

BETTING ON THE FIGHT

Poolers Have Been Opened for the Fistic Carnival.

MANAGER STUART IS LAUDED

Corbett, O'Donnell and Smith Are the Favorites in the Three Mills Arranged for Dallas.

New York, July 31.—Governor Culberson's edict adverse to pugilistic encounters in Texas does not seem to have had much effect on the sports. They all believe implicitly in Dan Stuart's ability to bring off the big fight at Dallas. As "side-shows," the O'Donnell and Maher and Ryan and Smith fights have also engaged the interest of the sporting fraternity. In the hotels tonight the admirers of pugilism gathered and discussed the probability of Stuart's scheme coming out on top. Word was received from New Orleans tonight that pools had been established in New Orleans, San Francisco, Louisville, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Denver, St. Paul, Pueblo, Kansas City, El Paso, Chattanooga and many other places, where the following odds can be obtained:

\$100 to \$600 against Corbett; \$500 to \$600 against Fitzsimmons; \$600 to \$700 against O'Donnell; \$700 to \$800 against Maher; \$400 to \$500 against Ryan; \$500 to \$600 against Smith; \$400 to \$500 that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout does not last twenty rounds; \$400 to \$500 that it exceeds twenty rounds; \$400 to \$500 that O'Donnell-Maher bout does not last twenty rounds; \$400 to \$500 that it exceeds twenty rounds; \$400 to \$500 that the Smith-Ryan bout does not last twenty rounds; \$400 to \$500 that it exceeds twenty rounds. Combination betting—\$500 to \$100, Corbett to win and to pick the other two winners; \$300 to \$100, Fitzsimmons to win and to pick the other two winners.

Backers of the books are so confident that Governor Culberson's recent proclamation will not hold that they offer the tempting odds of \$300 to \$100 that the fight will take place in Texas. In sporting circles tonight the majority of those on the inside express themselves as being perfectly satisfied that Stuart knows his business and that Dallas will get the fight.

THE DURRANT PLAY PROHIBITED

Work on Filling up the Jury Proceeds Very Slowly.

San Francisco, July 31.—The principal feature of the Durrant case today was the defendant's application for a judicial order to prevent the production of a play called "The Crime of a Century," based upon the Emanuel church murders. The prisoner alleges that the performance advertised for tonight would inflame popular feeling against him. The prosecution joined with the defense in a request for a restraining order, which was granted. The work of securing a jury proceeds slowly. Of thirty examined today none were accepted. Few are challenged for believing in the prisoner's guilt. The majority are excused for circumstantial evidence as convincing. The production of the play entitled, "The Crime of a Century," which was placed on the stage at the Alcazar theater tonight, was stopped in the middle of the third act. Just at the point when Dabois, the character who is supposed to impersonate Durrant, was about to drag a young woman to the belfry of a church, Sheriff Whelan and five deputies marched on the stage and arrested the performers, eleven in all. The manager of the theater was also placed under arrest. The manager stepped before the curtain and made a speech, in which he claimed he had a right to produce the play, but he was taken into custody, nevertheless, for disobeying the order made by Judge Murphy restraining him from putting the piece on the stage. All gave bail in the sum of \$1,000 each, and were released. A great crowd attended the performance, which was hised at intervals.

The Robert Ray Hamilton Estate.
New York, July 31.—John C. O'Connor, attorney of the executors of the late Robert Ray Hamilton, has received the following telegram: "Market Lake, Idaho, July 30.—Can you get a detachment of troops ordered to protect the Mary Mere ranch? As planned by Coppinger, there are no troops within forty miles."
"B. D. Sar-gent."

The Mary Mere ranch, of which Robert Ray Hamilton was part owner, is about forty miles north of Jackson's Hole, close to the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park. O'Connor placed himself in communication with the military authorities here in order that steps might be taken for the protection of Sargent.

Mrs. Corbett Entitled to a Divorce.
New York, July 31.—Referee Jacobs in his report in the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Ollie Corbett finds Mrs. Corbett entitled to a divorce, and recommends that the agreement entered into by her and her husband, at the time of their separation—in which he agreed to pay her \$100 a week for life—be confirmed.

Russia Aiding the Macedonians.
London, July 31.—A Vienna dispatch to the Daily News says that a telegram received here from Bucharest reports that the Russian Danube Navigation Company's vessels are well armed and equipped with disguised Russian soldiers and officers, who are landed on the Bulgarian shore on a route to Macedonia.

