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PACIFIC COAST.

Inexhaustible Opal Fields

Found in Oregon.

BITTEN BY A CRAZY MAN.

The Assessed Valuation of Portland for 1892—Montana Game

Exterminated.

Chinese have been arrested in Tucson for selling cigarettes to boys under age.

Loss Angeles voted to issue \$250,000 bonds for water works in the hill districts.

The section about Coquille City, Or., is greatly excited over the small pox cases at Coquille.

The assessed valuation of Portland for 1892 is \$45,465,732, more than \$50,000 less than 1891.

It is reported the United States engineers favor San Pedro as a harbor against Santa Monica.

The Indian Commission has effected the purchase of 180,000 acres of land from the Siletts Indians in Oregon.

At Santa Barbara, Cal., burglars are doing a very good business. There have been many daring and successful robberies the past three months.

Attachments aggregating \$86,792 were filed at Helena, Mont., against Russell B. Harrison, newspaper, the Helena Journal, by three Montana banks.

Turnkey Howard French of the penitentiary at Boise, Idaho, was severely bitten by a madman, and there are some apprehensions as to the effect of the bite.

Steamboats ascending the Yamhill river is expected to be a welcome sight again during the winter. Obstructions in the river in Oregon are being rapidly removed.

It is claimed that the Cree Indians have during the past summer completely exterminated the game in Big Hole River Valley in Montana, a region which formerly abounded with game of all kinds.

R. C. Brown and George W. Brown, newspaper men at Tucson, have been fined and imprisoned for making an attack on the court and jury, which had found indictments against them for criminal libel.

The Bradstreet mercantile agency reports fourteen failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with nineteen for the previous week and thirteen for the corresponding week of 1891.

The Northern Pacific's steamer Zamboni will probably have to take back to China thirty Chinese who were refused passports at Port Townsend because their certificates did not have photographs attached as required by law. Most of them were bound for Portland.

A prospector in Eastern Oregon recently found an opal field which appears to be inexhaustible. Among the opals which he brought to Pendleton were some beautiful black fire opals. Amethyst and agate have also been found there, and the mine promises to become an important one.

One of the cases that will come up before the present session of the United States Supreme Court from Oregon will be that of the Eastern Oregon Gold Mining Company, plaintiffs, represented by John Mullen and F. V. Drake, attorneys, vs. G. S. Miller. This suit involves some of the best mining property in Eastern Oregon, located in the famous Greenhorn Mountains. Mr. Miller has thus far been victorious.

Recently the Oregon Board of Railroad Commissioners heard the case of W. E. Loughmiller & Co. of Silverton vs. the Northern Pacific Company for overcharges and shortage, and found them entitled to a rebate of \$26.30. The railroad company was given ninety days to pay the amount found to be due them. Loughmiller & Co. now ask the commission to bring suit against the railroad company to recover the over charge.

The State Board of Railroad Commissioners is now engaged in the compilation of tables showing the average assessed value of all railroads in Oregon and other States, which will include all personal and real property belonging to said roads. The average assessed valuation of all railroads in Oregon for 1891 is \$16,660.84 per mile, including swamp lands, city and town lots and all personal and real property belonging to the roads. There are 1,328.84 miles of railroads in Oregon, and the aggregate valuation is \$22,103,169.

C. R. Brinkley, a well-known capitalist of Los Angeles, who caused the arrest of his quondam business friend, Claude Hill, who is now in prison, has been charged with him with embezzlement of \$300 which Brinkley had sent him to pay for some furniture. Hill was picked up some months ago by Brinkley, who took pity on him, as he was poverty-stricken, and has since cared for him. The result was Hill spent all of Brinkley's money that he could get hold of, and is accused of being the means of breaking up his home.

J. C. Hill, a well-known mining man of Weller, accompanied by a party of several gentlemen, Colorado capitalists, is now engaged in prospecting the corn, on a small tract below Huntington, for fine gold placers. Mr. Hill has already located his party on 320 acres of gold-bearing lands, and it is the intention of the company to employ in the working of their mines a new machine, patented by Mr. Hill, which is a very simple and easily constructed, but also a very novel device which will save the gold from ninety-eight cubic yards of dirt and gravel per hour.

