted as a partial report for the basis of legislation by congress.

The final act upon the part of the had already signed it. The treaty takes effect January 1, 1898.

At a session of the Knights of Labor council, at Louisville, it was yoted unanimously to set apart the last Sunday in June as labor memorial day. This day will be observed by all the district assemblies in the United States. It was expressly stated that the day should not be regarded in the light of a holiday. It was fixed upon Sunday so it could not be made a holiday, with its attendant festivities.

An immense claim, 7,000,000 acres of land in the North- said the power of the Western senators not suffering from any disease, but west, including the cities of Minneapo- was unjust, and had been greatly simply from need of nourishment. lis and St. Paut, has been brought be- abused, and was, in fact, checking the fore Commissioner. Hermann, of the development of the country; that he of George W. Hyatt, chief of the relief general land office, and the assistance thought it was a grievous wrong for the department of the United States conof the government in securing official Western senators to stand in the way sulate, at 12 o'clock at night, to make data is called for. The claimants are of the progress of the country. Many inquiries as to the destination of a C. B. Holloway, of Holland, O., and senators will probably oppose the ad- quantity of food which had been taken A. Gunn, of Momee, O. They are mission of those territories because of in the previous day. The female inmaking an examination of the general this impression. land office records with a view to securing copies of certified paper, which, they assert, will establish their title to the lands claimed by them. Their ancestor, through whom they claim of Luetgert, which was to have begun title, was Jonathan Carver, an English- today, went over until tomorrow at the man, a well known explorer in the last request of the defense, who will ask for

Bishop Doan, in his annual address to the clergy of the diocese of Albany, N. Y., in speaking of the relations of America to England in the Lambeth conference, was very intense in his condemnation of what is called "jingoism." Speaking on the subject of international arbitration, he said the spirit of hostility, so openly expressed on this side of the water, was present, though latent, in England, and we should be careful how we arouse this railway from Chamounix up the Monafeeling to active hostility.

Thomas Shamley, about 50 years old, was found dead in the snow, 40 miles east of Canyonville. He was hunting and trapping, and met death within a quarter of a mile of his camp. At a coroner's inquest, it was decided that the cause of death was heart failure.

limated at 1,500,000 tons. Deducting to set the aliens to work. Nearly 200 home consumption, there will remain at least 1,000,000 tons for export. The strong enough and determined men. Lax crop is estimated at 400,000 tons. The Atlantic management will not give The maize crop will not be abundant the strikers places again on any terms, was captured by the insurgents on his in December.

and will attempt to put the Italians at way to Cienfuegos, court-martialed on work on the night shift this evening.

a drum-head and hanged.

GOLD TO BE FREELY USED.

Blanco Trying to Buy Over the Insur gent Leaders.

Havana, Nov. 24.-General Pando started for this city by train last Satur- Perrible Condition of the Saratoga, from Havana, having on board the released men of the Competiday, according to official announcement, to take charge of the campaign against the insurgents. He was accompanied by all his staff, and was escorted by a company of artillery. It is stated on good authority, how-

ever, that Pando has been commisthe New and the Old World In a enter into communication with the in-Condensed and Comprehensive Form | Surgent leaders, with a view to arranging for peace. This statement is based upon accurate knowledge of all the facts. Pando first secured the release from confinement of Damien Caballere, who had been imprisened for acting as a spy for the insurgents. Pando fur nished Caballero, who is god-father of Rabi, the man looked upon as being the backbone of the insurgent government in the province of Santiago de Cuba, with a considerable sum of money and caused him to be attended to Manzanillo, where a good force was placed at his disposal. Pando's peace emmissary was also furnished official documents empowering him to act in behalf of the Spanish commander.

Pando instructed Caballero to offer army General Rabi high rank in the Spanish army and a large sum of money to be distributed among the other insurgent leaders of that part of Cuba, and in addition, a large amount of money for himself in the event of

Although Caballero has not returned, confidential advices reaching Spanish officials here seem to indicate that he has so far been unsuccessful. It is understood that Rabi replied that he believed the successful ending of the war in favor of the insurgents was ayproaching, that the Cubans, with the aid of the United States, will gain their independence, and therefore he desires to continue fighting the Spanards until the final victory is won.

FIRE ON THE OREGON.

