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## ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

### PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

#### MILITARY EXPEDITION.

**Escaped Convict Killed. Fire in Los Angeles. Disastrous Collision at Sea.**

#### SEVEN MONTHS' FIRE RECORD.

##### Mysterious Deaths.

George Friedenberg, a saloon-keeper was found dead in his saloon at San Francisco, having committed suicide by taking poison, because it was alleged, of jealousy of his wife, Wm. C. Lunders, a book-keeper, and W. H. Waldron, a printer, together with Friedenberg, had been drinking for several days. Lunders was found on the streets, insensible from an overdose of morphine, the next day, and died at the hospital. Shortly afterward the body of Waldron was found in a hallway on Howard street. It is supposed he died from alcoholism. Coronor Stanton is nonplussed at the turn events have taken, as these two were the only witnesses he relied upon for the inquest on Friedenberg, and as Lunders in conversation with the coroner said it would not be long before he would be laid beside Friedenberg, it is supposed he committed suicide, though no motive is apparent.

**Disastrous Collision at Sea.**  
A dispatch received at the Merchant's Exchange at San Francisco, states that the British ship Earl Wemyss, which left for Cork, collided with the British ship Ardencaple, bound from Liverpool to Calcutta. The Wemyss, which sank, carried 43,342 cents of wheat, valued at \$63,700, shipped by G. W. McNear. The Ardencaple was badly damaged. She put into Fernando Noronha, a small port on the coast of Brazil. A part of the crew of the Wemyss was saved.

**Attempt to Wreck a Train.**  
An attempt was made to wreck the overland train near Los Angeles, Cal. The train reached a dark point near the outskirts of town, where the track is on an embankment. When the engineer saw something on the track he reversed the lever and put on the air brakes; but the cow-catcher struck the obstruction, which proved to be a telephone pole, evidently laid across the track by some unknown persons.

**Shot by a Policeman.**  
Officer Whalen, of San Francisco, heard the cries of a man on the corner of Russ and Folsom streets. Running there he found Officer Glennon with a pistol, standing over a man who was bleeding. On examination it was found that he had been shot by Officer Glennon in three places. He was taken to a hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. The cause of the shooting was not disclosed.

**Wholly Unknown.**  
An unknown man was found by a policeman before daybreak, lying in an insensible condition at the foot of a bank near the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco. He had fallen over the bank, which is twenty feet high, while drunk. At the receiving hospital his injuries were pronounced fatal. All the ribs on the left side were fractured, as was his right hip, and he had suffered contusion of the brain. Who the man is, is not known. There was nothing on him that would help to identify him.

**Escaped Convict Killed.**  
There have been frequent fires and robbery on Fowler Bros.' railroad, near Dutch Flat, Cal., causing heavy losses. Constable Ferguson and a party found a camp with three men in the brush. On seeing the officers two ran away and the third was killed. Henry Watters, one of the hunting party, was shot in the leg by one of his own party, but not much injured. The men are supposed to be escaped convicts.

**Fire in Los Angeles.**  
Fire gutted a two-story wooden building in East Los Angeles, owned by L. Stromme. The lower portion was occupied as a tin shop and picture store, and the upper floor was used as a lodging house. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, partly insured. The interior of a three-story structure adjoining, owned by J. N. Abbott, was flooded, causing a loss of \$1,500, insured.

**Successful Military Expedition.**  
Capt. McConchie, commanding officer of the recent army expedition to Yaquina bay, rode into Portland and telegraphed the news of his arrival to Vancouver. The expedition, which consisted of two companies of infantry and a platoon of artillery, took a course southerly from here on the west side through Sheridan and the Grand Ronde Indian reservation to Nestucca bay. From this point an exploring party was fitted up with a pack train, and mounted upon mules, went down the coast to Yaquina bay. The captain, with the main command, came back east of the Coast mountains, and took their march through King's valley and along the route of the Yaquina river to Yaquina bay. From this point the whole command returned on the west side by a different route, having marched in all

**A Heavy Embazement.**  
It was definitely learned that the embezzlement of Joseph Breed, assistant cashier of the Hartford (Conn.) National Bank, who recently committed suicide, would aggregate \$108,500 instead of \$22,000 as first reported. The estate of Daniel Goodwin losses \$86,000. The large Shultas estate, of which Breed was custodian, is intact. The examination of the bank is finished, and not a dollar is missing. Breed lost the money in stock speculation.

**Dynamiters at Work.**  
For the fourth time Cutler, Ind., was the scene of a terrific explosion. Dynamite was placed under the post office, and that structure literally blown to atoms. A large quantity of dynamite was found under a hotel with matches half burned. A strong gale undoubtedly extinguished the match.

**Death from Hydrophobia.**  
Two horses died at Secorro, N. M., in the agony of hydrophobia, having been bitten by a mad dog. A yearling

about 400 miles. They are now stationed about three miles up the river. "I am well pleased with the result of the expedition," said Capt. McConchie, "both in the advantages accruing to the troops from the marching experience, and the successful passage of the exploring party from Nestucca bay southward. There is no official record, so far as we know, of this route having been covered, though there are rumors in that direction, and it has been an open and interesting question whether such a trail could be found. We take no little satisfaction at the success of the enterprise. Most of the passage was made along the beach, but several streams enter into the ocean, and the high and frequent promontories render the route difficult. The deep rivers were successfully swum by the mules, and a toilsome way picked over the rocky headlands. Such tramping expeditions are annually customary, and this is the only one this year."