It is possible that the seven-mile ditch up at Fort Klamath will not only irrigate vast grain fields, but also irrigate the corn. It is now about six miles long, and will be 7,000 inches of water when completed. As all the grading and scraping will be completed this fall and early in the spring, nothing will be left by next May but to clean it out. The fall of water is about ten feet to the mile, and at about a mile from the head of the ditch is a very convenient millsite, with plenty of fine timber close at hand. There is but little doubt that a flourishing mill will rise up at that point in the near future.

EDUCATIONAL.

Total Revenues of the Public Schools of the United States—Value of All Public-School Property.

The first kindergarten in America was established in St. Louis in 1878.

It is stated that 204 of the 365 colleges in the United States are coeducational.

Colored students of both sexes are to be admitted into the Chicago University.

In the University of Michigan there are five Chinese students—two girls and three young men.

The Ohio school teachers have petitioned the Board of Education for the prompt payment of their salaries.

The slow progress of the thirty female students at Yale is very discouraging. They have not learned the yell yet.

The applications for admission to the Baltimore Woman's College are unequalled in the history of that institution.

Lincoln University, the colored college at Lincoln, Chester county, Pa., has reported with 250 students enrolled.

The number of schoolhouses in the United States is 216,330. The estimated value of all public-school property is \$232,565,532.

Electricity, theoretical and applied, is being taught in the evening classes at several scholastic and similar institutions in Boston.

Returns show that about 40 per cent. of the alumnae of Vassar College, New York, marry, most of the remainder becoming teachers.

There are now seventy schools for the deaf and dumb in the United States, and there is also a college for them located at Washington, D. C.

Of the 1,171 graduates of Harvard in the classes from 1885 to 1891 inclusive who expressed their political preferences, 712 were Republicans and 385 Democrats.

The University of Pennsylvania has this year 1,704 students, which makes it fourth in the list of great educational institutions. The three greater are Yale, Harvard and Michigan Universities.

Queen Margaret's College is the only college for women in Scotland that fits them for university degrees. It was founded about fifteen years ago, and has 200 students in art, science and medicine.

Kansas has a permanent State school fund of \$5,000,000, which draws interest at an average rate of 6 per cent. The semi-annual dividend from this school fund for the past two years is \$1,000,514.04.

The total revenues of the public schools of the United States are: From permanent endowments, \$9,325,127; from taxes, State, \$25,177,067; local, \$85,328,113; \$119,830,312; from other sources, \$8,794,431. Total revenue, \$133,125,010.

The Board of Education of Detroit, Mich., has decided that hereafter teachers in its public schools must have received their entire education within the public and high schools of Detroit. Not only this, but their right to teach there is forfeited if they attend a university elsewhere.

Three hundred and fifty-two thousand two hundred and thirty-one teachers are employed in the public schools of the United States. This would give an average of nearly thirty-five pupils to each teacher. Deducting for county and city superintendents, say 50,000, would give an average of forty pupils for each teacher. Of these teachers, 227,300 are females, and 125,000 are males. The average wages are for males \$42.43; for females, \$34.27 per month.

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EASTERN ITEMS.

A Gigantic Undertaking of Dredging in Florida.

THE DROUTH IN MARYLAND.

The Surplus of John Roach's Assigned Estate—Drouth in New York State.

The Boston Furniture Company has failed.

Recent storms damaged lake shipping \$450,000.

Philadelphia will organize a naval reserve battalion.

Quarantine precautions at Boston are to continue during the winter.

Heavy shipments of iron ore continue to be the feature in that trade.

Navigation above Cincinnati is practically suspended, owing to low water.

General Miles says the Cheyennes and Arapahoes are threatened with starvation.

There are only forty-five free patients at the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane.

A Chicago syndicate has cornered short ribs, of which it controls 70,000,000 pounds.

The American tin-plate factories turned out nearly 11,000,000 pounds of plate last year.

Negotiations are in progress in St. Louis for the consolidation of the four street car factories.

Hereafter any railroad in Massachusetts which uses the car stove is liable to a penalty of \$500.

Alarmed at the prevalence of crime, citizens at Sedalia, Mo., have organized a vigilance committee.

The drouth in Maryland compels farmers in many sections to haul water from a distance for their stock.

Dun's Review notes more active business conditions than for any previous anti-presidential election.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has decided that official notices published in Sunday papers are not legal.

There is a severe drouth in some sections of New York State. Water is very scarce in a half dozen counties.

The postmaster of a Georgia town has resigned because there was so much blackmail connected with the business.

A bridge that spans Cattaraugus creek near Springville, Western New York, touches four different towns and two counties.