Narrow Escape.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The Call says: The coal bunkers in the United ed in serious rioting at Gratz, the capi- States battle-ship Oregon caught fire tal city of Sitira, and the seat of im- Sunday evening from spontaneous comportant cotton and woolen manufac- bustion, and for over eight hours the crew worked with a vengeance to The official programme for the re- smother what looked like a costly blaze. ception of 1898 at the White House by There were over 250 tons of coal in the President and Mrs. McKinley has been vessel, and prompt action alone saved issued. All of the events, excepting the ship and fuel. The fire is supposed New Years' reception and the public to have started from water leaking into reception, will be by card invitation, the coal bunkers. This would eventu-Only those invited will be given an op- ally cause a terrific heat from accumuportunity to be present at least once lating gasses. Luckily, the fire was during the season. The avoidance of discovered before it had gained much

add to the attractiveness of all the re- An alarm was immediately given, The theosophists of San Francisco coal from the vessel to the wharf. taken away. vessel in an attempt to smother what fire might have been in other parts of cution and to commute his sentence to a will, but the task was larger than had the ship. The men went to work with at first been supposed. The work was done with difficulty, as the smoke hindered the men in their attempts to

quickly put it out. During the whole night after the fire had been discovered, the entire crew labored in removing the smoking and blazing coal, and it was not until daylight that the men were allowed to leave their work. The warship will be drydocked within a few days and properly righted, after which she will be coaled and her ammunition placed on board, after which she will be ready

for action. Senate Will Kill the Curren cy Bill. John C. Bell, of Colorado, stopped off cial report there, there are 1,300 armed a few hours in this city on his way to insurgents in the province, including Washington, where he goes to attend a the bands which have recently entered government in the ratification of the meeting of the appropriations committee the province under Maria Rodrigues treaty adopted by the recent universal tee. Speaking of the probable action and other leaders. General Hernandez congress was taken Tuesday, when of congress at its coming session on the Velasco confirms the statement that infinancial question, he said:

convention or treaty and Secretary of . "I think a bill will pass the house antly supplied with ammunition. Sev-State Sherman had the government practically as recommended by the ex- enty of General Velasco's men have seal affixed. Postmaster General Gary 'ecutive, and it will then go to the sen- arrived at Pinar del Rio suffering from ate, where it will be abandoned by that | wounds received in recent engagements body and an appeal will be made to the people that they must make the sen- tary administration is bad. The sollegislation can be obtained."

With reference to the admission of

"There will be no more Western many days. states admitted into the Union while General Losada, subinspector of the either house. The speaker told me correspondent of El Imparcial, in Madlast year that he felt great responsi- rid, that there were actually 35,000 bility for having taken an active part soldiers in the hospitals in Cuba, and embracing in admitting the Western states. He that about 15,000 of these were were

"Hawaii will be annexed."

Luetgert's Trial Went Over. Chicago, Nov. 24.-The second trial a change of venue from Judge Horton. Another Trial Trip.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.-The United States gunboat Wheeling is expected to go to sea today to complete the trial of her machinery and other details of her construction. She will be a way several days. She behaved well on her trip to Honolulu, but the navy department's requirements call for a further trial.

It is expected that when the 1899 season opens there will be cogwheel

Houghton, Mich., Nov. 24 .- An out-

break seems imminent at the Atlantic mine. The company has 75 Italians trom the Franklin mine on the ground ready to take the places of the striking Finns, and the latter announce that bloodshed will ensue at the first attempt Finns are now on a strike, all of them

Reconcentrados.

SCORES STARVING IN MATANZAS

sioned by Captain-General Blanco to Even the Spanish Soldiers Are in Want of Ford-Smallpox Adds to the Terrors, Carrying Off Hundreds.

> Havana, Nov. 23 .- La Lucha, in a ecent published editorial, expresses oubt as to the sincerity of the friendship for Spain professed by the American government, and aids:

> "If the American government cannot prevent the sailing from that country of expeditions in aid of the insurgents, and does not respond in other ways to Spain's efforts to come to favorable terms, it is useless for Spain to maintain friendly relations with America.

> Reports from Matanzas say that the conservatives, having become enraged at the change in the government's policy, are disturbing public order. Ex-Mayor Crespo initiated the disorderly conduct by publicly giving offense to Senor Armas, the new civil governor of the province. The chief of police followed Senor Crespo's lead by endeavoring to prevent aid being given to the suffering reconcentrados by newspaper correspondents and others.