Must Be Again Divorced.
Guthrie, O. T., July 30.—The suit to test divorces granted by the probate judges of Oklahoma has been decided by the supreme court adversely to the judges and the divorces, the court affirming its former decisions on the subject, denying the right of probate judges to grant divorces, and declaring all such null and void, and any subsequent marriages of the parties illegal. Hundreds of Eastern people who have secured divorces from probate courts will be compelled to have their cases retried in the district courts.

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A PREACHER'S PROTEST.

It's Sanctioned the Wheel and Sport Skirts, But Don't Like Bloomers.

San Francisco, July 31.—Since a bloomer ball was given in Chicago a few days ago, preparations have been made for several functions of the kind in this city. As a result the local clergymen are considerably agitated over the subject, and last night Dr. Westwood Case, of the Howard street Methodist church, paid his respects to the bloomer girl and the bloomer ball in the following words:

"I believe in the wheel and in women riding the wheel, and in her getting rid of a great deal of unnecessary skirts; but when it is announced that no woman can attend the bloomer ball wearing skirts, then it is time to put in a protest.

"It is my opinion that no woman will go to that bloomer ball who is virtuous and prudent and possessed of taste. But let no body quote me as saying that all who go to that ball are not virtuous women; I have not said that, but that they will not be all three of those things, I say, that, in my opinion, being a just prophecy.

"I believe that every respectable woman will frown upon any such kind of an entertainment. The danger of the bloomer craze lies in the fact that when the public allows a little latitude in dress, there are those in every community who are disposed to make it disgraceful."

ARCTIC EXPLORATIONS.

Subject Discussed at the International Geographical Congress.

London, July 31.—The session today of the international geographical congress was opened with the description of polar expeditions. Mr. Neumeyer and Joseph Hooker, a survivor of the Arctic expedition headed by Sir John Ross in 1829-33, urged that fresh expeditions be equipped, and Dr. Murray, leader of the Challenger expedition, argued in support of the theory that the Arctic continent was a succession of volcanic islands, and that investigation of the Antarctic ocean ought to be undertaken by the nations of the world, and as a result of private enterprise. A small committee was appointed to draft a resolution in favor of further examinations.

There was a small attendance at today's session. According to general opinion, the paper read by General Greeley was too technical to be popular. Most of the interest of the day was centered in a paper read by M. S. Tandre, proposing a balloon route to the North Pole. The idea seemed feasible as proposed by the explorer. The only difficulty appeared to be how to make sufficient gas for the expedition. Then, again, prominent geographers seemed to think that the proposition would fail without the use of boats, and a large amount of provisions to rely upon in case of accident. The general impression of the congress, however, was that the proposition lacked practical application.

Manufactured War News.

London, July 31.—The Times has commenced an action against the Central News, a small news agency of this city, claiming that the terms of its contract with the Central News to supply cable messages from the war in the far East were not fulfilled, inasmuch as the dispatches were not true or substantial copies of the cable messages, and that some of them were concocted by and on behalf of the defendant, and that others were largely altered. The Times also asks for a declaration that the publishers of the Times are not responsible for the claim made for a further payment of 41 pounds for "such war news." The Central News people deny the allegation.

Could Not Furnish the Bond.

Denver, July 31.—T. H. Wygant, county treasurer of Arapahoe county, retires from office today on account of his inability to furnish satisfactory bonds for \$50,000. Wygant was formerly treasurer of the town of Highlands. An investigation of the town's affairs is in progress, and Wygant was asked to produce his books. He refused, saying he burned the books. On account of this and other revelations David H. Moffitt and other bankers who signed his bond as county treasurer withdrew therefrom. The county commissioners will elect a new county treasurer this afternoon.

A Wife for the Herald's Editor.

New York, July 31.—A Berlin newspaper which has just been received in this city has the following: The coming event in Paris is the marriage between James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, who lives in Paris, and Mrs. Annenkov, the Russian engineer who constructed the Trans-Caspian railroad. Mrs. Annenkov is said to be one of the richest women in Paris.

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STILL ANOTHER GONE

A Large Expedition Leaves This Country for Cuba.

VESSEL A FORMIDABLE WARSHIP

She Has Arms and Ammunition Aboard Which the Insurgents Need More Than Anything Else.