A negro digging on his farm in Liberty county, Ga., recently found an iron pot containing \$4,000 in old French and Spanish silver coins.

Sang Kee, a Chinese government official, has arrived in Ottawa to make an investigation into the character and scope of the Dominion laws regarding the Chinese.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Probability of an Extra Session of Congress Immediately Following Cleveland's Inauguration.

The President has appointed Albert H. Nash postmaster at Salt Lake City, Utah, vice Irving A. Benton, who resigned.

There are a number of vacancies in the higher offices of the executive departments of the government, and the problem of filling them has been considerably complicated by the results of the recent election.

In view of the fact that a general change will be made by the new administration in March, the vacancies are not altogether desirable prizes. Among them are the First Assistant Postmaster-Generalship, Commissioner of the General Land Office, and a number of diplomatic positions in Washington.

The resignation of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Nettleton and Mr. Cronshaw, who was the Republican candidate for Governor of Nebraska, will take effect next month.

The President will have four vacancies on the bench to fill between now and March 4. These are life positions and the most alluring prizes remaining within the gift of the administration.

The probability of an extra session of Congress immediately following the inauguration of the President-elect is a subject of general conversation in Washington.

A special session of the Senate is always called at the beginning of a new administration, to confirm members of the Cabinet and diplomatic representatives of the United States abroad.

But the present election, having turned out a Democratic majority, it is said to be obvious to experienced political leaders of all parties that an extra session of both Houses of Congress is an almost inevitable result.

Secretary of the Treasury Foster among others admits this. The country, he says, challenges the judgment of the Republicans on the McKinley bill, and the result must be accepted as the will of the people that a different policy must be put into effect.

Ex-Secretary Bayard writes to a friend here in like effect, adding the people will expect this to be done without unnecessary delay.

Advices from Samoa are to the effect that the differences between the factions on the islands, headed by Mataafa, the recognized King, and Malletto, the claimant to the throne, have reached an acute phase.

To fully protect the interests of the United States it has been decided that vessels of the Royal Navy on the coast of Samoa shall be ordered to the earliest practicable moment. Besides this reason, based on expediency, it appears that under the terms of the tripartite treaty the United States is under obligation to keep a naval vessel at Samoa.

There has been a great deal of talk in the Hawaiian Islands, and it is reported that the Hawaiian people are preparing to send in here place the Ranger, recently of the Behring sea fleet and now at Mare Island, San Francisco. It will require about a month's time to prepare the vessel for the trip, and another month or six weeks for the passage, so she will not be able to reach Samoa before next year.

The cases of the alleged extensive frauds in land entries, which were investigated during the administration of Land Commissioner Sparks, and the discovery of which caused a suspension of survey works over the public lands in California, New Mexico, Wyoming, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Arizona, will be brought to trial in the courts.

Proceedings have been ordered in the courts of San Francisco against J. D. Hall for perjury in regard to the survey of public lands. This case is to be followed up by the trial of J. R. Glover, J. A. Benson and G. H. Ferris, expert surveyors, who, it is charged, in 1888 formed a syndicate in San Francisco for the survey of lands and fraudulently undertook to control all special deposit tracks on the Pacific slope. Certain banks, it is alleged, supplied the money required for the deposit, and the syndicate pocketed the award of contracts at the several offices of the Surveyor-General and the contracting deputy executing a power of attorney to the banks for all moneys payable under such contracts.

The principal location for operation was in Central and Southern California, but extended into other States and Territories. Several million dollars were secured by these schemes.

A woman without arms has been married at the Baptist Church, New Zealand. The ring was placed upon the fourth toe of her left foot.

The Pope is already receiving presents for his Jubilee, which is to take place next year, the first gifts having arrived from America.

Dr. Luther, a Berlin physician, descended from Martin Luther, represented the Luther family at the consecration services in Wittenberg.

Emma Nevada is to be one of the stars of St. Augustus. Her opera season in London. She has not sung in the English capital for four years.

The loss of traffic on account of the cholera epidemic at Hamburg has caused a deficit of 1,000,000 marks in the revenues of the Altona railway.

It is proposed to connect the Oder and Danube rivers by means of a canal, thus insuring a complete waterway between the Baltic and the Black Sea.

Penny savings banks are connected with public schools of Belgium, and 170,000 of the 600,000 primary pupils have deposited over 500,000 francs.

The new tax upon bicycles in France will be \$2. As there are about two hundred and twenty-five thousand cyclists the revenue will be about \$