Of the reconcentrados in Matanzas, numbering more than 50,000, 79 died in two days, 36 perishing from hunger. Yesterday 17 deaths were reported, a large proportion the result of starvá-In Jaruaco, about 65 per cent of the deaths 'are 'caused by starvation, and the same is true of many other towns. Owing to the lack of proper clothing and blankets, the situation of the reconcentrados is becoming worse as the winter season approaches, de-

spite the efforts made to relieve them. Horrible episodes are of daily occurrence among the reconcentrados. After lying for three days upon the sidewalk in front of a house in Matanzas, a poor negro woman, who was suffering terribly and was nable to move, was carried away by a flood caused by a heavy downfall of rain. A short time afterward her dead body was discovered a few blocks away, and at last report was still lying in the gutter.

A cabdriver, who was carrying a sick man to a hospital, observed that his passenger was dying. He dragged him from his cab, leaving him on the curbstone, where he finally died.

Cases similar to these are of frequent occurrence. Reports from Candelaria say that a man who was suffering from smallpox was driven by the authorities into the insurgent camp at Cojadal Negeo, Pinar del Rio, where threats

On Wednesday the remain lata, owned by Manuel Galvo, were destroyed by fire. Marshal Blanco has appointed 34

the remainder Spanish reformists. The autonomists are greatly disgusted by their appointments.

Sixty persons employed about the docks and 500 others in various parts of the island have joined the revolutionists, and a number of pioneers at Guines, who were pardoned under the recent proclamation, have returned to the insurgents.

Smallpox is raging in the neighborhood of the insurgent headquarters in Pinar del Rio, and there are in the hospitals and the hills 1,700 persons suffering from the disease.

It is stated by a prominent resident Denver, Nov. 24. - Congressman of Pinar del Rio, according to an offisurgents in Pinar del Rio are abund-The financial condition of the mili-

ate Republican before any remedial diers have not been paid in eight months. There is a scarcity in the meat supnew Western states, Congressman Bell ply in the hospitals, and in many towns no meat has been obtainable for

the Republican party has control of health department, said recently to the

The police recently went to the hor mates, becoming frightened, refused to open the door, and insisted upon being informed of the object of the officer's visit. The police subsequently retired upon learning that the inmates were

Americans. The insurgents, it is stated, have captured 150 mules from the Consaileron del Sur government reservation. A dispatch from Madrid says that Senor Giberga, deputy to the Spanish cortes, and leader of the new autonomists, is on his way to Cuba , where he will enter the autonomist - party, upon condition that Senors Montero, Ferdinandez de Castro. Cuelo and Zaves leave the board of directors of the party, it being asserted that they are too pronouncedly Spanish to succeed in inducing the insurgents to accept autonomy under their leadership. Senor Jose Galvez will remain as chairman of

the party. A band of insurgents recently fired on the town of San Nicholas, in Havana province. Rio Seico, province of Havana, reports that a fresh band of insurgents, well armed and equipped, have appeared in that vicinity. The leader is not known.

A Traitor's Fate. Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 23.-Passen gers on the steamer Mascotte, which arrived in Tampa this evening, report Engel Passe, who betrayed General Castillo to the Spaniards for \$5,000, AGAIN ON FREE SOIL.

The Competitor's Crew Out of the Jaws New York, Nov. 24.-The steamer

tor crew, has been reported entering the harbor. The men are: Captain Alfredo Laborde.

William Gildea. Ona Melton. William Keavitt.

Charles Bernett, an Englishman. The five men were in fairly good health and excellent spirits on reaching quarantine. Captain Laborde suffers somewhat from paralysis, which he contracted during his long confinement in the Cabanas fortress. Joseph A. Springer, the United States vice-consul at Havana, was also a passenger on the Saratoga. Mr. Springer declined

to talk for publication. The released men wore the clothes in which they were clad at the time of their capture, on April 25, 1896, at Berracoa, San Catalino, Cuba. Another happy passenger on the

Saratoga was Julio Arago v Quesaila, the young Cuban insurgent who was ordered to be shot by Weyler, but was pardoned by General Blanco, a friend of the prisoner's father. The six men who had escaped the fate of the Virginius captives were

greeted upon their arrival by an enthusiastic crowd, who gave them a hearty welcome, but the poor wretches were too weak to respond to the cheers which had been given in their honor.

TO RESTRICT SILVER OUTPUT, and Oriental countries, will be passed.

Alleged Object of the Proposed Smelter

New York, Nov. 24.-Representatives of several silver mining and refining works of the United States and Mexico will meet in New York this week to form, if possible, a combination agency to control the price of silver futures.