Philadelphia, July 30.—The Press will publish the following tomorrow: By Tuesday or Wednesday of this week there will be in Cuban waters the largest expedition from this country that has yet left. It will be under command of Colonel Enrique Collazo, who arrived in this country about July 6, and since that time has been preparing for this expedition. The ship is fitted out as a war vessel, and is capable of a speed of seventeen knots an hour, and has made nineteen. About ten days ago a trial trip was made off Sandy Hook. She was at once accepted, and the money was paid over. Clearance papers were obtained, and the vessel put out to sea. A contingent of about twenty-five local Cubans, skilled ship-rights and experienced men-of-war, were shipped on another vessel and were transferred to her on the high seas. Rapid-firing four and six-inch guns were purchased, and these, with two gatling guns, were sent out in the same vessel, and by the time the boat reaches Cuban waters she will have a formidable battery in position.

What is needed more than anything else by the insurgents is said to be aboard this vessel. There are said to have been loaded from this port 3,000 Remington rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition. The rifles and ammunition are said to have been shipped to this city by the manufacturers, or rather to a point near this city, and loaded on vessels at points down the river and bay. They were then carried out to the high seas, and transferred to the vessel purchased by the insurgents. Everything was completed for sailing Saturday night, and the vessel is now believed to be on its way to Cuba.

There is but one Cuban in the party. Among those who are enrolled is a former officer of the United States navy, an officer of the national guard, and four or five men who served through the late war. The names of these people will not be made known until the vessel lands its men on Cuban soil. For obvious reasons the name of the vessel has been kept secret.

As soon as the Cubans are recognized as belligerents by some foreign government, the vessel will be purchased by the insurgents. When this is done, the Cuban flag will be raised on her, and she will be named in all probability the "President Marti," in honor of the late leader of the insurgents. This recognition is expected from a South American or Central American republic soon. The first step toward this will be taken in a few days, if it has not already been taken.

It is the purpose of those on the island to set up a provisional government at Manzanillo, or some other point, in a day or so. If the advice received by the local Cubans that General de Campos is now practically a prisoner in Bayamo are correct, the new government will in all probability be set up at that point.

BRADY, THE TRAINROBBER.

He Fails to Locate the Stolen Money for the Detectives.

Sacramento, July 30.—This afternoon Sheriff Johnson took Jack Brady, the trainrobber, over to Yolo county to have him point out if possible the spot where the \$563,000 stolen from an express car had been buried. Brady, who still insists that he was never engaged in a train robbery, says Brown, who was his companion, told him where the money was buried. There were a number of railroad and express company detectives present, and they searched several hours for the money by sinking iron rods into the ground. Their quest was not successful, and Brady was returned to the county jail. Sheriff Inlow, of Yuba county, is now in this city, and will take the bandit to Marysville tomorrow afternoon.

The officers intend to continue the search for the treasure, which is supposed to have been buried by the robbers, but there is pretty general belief that it was taken away some time ago. While the detectives do not admit it, it is known that they discovered a hole in the ground about 200 yards from the railroad track, where it is supposed the coin had been hidden.

A Yolo county farmer who saw Brady today says he is positive that he saw him a few weeks ago near the scene of the train robbery, accompanied by another man. They had a cart, and it is believed that they unearthed the money and carried it away.

Sheriff Cunningham, of San Joaquin county, who is noted as a man-hunter, was over from Stockton today to interview the bandit, he having said he had paid several visits to that city. Cunningham did not believe it, but Brady assured him it was true.

The "Wizards" Broken Arm.

Chicago, July 30.—Jacob Schaefer may not be a factor in the international billiard tournament between the experts of the world. The injury to the famous player's arm is more serious than at first supposed, and it is now feared that not only may Schaefer be out of the tournament, but that his billiard career may be ended. Three physicians examined the broken arm today in a consultation, which resulted in an operation. The fracture is several inches of the old break of several years ago, and three pieces of bone were taken out.

PROMINENT IN LIFE.

Elder Himes, the Famous Co-Worker of the Founder of Adventism.

Elk Point, S. D., July 30.—Elder Joshua S. Vaughan Himes, the famous co-worker of William Miller, the founder of Adventism, is dead at the age of 91.

Mr. Himes was born at Wickford, R. I. The family were Episcopalians, but he became a member of the New England sect called Christian Baptists, and for a number of years served as a general missionary. In the midst of this work he first heard of William Miller and his teachings as to the near approach of the second advent. Mr. Miller has been preaching for seven years, but no particular impression had been made. Mr. Himes arranged to meet "Father" Miller, and, after patient investigation, made up his mind that the "old prophet" was right. Mr. Himes at once arranged for a weekly paper, and began the publication of books and extracts innumerable. The first number of the paper was sent to every postoffice in the United States and Canada. In 1879, however, Elder Himes returned to the church of his youth, and has since remained with it.