#### From Seattle.

Louis English, while at work digging a deep trench for a sewer at Seattle, W. T., was caught by a cave-in and buried. His fellow-workmen dug him out in a half-dead condition. It is hardly expected he will survive internal injuries, resulting from the pressure he received.

#### Poisoned by Caused Goods.

Three families have been poisoned by eating canned goods at San Diego, Cal. Four members of the family of W. F. Baltimore are prostrated, and Katie, the youngest daughter, is not expected to recover. Four members of the family of Capt. Charters and Mrs. Miller and her daughter, are also in a critical condition.

#### A Wife's Punishment.

Mrs. Lena Schreiner, who poured kerosene on her husband while he was drunk, and set him on fire, pleaded guilty to a charge of murder at Chicago. With her baby on her knee, she listened stolidly while the judge pronounced a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. The judge said that in fixing the sentence he had taken into consideration the fact that Schreiner was a wife-beater of the most brutal variety.

#### A Scout Commits Suicide.

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#### A Deadly Duel.

A sanguinary duel took place at San Felipe de Sabinas, Texas. Losira Amador, captain of the Contias Guards, a body of mounted custom house inspectors, and Graciana Cauau, one of the state rangers, had had trouble and a grudge existed between them. Meeting in San Felipe de Sabinas, they drew pistols simultaneously and began shooting. Amador fell dead at the second or third shot and his opponent, Cauau, died within four hours from the effect of wounds received from his slain antagonist.

#### Accident on the Wabash.

A passenger train on the Wabash road, near Fairmont, Ill., was wrecked by a collision with a freight. An unknown man stealing a ride was killed, and the engineer and postal clerk are badly injured.

#### Accidentally Killed.

John Payne met death in Pine canyon, near Fillmore, Utah. He was taking home a load of lumber, and in some way he was thrown under the wagon, the wheels passing over him, crushing his skull and breaking bones in his body.

#### Met Death in the Clouds.

A large silk balloon, its car deserted and drifting, was captured on Cumberland hill, R. I., where it had caught among the trees. The address, "Carl Myers, Mohawk, N. Y." was found on it, and a bit of a Buffalo newspaper was pinned to the basket, on which was pencilled "Met our death in the clouds."

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#### Killed His Wife and Children.

Near Columbus, Ind., James Ford, a farmer while suffering from delirium caused by fever, sprang from his bed and made an attack upon his wife and two children. He seized a chair and killed the youngest child and his wife, and his 10-year-old boy was so badly injured that he died.

#### A Verdict of Guilty.

Judge Shroder of Cincinnati ordered the jury to return a verdict of guilty, in the case of Ives and Stanner, two very prominent New York financiers, in the trial in which they are charged with embezzling some millions of securities of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R.

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### AGRICULTURAL.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS AND STOCKMEN.

### MARKET REPORT.

RELIABLE QUOTATIONS CAREFULLY REVISSED EVERY WEEK.

**WHEAT**—Valley, \$1 30@\$1 31 Walla Walla, \$1 20@\$1 22½.

**BARLEY**—Whole, \$1 10@1 12½; ground, per ton, \$25 00@27 50.

**OATS**—Milling, 32@34c.; feed, 44@45c.

**HAY**—Baled, \$10@\$13.

**SEED**—Blue Grass, 14@16c.; Timothy, 9½@10c.; Red Clover, 14@15c.

**FLOUR**—Patent Roller, \$4 00; Country Brand, \$3 75.

**EGGS**—Per doz., 25c.

**BUTTER**—Fancy roll, per pound, 25c.; pickled, 20@25c.; inferior grade, 15@25c.

**CHEESE**—Eastern, 16@20c.; Oregon, 14@16c.; California, 14½.

**VEGETABLES**—Beets, per sack, \$1 50; cabbage, per lb., 2½c.; carrots, per sk., \$1 25; lettuce, per doz., 20c.; onions, \$1 00; potatoes, per 100 lbs., 40@50c.; radishes, per doz., 15@20c.; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

**HONEY**—In comb, per lb., 18c.; strained, 5 gal. tins, per lb., 8½c.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, per doz., \$4 00@6 00; ducks, per doz., \$5 00@6 00; geese, \$6 00@8 00; turkeys, per lb., 12½c.

**PROVISIONS**—Oregon hams, 12½c. per lb.; Eastern, 13@13½c.; Eastern breakfast bacon, 12½c. per lb.; Oregon 10@12c.; Eastern lard, 10@11½c. per lb.; Oregon, 10½c.

**GREEN FRUITS**—Apples, \$5 00@5 5c.; Sicily lemons, \$6 00@6 50 California, \$3 50@5 00; Navarolanges \$6 00@6 00; Riverside, \$4 00; Mediterranean, \$4 25.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Sun dried apples, 7½c. per lb.; machine dried, 10@11c.; pitless plums, 13c.; Italian prunes, 10@14c.; peaches, 12½@14c.; raisins, \$2 40@2 50.

**WOOL**—Valley, 17@18c.; Eastern Oregon, 9@15c.

**HIDES**—Dry beef hides, 8@10c.; cattle, 6@7c.;