The price of silver for future delivery is always less than the price of cash silver, and the smelters want to equalize prices. It is said that the smelters hope by their combination to stiffen the price of silver and eventually reduce the output, although they deny the report that they intend to

Among the works to be represented the World from London says: London at the conference are the International capitalists seem to be resolved to share Metal Company, of New York; the Omaha & Grant Smelting Company, of to the Klondike next spring. The Van-Omaha; the Mexican Smelting Company of Monterey; the Phildelphia Smelting & Refining Company, of Pue- Canadian Pacific railway, with a capblo, and the Guggenheim Smelting ital of \$7,500,000 subscribed by six Company, of Port Amboy, N. J.

A POPULAR TICKET.

The Sebastian Internegotiable Mileage couver to Alaskan ports, commencing

Book in Great Demand. fields on the plantation of Portugue- ing very popular. The Sebastian ticket out, and he is said to have a scheme demand that would be made. This other 25,000 has been ordered. The here. Western roads declare that they will reduce still further the rates between Chicago and Northwest points if necessary to maintain their traffic against the competition of steamship lines and Southwestern railroads doing business at Gulf ports. It has become a serious matter for some of the roads, and they have been seen during the last three months a very large amount of tonnage go through the Gulf of Mexico, which

otherwise they would have handled. POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Postmaster-General's Proposition

ceiving Many Indorsements. Washington, Nov. 24.-Postmaster-General Gary is receiving many letters regarding the postal saving bank proposition strongly urged by him in his annual report. Many people throughout on the projected radical extension of an acute stage at the Yildiz Kiosk. and some well-known economists and financiers numbered among the postmaster-general's friends, who heretofore opposed measures of this given a qualified indorsement. Postmaster-General Gary expects some legislation by congress on this question, possibly at the next session, and free discussion of it throughout the country will render material assistance to this

Money Paid Over. Washington, Nov. 24. - The treasury received today from the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific \$13 .-

Trouble in Uruguay. New York, Nov. 24.—As a result of ald's correspondent there, five promi-

have also been made. The Herald's river. correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that a commercial crisis is imminent. Moonshiners Captured. Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 24. - Deputy United States Marshall, with a posse of 12 men, has arrived in the city with 15 illicit distillers who were captured in Scott county. The officers destroyed four stills and about 4,000 gallons of

without trouble. Bank President Indicted. Governeur, N. Y., Nov. 24.-The United States grand jury at Auburn has indicted Luke Usher, president of the National bank, of Potsdam, which failed on January 25 last. The indictments charge Usher with misappropriating \$100,000. Usher has not yet been arrested.

drop on the men and captured them

A Floral Curiosity. A floral curiosity is on exhibition in the Temple Gardens, London. It is a \$5,000 orchid from Venezuela. It has a white flower which in shape resembles a sea-gull with outstretched wings.

Work for the Coming Session of Congress.

HAWAII'S PROSPECTS GOOD

Believes Lodge's Immigration Bill Will Be Passed-Cuban Question Depends on the President's Attitude.

Washington, Nov. 22.-Senator W. E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, in an interivew regarding legislation at the coming session of congress said:

"Senator Lodge proposes pushing the measure looking to the restriction of without delay. Bills proposing to bar the undesirable foreign element from entering this country are now pending in both the house and senate, and there is no doubt that the two houses will be able to agree upon a bill. The house measure lays restrictions on what are called "birds of passage," but the senate bill does not. The class referred to is that which lives along the northern and southern border lines of the country, and embraces Mexicans and Canadians who work daily in the United States, but who live in their his mind, and from the time he passe native countries. This part of the surgents. Of course, the Republican policy will largely depend upon the

the indement of congress. 'The prospects for the ratification of the Hawaiian treaty are excellent. head, the rope adjusted about his neck The Republicans will stand by it to a by Sheriff Phy, and at 6:55 the trap unit, and many Democrats will do like- was sprung and the body shot downwise. I think the necessary two-thirds

vote will be secured. "As to financial legislation, especially as to the revision of the banking utes later three attending physicians laws, I cannot see how any such legislation can be passed."