Henry Ward Beecher's Brother.

Brooklyn, July 30.—Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher, brother of the famous divine, Henry Ward Beecher, died this morning in this city this morning. He was 92 years of age, and passed the greater part of his life in the ministry. Dr. Beecher, who was older than his more famous brother, was born in Easthampton, L. I., August 27, 1803. In 1830 he accepted the first presidency of the Illinois college, at Jacksonville, which position he held for twelve years. His next call was to the Salem-street Congregational church, Boston, where he remained until 1855, when he accepted the offer of the Congregational church at Galesburg, retaining that position until the 70th year of his age. He went to Brooklyn in 1873, and was associated with his brother in the publication of the Christian Union.

The Grip Broke.

New York, July 30.—A collision occurred on the Washington heights cable line tonight, at One Hundred-and-twenty-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue, by which at least four persons were seriously injured. They were: Frederick Gittler, Moses Simon, Fanny Pauline and Jennie Lindley. The first named will probably die. The cable car was going down the steep hill at One Hundred-and-twenty-first street, when the grip broke and the car, with a trailer, started down at a lively pace. The gripman set the brakes, but they would not work. With each movement the two cars, crowded with passengers, increased their speed. Some who were near the steps jumped off to safety. The others made a rush to reach the doors. At One Hundred-and-twenty-ninth street the crash came. Men and women were thrown or tumbled over the low railings of the car and to those witnessing the accident it appeared as though many must be killed. It was found that many were more or less injured.

One Against Many.

Crescent City, Cal., via Grant's Pass, Or., July 30.—The 25th instant the celebrated criminal suit of the people vs. J. L. Childs was decided in favor of the defendant. The suit was brought by J. E. Eldridge, editor of the Del Norte Record, against J. L. Childs, editor of the Crescent City News, and was the result of a newspaper controversy. It is said to have been the first of its kind and attracted considerable attention. All the counsel in the county represented the people, and the defendant, through an attorney, defended himself, and won the case. Both editors are prominent. The case was tried before the Hon. James E. Murphy, judge of the superior court, and many important points were decided by him. The case was tried before twelve prominent citizens.

Escader Revolt.

New York, July 30.—A Herald dispatch from Panama says: General Alfaro's aide has just telegraphed to Guayaquil from Guaranda saying that Alfaro's column, by forced march, reached Chimboya thence to Guaranda, which was reached the same evening. By General Alfaro's order, the heights of Guaranda were at once occupied and fortified. Scouts located General Sacrista's forces between Guaranda and Chimbo. A general battle may be fought at any moment, and will certainly take place within a short time. The Herald's correspondent in Guayaquil says that General Vermaas, with a force of 300 men has left Guayaquil for the interior. Ignacio Robles, General Alfaro's confidential agent in Lima, Peru, reports that the Peruvian government has formally recognized the revolutionists led by Alfaro as belligerents.

Omaha's Police Force.

Omaha, July 30.—Governor Holcomb asked Police Commissioner Strickler to resign, but he refused to do so, and impeachment proceedings have been commenced against him. It is charged that, while acting as a member of the board of fire and police commissioners, he wrongfully and to the detriment of the discipline and efficiency of the police department of the city, well knowing the facts of the malfeasance in office of Sergeant Henry Hasee, chief of detectives, seconded and aided and promoted Hasee, and persistently labored for his retention and promotion on the police force. Hasee was finally dismissed for a number of questionable transactions. The charges are but another chapter of the political row over the patronage of the police department.

F. B. Boardman, the newly appointed state game warden, says that the game laws of the state will be strictly enforced.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

"Appenings of Interest in the Towns and Cities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The wool clip of Curry county, Or., this year was about 80,000 pounds.

A Wilbur, Wash., fruit raiser offers to sell his peaches at his orchard for \$1 a bushel.

The teachers' institute for Okanogan county, Wash., will be held at Conocally on August 5, 6 and 7.

Hop buyers are offering to make contracts for the new crop in Marion county, Or., at 7 1/2 to 8 cents.

Negotiations are said to be pending for the sale of the Simmons group of mines at Cornucopia, Union county, Or.

The original cost bill for the trial of Banker Edmiston showed the total cost of the trial to be \$2,216, but this was cut down by County Attorney Ormsbee to \$2,555.

The normal school board at Whatcom, Wash., has decided to advertise for plans for the building, the competition to be open to architects in the state, and to no others.