For the Land of Gold. New York, Nov. 22 .- A dispatch to

in the big profits anticipated by a rush couver & Northern Shipping & Trading Company, which is building the new shareholders, today purchased the old Cunarders, the Bothnia and Scythia, and two Cape mail steamers, as the nucleus of a fleet to run from Van- be constructed at The Dalles. Chair-March 10. Both ships are chartered

Washington, Nov. 22 .- The secret service announces the discovery of a new counterfeit \$10 silver certificate, and also a counterfest national bank note. The silver certificate is a photographic production, printed on two pieces of paper pasted together. No attempt has been made to color the back of the note, which is a shade of brown, instead of green. The seal is colored a bright pink. The note is badly printed, and the lathe work is blurred and indistinct. The national bank note is on the First National bank of Joplin, Mo., series 1882. It is also printed on two pieces of paper, and the silk fibre in the geneuine is imitated by pen

and ink marks. Turks Living on Bread and Water. London, Nov. 22 .- The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: the country have written, commenting | Pecuniary embarrassments have reached the postal service, and have submitted Salaries of ambassadors are left unpaid some suggestions calculated in their for months. Since the departure of opinion to make the correspondents in- Galib Bey, Turkish ambassador at Berdicate a rather general commendation, | lin, another Turkish envoy has written Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, declaring that he has sold everything and lives almost entirely on dry bread, adding that he even fears he character, have in letters just received will be unable much longer to borrow that. A third ambassador has written to Tewfik Pasha saying: "All my means are exhausted, and

I cannot even buy a pair of gloves when obliged to appear anywhere."

Murderer Electrocuted. Columbus, O., Nov. 22 .- Alfred J Frantz, the murderer of Bessie Lytle. of Dayton, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary at 12:22 this morning. He took his place in 645,250 in cash and turned over to the the chair at 12:18 without an apparent committee that amount in bonds, tremor. The first shock did not cause which have been on deposit with the death, and the current was applied government in the sinking fund of the again three times before life was pronouncd extinct. On August 27, 1896, Frantz murdered Bessie Lytle, a young girl whom he had betrayed. Her body was thrown into the Stillwater river. the attempted revolutionary movement | Frantz made an allged confession, in in Montevideo, Uruguay, says the Her- which he claimed the girl had shot herself while they were out riding, and, nent army officers have been arrested. | fearing he would be charged with mur-Many arrests of civilians and politicians der, he had thrown the body into the

Peru Wants to Arbitrate Washington, Nov. 22.-The Peruvian minister, Dr. Egulgerin, was among Secretary Sherman's callers to-He came to talk over the last demand of our government for a settlement of the McCord claim, and he has now, in return, proposed arbitration in the case. This proposition is not acceptable to our government, and the negotiations continue. whisky and beer. The officers got the

A pound of the finest spider web would reach around the world.

Washington, Nov. 22. - The secretar of the treasury has issued a circular to employes to the effect that clerks recelving a stated salary who neglect to pay their debts contracted for the necessary support of themselves and their families, without presenting satisfactory reasons therefor, will not be retained in office.

In North Dakota the killing of quall and English and Chinese pheas-ants is prohibited until 1906 and beaver and otter cannot be trapped or killed unttil 1908. EXPIATED HIS CRIME

Kelsay Porter Died on the Gallows

Union, Or., Nov. 22.-In the gray dawn of an approaching day, while most of the citizens of Union were still asleep, Kelsay Porter, murderer of the Mache family in Pine valley, January 1, 1896, expiated his crime on the gallows. Including the sheriff's jury of 12 men, about 50 people witnessed the execution. It was carried out with dispatch. Seventeen minutes after Porter left the jail door to mount the scaf-fold, his body was in the coffin, which

was waiting to receive it beneath the gallows. It was about 5 o'clock this morning when Porter was aroused and told to prepare for the trying ordeal before him., Realizing his last moments had really come, he displayed nervousness. immigration and demanding its passage After dressing in a suit of black clothes provided for him, he ate a light breakfast, the first meal for several days. The appearance of his religious adviser had a reassuring effect. Rev. Mr. Shields passed an hour in the cell, preparing Porter for his death, reading Scriptural passages to him, and closing with a fervent prayer for the condemned man. Porter, in refusing to see press rep

resentatives, stated that all he had to say would be spoken on the gallows, but before leaving the jail, he changed out of the door of his cell, mounted bill, in my judgment, eventually will the scaffold and was hurled into eterbe omitted, and the senate bill, which nity, he did not speak a word. He applies to immigrants from . European | was assisted to the platform of the scaffold by Sheriff Phy and Deputy "Some action, I believe, will be taken McLaughlin, who helped him up the looking to the relief of the Cuban in- steps. Rev. Mr. Shields and Deputy Sheriff Giffen were also on the scaffold. Porter was placed directly over the president's message, but, my opinion is trap, his legs and arms pinioned and that he will leave the entire matter to his wrists handcuffed. While this was going on he became slightly unsteady. The black cap was placed over his ward, dangling at the end of the rope. Death was instantaneous, the neck being broken by the fall. Twelve minpronounced Porter dead, and the body

was cut down and placed in the waiting coffin. The crime for which Kelsay Porter suffered the death penalty was the killing of the Mache family-Benjamin Mache, his wife and 17-year-old son, Benjamin-in Pine valley, Union

county, January 1, 1896.

LOCKS FOR THE DALLES Government Has Abandoned the Boat Rallway Scheme. Washington, Nov. 22.-The probabilities are that a boat railway will never

man Hooker, of the river and harbor freight by Lipton, the millionaire of the rapids, and has interested himthe voyage self more or less in several matters which will require appropriations comwas placed on sale November 15, and for building a new town to be called ing from his committee. Mr. Hooker 25,000 tickets were printed, as it was Liptonia, near Skaguay. This enteries very reticent about expressing his thought this would be sufficient for the prise is understood to be the result of views, but there were other members of the visit to Skaguay of the Hon. James the river and harbor committee with number is exhausted, however, and an- Burke Roche, who has just returned him on his Western trip, and the press correspondent has been able to learn that the boat railway plan will not be approved in the next session of congress, and that the committee on river and harbors will not taken favorable action for any improvement there that does not have for its object a different plan than either a boat railway or a portage railway. It is very probable that what will be done is the authorization of a survey to be made for construction of a canal and locks, and which will secure the passage of boats of about four feet draft. It is asserted that boats of greater draft than this cannot operate successfully above the dalles, and that boats of this draft can go far up the Columbia river, the Snake and the Clearwater. If these boats could ply between Portland and the farthest points on the rivers named, a great deal would be accomplished, freight rates would be regulated, and the wheat of Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho could be transported to tidewater at a small cost. It is the general belief that a canal and locks of the kind contemplated could be built at an expenditure of less than \$1,000,000, and also that they could be

> visited the Columbia during the past summer. FATE OF PROSPECTORS. Three Men Are Drowned in .. Whit

pushed to completion at an early day.

It is not known whether the Oregon

delegation will accept such a plan as

this, but the general understanding is

that it will be offered by the members

of the river and harbor committee who

Horse Rapids. Port Townsend, Nov. 22. - New eached here tonight of the drowning of two men belonging to the party of Colonel Will E. Fisher, of San Francisco, in the White Horse rapids November 4. No details of the accident were received. Neither could the name of the drowned men be learned. Accompanying this news was the information that Frank Anthony, of Seattle, was drowned at the same place October 29. Anthony's boat capsized. His two companions, Murphy and Hepburn, were rescued by the Canadian

mounted police. Heavy snows are reported on the summits of the passes leading into the interior. Travel is becoming difficult and dangerous, yet people are still going back and forth over the mountains. The lakes and rivers in the interior are more or less frozen. On the Skaguay trail the snow is fully three feet deep. It is five or six feet deep on the Dyes

A Hog-Killing Secretary. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 22. - Secretary of State Porter was fined \$6.20 in the police court today for violating the health ordinance by butchering hogs

Carrier Pigeons for Alaska. San Francisco, Nov. 22 .- A pigeon fancier of this city has given the United States government eight pairs

within the city limits.

more remote portions of Alaska They will be taken north on the Bear and sent to various points, such as St. Michaels, Point Barrow and Herschel island, where they will be taken care of until they become thoroughly acclimated. The offspring of these birds will be the messengers of the future be-tween isolated miners and whalers and the outside world.

of his best pigeon service between the

THE COMPETITOR PRISONERS

The Queen Pardons Alleged Cuban Filibusters.

MUST NOT RETURN TO CUBA apparently warrant an advance. Crop

Madrid Political Circles.

York today.

went on the Competitor in the capacity for the week were 6,653,791 bushels. of newspaper correspondent, and Large sales for export have been made Charles Barnett, of British birth, but during the week, partly the result of who claimed the protection of the apprehended damage to the Argentine United States government by virtue of crop. his sailing on an American vessel.