Myron Toft, who was arrested in Portland Monday and taken to The Dalles to answer a charge of larceny of grain, was held in \$200 bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

The foundation is already laid for a \$5,000 public schoolhouse to be built by the Burns independent school district. The money for completing the building is in the hands of the treasurer.

Over in Calamity, Or., in the Malheur country, they are raising swine on the crop of crickets that infest the country, and are making a success of the venture, too, says the Grant County News.

Salmon are reported to be working their way up the straits in great numbers, and the beach west is covered with them. Apparently we are going to have them as plentiful as fish were two years ago, says the Port Angeles Tribune-Times.

The receipts of the Umattilla county, Or., toll road on the North fork of the John Day were as follows: May, \$120.75; June, \$115. This makes a total for the two months of \$235.75, or \$135.75 to the county after all expenses of the road are paid.

The remains of an unknown man were found in the woods near Sedro Sunday. The body had lain so long that identification was impossible. It is thought, however, that it may be that of a bartender who disappeared from Wootley, Wash., two years ago.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer is informed that a very fatal disease prevails among horses in the neighborhood of Wapinitia, Or., and several valuable animals have died. It resembles nothing that has been known in that vicinity before, and the state veterinary may be called upon to make a diagnosis.

E. A. Routh, of Valley station, on the Spokane & Northern road, says that grouse are more plentiful around his place than they have been for years and they are exceptionally large for this time of the year. Near his place a few days ago five fat young grouse, nearly full-grown, were killed with rooks.

Dealers in Dayton, Wash., report good sales of grain sacks last week. It is said that if all the sacks already sold in Dayton, come back filled with wheat, it will crowd the ware houses, if shipping does not commence with harvest. This is a good indication of an over-average crop in Columbia county, says the Courier.

Contracts for heading grain in Whitman county, Wash., are being made at from \$1 to \$1.15 per acre, as compared with \$1.25 to \$1.50 for the same crops last season, and threshing will be from half a cent to a cent cheaper. Wages for harvest hands will be correspondingly reduced. As compared with \$1.25 to \$1.75 last year, some men are being hired for \$1 and \$1.25.

The Maid of Erin mine, owned by P. Long, was sold in Baker City, Or., Tuesday for \$10,000, and the greater part of that amount being spot cash. The purchasers are Antonio Dragovich, of San Francisco, and John Conliske, and H. C. Baker, of Ogden, Utah. The mine is on the Union county side of Powder river on the Baker City-Seven Devils road, near the site of the bridge that was burned about a year ago.

The highest peak on the divide between South Coos river and the Coquille has been selected as a point for a government signal, and has been called Cathart Park. A topographical survey of that section is being made by W. D. Griswold. The highest peaks are being located, and will be used in the survey to be made later on by the detail men. The Cathart peak is visible from Marshfield, Or., and is about fifteen miles from that place.

Bradstreet's Report.

New York, July 29.—Bradstreet's Review says: "The most striking feature of the business week are the influences of improved crop prospects and the continued large demand for iron and steel with one of the largest makers in the market as a buyer of Bessemer pig. Most of the commercial and industrial features of the preceding week are retained. Commercial travelers are being sent out in all leading lines, and reports from these quarters appear to meet expectations. The strength of the wheat market, based on reports of damage to the spring wheat, and the great falling off of receipts at primary markets is followed by a drop in wheat exported this week, which total (floor included as wheat) amounts to 1,265,010 bushels from both coasts of the United States and Montreal, compared with 1,652,000 bushels last week, 3,388,000 bushels in the fourth week of July, 1894; 363,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893; 2,524,000 bushels in 1892, and 3,164,000 bushels in 1891. The present week's shipments therefore are the smallest sent out since the first week of June, 1891.

The Cholera in Japan.

San Francisco, July 27.—Cholera is raging in Japan, and nearly every province in the little empire reports a heavy death rate from the disease. The officers and passengers of the City of Peking told of the deaths from cholera in the streets of cities where the steamer called. From the outbreak of the disease until the steamer sailed from Yokohama 1,183 deaths had been reported. The disease was brought from Japan by the forces returning from the war in China and Corea, and whenever a regiment was sent home and disbanded, cases of cholera broke out to develop. The disease spread with such rapidity that the physicians of the district were unable to keep it in check. Military quarantines were established, and all regiments returning were held until all traces of the disease were stamped out. In spite of such precautions and the united efforts of the quarantine officers and civil physicians, the plague has become so prevalent that all the way from fifty to 100 deaths a day are reported from it, and as many more are said to occur that never reach the ears of the authorities.