The conditions under which the Com- wheat market is very unsatisfactory. petitor was captured off the Cuban There is an absence of general speculacoast, while engaged in landing arms tive interest due partly to high values, for the insurgents, have been often de- but more particularly to the small scribed. The defense of the men was stocks and the presence of more or less that they were forced into the expedi- manipulation in the market. A large tion against their will by the insurgent short interest exists entirely out of proparty on board. They were tried by a portion to existing stocks. There is naval court-martial, before which the could make only a poor showing, prin- rant any decline. The result of the cipally because of their ignorance of Argentine crop seems to be the determthe Spanish language, in which the pro- ining factor regarding future values. ceedings were conducted, and their Until the result is definitely known it conivction and the imposition of the seems that present values will be fully death sentence was not a matter of sur- maintained and probably advanced.

sumed diplomatic importance. Our both for Eastern account and for exgovernment, through its consul-general at Havana, Ramon Williams, and ing the crop yield at 1,892,000,000 through Minister Taylor, at Madrid, bushels, is not credited by the trade interposed an energetic protest against and entirely unwarranted according to the execution of the men, claiming private advices. they were improperly tried, in view of the guarantees held out in the famous the removal of the case to the higher judicial authorities at Madrid, by Four—Best grades, \$4.25; grawhorn a new trial was ordered. The \$3.50; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Spanish government, however, did not, and has not yet, conceded that the gray, 32@33c per bushel. Cushing protocol applies to such cases. To admit that would, in the opinion of ing, \$20 per ton. the Spanish authorities, greatly stimulate the fitting out of filibustering par-

ties in the United States. The new trial had been ordered by the Madrid supreme court, on the 1 at, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ground of irregularities in the original trial, and by concession of the soundness of the objections interposed by the United States. It was to have begun last Monday, and it is thought would have resulted in the imposition of the death sentence again. This, however, would have provoked an explosion in this country, according to the anticipations of the department officials, that 2.50 per doezn; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; would have been hardly less violent than the feeling caused by the famous Virginius episode, so to them it is a matter of satisfaction that the Spanish queen has cut the diplomatic tangle by the pardon of the men before the second trial.

Senor Dupuy de Lome had a long conference with Assistant Secretary Day today, and it is believed the Spanish government is about to voluntarily remove another troublesome factor from the field of negotiations, in revoking the decree made by Weyler, prohibiting the exportation of tobacco from Cuba. This prohibition has worked hardships on American cigar-makers, and up to this time all efforts of the state department to secure an amelioration of the harsh conditions of the decree have been unavailing. The rea- pound. son set up by General Weyler for the order was the necessity of keeping in Havana the supply of tobacco necessary to run the domestic cigar factories, and thus, by giving employment to workmen, keep them from drifting away into the insurgent ranks. It was a matter of common report, however, that another potent reason was a desire to cripple the Cuban cigar-makers in the United States, from which

the insurgents drew funds. Reports that come from Washington are to the effect that the new crop of tobacco that will be ripe in February next is of excellent quality, and amounts to four-fifths of an average

Signaled for Assistance. New York, Nov. 22.-The steamer Megantic, from London November 4 for this port, anchored outside the bar this forenoon, signalling that she was disabled and in need of assistance.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.-The steamship Coptic, which sailed today for the Orient, carried nearly 300 Chinese, including seven who were deported. These men came here about a month ago with certificates to the effect that they were merchants, members of a well-known firm in Chinatown. The firms, however, repudiated the claim.

In Meriden, Warwickshire, a stone cross on the village green marks the geographical center of England.

Fatality at a Polish Show. London, Nov. 22.- A dispatch from Berlin describes a terrible fatality in Poland. While a recent performance of wild heasts and their tamer was in progress at a village near Kovono, Poland, the liontamer was killed by a lion and a tigress. A fearful panic ensued among the spectators, and 86 persons were crushed to death, many others being seriously injured.

Odessa, Nov. 22.-Information bas been received from Simperfool, in the eum have been made in the peninsula.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

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No decided changes have occurred in wheat values during the week. The market has been principally noted for the absence of general speculation and the presence of several arguments that advices in America, while showing an improvement in condition of the grow-Are Now on Their Way to New York- ing crop, most certainly indicate a de-General Satisfaction Expressed in creased area seeded. The news from the Argentine crop has been sensational. General frosts have occurred, but Washington, Nov. 22. - Minister the extent of the damage, if any, is Woodford has telegraphed the state de- only a matter of conjecture. The exact partment that the Spanish cabinet has facts cannot be ascertained for some notified him that the queen has par- time yet. Reports from Russia assert doned the Competitor prisoners. The the rye crop to be very short and the state department announces that the oat crop poor. The export demand con-Competitor prisoners were turned over tinues unabated, and in excess of our to Consul-General Lee last Monday, weekly surplus. It is a matter of reand will be sent by him direct to New cent history that export countries are liable to sell more than their available It is not doubted here that the prison- surplus of breadstuffs and be forced to ers are liberated on such conditions become importers. This is evidenced as were imposed in the case of former in the case of Australia and the Argenprisoners; that is, that they will not re- tine during the past year, and should turn to Cuba. It is singular that the our export clearances continue at the men should have been for days in cus- present rate it is entirely possible that tody of General Lee without the fact American supplies may be likewise exhaving become generally known, but hausted. Receipts at primary points it is supposed that secrecy was observed are large, compared with last year, and in order to secure departure from Ha- visible stocks continue to increase. vana without exciting trouble from the When the high values are taken into extreme conservative Spanish faction. consideration together with the large There were four prisoners, namely, crop produced last year, it is a matter Alfredo Laborde, the captain of the of surprise that the primary receipts Competitor, a native of New Orleans; are not much larger. Advices from William Gildea, the mate, a natural- the northwest indicate that the moveized citizen, Ona Melton, who claims ment from first hands is decreasing. Kansas as his native state, and who Export clearances of wheat and flour

> The local speculative condition of the nothing in the general situation to war-

There has been a decided improve-At that point, however, the case as- ment in the cash demand for corn, port. The government report, estimat-

Portland Market.

ley and Bluestem, 76@77c per bushel. Four-Best grades, \$4.25; graham, Oats-Choice white, 34@35c; choice Barley-Feed barley, \$19@20; brew-

Wheat-Walla

Millstiffs-Bran, \$15 per ton; midflings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50. Hay-Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, 1 10 @ 11; California wheat, \$10; do

Eggs-221/2@25c per dozen. Butter-Fancy creamery, 50@55c; fair to good, 40@45c; dairy, 30@40c

per roll. Cheese - Oregon, 111/2c; Young America, 12%c; California, 9@10c Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@

geese, \$5@6; ducks, \$3.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound. Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 35@40c per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental. Onions-Oregon, new, red, 90c; vel-

low, 80c per cental. Hops-8@13c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 6@7c. Wool-Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20 @22c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers

and ewes, \$2.50@2.60; dressed mutton, 5c; spring lambs, 51/2c per pound. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25; dressed beef, 4@5%c per

6c per pound. Seattle Market.
Butter — Fancy native creamery, brick, 27c; ranch, 16@18c. Cheese-Native Washington, 121/2c; California, 936c.

Veal-Large, 41/2 @5c; small, 51/2 @

Eggs-Fresh ranch, 30c. Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@ 3 00: ducks. \$3,50@3,75. Wheat-Feed wheat, \$23 per ton.

Oats-Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn-Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22.

Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 51/2c; mutton sheep, 6c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 7. Fresh Fish-Halibut, 4@5c; salmon, 3@4c; salmon trout, 7@19c; flounders

and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 216@4c. Fresh Fruit-Apples, 50@75c per box; peaches, 75@80c; prunes, 85@40c; pears, 75c@\$1 per box.

San Francisco Market. Wool-Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12 @14c; Northern 11@14c per pound. Hops-10@14c per pound. Millstuffs-Middlings, \$20@22; California bran, \$16.00@16.50 per ton. Onions-New red, 70@80c; do new

Eggs-Store, 18@26c; ranch, 41@ 43c: Eastern, 27@28; duck, 25c pe Potatoes-New, in boxes, 30@80c. Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencias \$1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, \$2.50@ 3.00; California lemons, choice, \$2.00 @2.50; do common, 75c@\$1 per box. Hay-Wheat, 12@14.50; wheat and oat, \$11@13; oat, \$10@12; river barley. \$7@8; best barley, \$10@12; alfalfa. \$8@9.50: clover, \$8@9.50. Fresh Fruit-Apples, 35c@\$1 per

silverskin, \$1.35@1.50 per cental.

large box; grapes, 15@35c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@\$1; pears, 75c \$1 per box; plums, 20@85c. Butter-Fancy creamery, 27@28c;

do' seconds, 25@26c; fancy dairy. Crimea, that new discoveries of petro- 24c; good to choice, 21@23c per pound,