A Protest From Kansas.

Topeka, July 29.—Governor Morrill had addressed a letter to President Cleveland again calling attention of the federal government to the imprisonment of John L. Waller by the French government. He says: "The people of our state feel that a great outrage has been perpetrated on one of its citizens. It is not a question of race or color—it is a question of American citizenship—and through me the people of our state appeal to you to take immediate and active measures to secure justice to our fellow citizen. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government to allow Ambassador Eustis to visit Waller and obtain a copy of the charges on which he is alleged to have been convicted."

Mr. Dewey Talks.

London, July 29.—The Westminster Gazette today publishes a long interview with Chauncey M. Dewey, who, according to the Gazette, is talked of as the next Republican candidate for president. In this interview, Mr. Dewey discusses at length the British elections, the American opinion of home rule, the Monroe doctrine, taking the same grounds on all questions as he did in the interview when he landed at Southampton on the Ori on July 18. Regarding bimetallism, Mr. Dewey is quoted as saying he believes the majority of the Marquis of Salisbury's cabinet is in sympathy on this subject with the views of the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury.

No Yale-Harvard Football.

New Haven, Conn., July 29.—Arthur F. Foote, manager of the Yale football eleven, passed through this city on his way to Southampton, where he will participate in the annual tennis tournament. He was asked about the recently published story regarding a Yale-Harvard football match and a general athletic reconciliation. He said: "There is no truth in it so far as I know. I have seen George A. Des and other Yale athletic advisers, and they all say they know nothing about it. I do not believe that Yale and Harvard will play football together this fall."

The Raft Taken to Sea.

Astoria, Or., July 29.—The big raft from Stella arrived this afternoon and will go to sea at 3 in the morning. The tug Relief will take it to the mouth of the river, where the steamer Mineola now awaits it, and will tow it to San Francisco. Captain Robertson, who is in charge of the raft, says he will probably go to the Sound next year for a raft. This raft draws twenty feet of water, and is 580 feet long.

Conflict Between Turks and Persians.

Paris, July 29.—A dispatch from Constantinople says sanguinary conflicts have taken place between the Turks and Persians on the Persian frontier.

Australian Natives Massacred.

Sydney, July 29.—A boat's crew of ten natives has been massacred in the Bismarck archipelago.

The Time for holding the Whitman county, Wash., fair has been fixed for September 24, 25 and 26.

Nearly \$1,000 has been subscribed to carry on the fair, and the committee is "rustling" for more.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Annual Report of Captain Symons Made Public.

THE WORK DONE IN TWO STATES

Improvements in the Navigable Bays of Oregon and on Puget Sound—Lake Washington Canal.

Washington, July 27.—Captain T. W. Symons, in charge of the river and harbor improvements of the Northwest, including the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, has filed his report for the last fiscal year to the chief of engineers. The report covers about twenty projects, many of them quite small.

At the entrance to Coos bay and harbor, \$98,598 was spent during the year on the jetty, which had been previously begun, and in the extension of the jetty tramway to its full length of 16,386 feet. The construction of the jetty has already had a marked effect on the entrance channel, maintaining it in a fixed position and with a bar depth of from eighteen to twenty-one feet. Captain Symons thinks the plan for the improvement of Coos bay should be changed so as to prepare for vessels of greater draught than those originally contemplated, as the improvement at the entrance will make it possible for larger vessels to enter the bay.

On Yaquina bay, \$37,054 was expended in maintaining bar depth and location of channel, which was satisfactorily done.

At Olympia harbor, a channel 200 feet wide and 6 feet deep at low water has been completed for the entire distance from deep water to Budd inlet, in the southern inlet, limit of the main waterway at the south line of Second street extended. As this is the southern limit, the dredged waterway has been enlarged into a basin for the convenience of boats in turning. This basin is 800 feet long and has an average width of 450 feet and an extreme width of 500 feet.

Of waterway connecting Puget sound with lakes Union and Washington, the plan of this improvement contemplates the construction of a ship canal to connect the waters of the lakes with Puget sound. A preliminary survey was made under the appropriation of 1890, and the work of the past season was devoted to the verification of the surveys in preparation for securing the right of way. The work was not begun until March last, and is still in progress. Captain Symons says that the procurement of right of way is a work of considerable magnitude and expense, and it is not possible to tell when it will be accomplished.

Bids have been opened at the navy department for certain improvements at the Pu