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THE PACIFIC COAST.

GENEROUS BEQUESTS OF THE LATE J. C. WILMERDING.

A Project on Foot in San Francisco to Organize a New Jockey Club—Reducing Wages on Ocean Steamers—Chinese in Southern California.

LOS ANGELES.—Up to date only 2,000 Chinese have registered in this district under the extension of time granted by Congress for that purpose.

The Oregon Pacific Sale. CORVALLIS.—Judge Fullerton has ordered that the sale of the Oregon Pacific shall occur not later than June 1, the date to be fixed by his decree.

Indictment Set Aside. ASTORIA.—The indictment against County Commissioner Carruthers was set aside by Judge McBride in the Circuit Court on the ground that it did not state facts sufficient to constitute a crime.

Defendant's Demurrer Overruled. PORTLAND.—In the suit of George W. Hunt against the Northern Pacific Railway Company and others for damages by a fire started by employees of the Northern Pacific Judge Bellinger overruled the demurrer of the defendant that the action is barred by the statute of limitation of two years for injury to the rights of plaintiff. The court was of the opinion that the action is for injury to personal property and is within the six years' limitation.

Sailing is Unprofitable. SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alexander, well known as a sealer, is shipping a crew for a two-year whaling cruise in the Arctic.

Bryan of Nebraska introduced in the Senate the most advanced copy of the census office report on manufactures. He explained that the report was far advanced toward completion during the incumbency of Superintendent Porter and Secretary Noble, but had been withheld; but he thought the information should be in possession of the Senate during the present session.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Kyle introduced in the Senate a bill for the establishment of a national university. It was referred to a select committee.

The Senate resolution requesting the President to suspend action in the consolidation of the land offices until after the passage of the next sundry civil appropriation bill, offered by Taylor, was agreed to.

The House Committee on Judiciary has decided to make a favorable report on the bill giving Clerks of the Circuit Courts of California and Nevada twice the compensation now allowed and retain fees to the amount of \$7,000.

A cablegram received by Secretary Herbert from Admiral Benham at Rio states that he had transferred his flag from the San Francisco to the New York. His purpose was to allow the San Francisco to go outside the harbor for fresh air. The ships are taking turns at the duty of staying in the harbor, and it is now the New York's turn. Benham and staff are the only ones on the fleet unable to indulge in the change.

The Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate the other morning heard arguments on behalf of the proposed amendment to the interstate commerce law to allow railroad pooling, reasonable rates to be fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the right of appeal to the Federal Court for final adjudication.

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EASTERN TELEGRAMS.

AN AMERICAN PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION ROW.

Boss McKane Makes His Debut at the Sing Sing Penitentiary—Pittsburg is Enjoying a Boom in Matrimony—The Tribe of Ben Hur.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind.—The first court of the Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur, the new secret society, has been instituted in Crawfordville with 447 charter members. The ceremonies concluded with a banquet. The organization will now proceed to institute lodges all over the country, there being nearly 1,000 applications on hand.

A Second Notice Given. WASHINGTON.—Commissioner Lochren has sent Judge Long of the Michigan Supreme Court a second formal notification that unless within thirty days he establishes by additional evidence his right to his present pension rating his pension will be reduced to \$50 a month. This is in accordance with Judge Cox's decision yesterday.

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NORTHWEST NEWS.

Washington.

The monthly family water rate in Fairhaven is \$2.50.

An effort is being made to establish a fruit canner at Willamette.

There has not been a prisoner in the Pacific county jail for a year.

Prospecting for coal is being carried on at several points in the Olympics.

The Catholic ladies of Old Tacoma have given 2,732 free dinners this winter.

The Northern Pacific has moved its icehouse and coal bunkers from Wallula to Pasco.

A good many men are leaving Walla Walla for the Blue creek region to prospect for gold.

Fairhaven is pleased because San Francisco steamers are to begin touching there but every day.

The Pierce County Fruit Growers' Association is preparing to erect a large cannery in Tacoma.

The Secretary of State will soon issue a small pamphlet setting forth the resources of the State.

Seattle, it is announced, is to have an citizens' committee of Spokane is preparing a new charter for the city, to be voted on at the next municipal election.

The Hoquiam Masonic Lodge has just received a gavel made of olive wood from Jerusalem. The handle is made of wood from the river Jordan.

The Ilwaco Navigation Company has bid on the Sealand-South Bend mail route, and in case it is successful will cover it with the steamer Ilwaco.

How a Seattle Chinaman has begun to sign his name with a flourish of the pen is to be seen in the following: Yelder estate to recover \$1,911 alleged to be due him on account of wages.

No coal has been found yet in Leland Valley, and the boring machinery will be put to work at a place nearer the water in hopes to find coal at a less depth.

Spokane's new city hall is ready to move into, but there is some doubt whether to do so or keep in the old quarters. Some claim it would be cheaper to pay rent than to move.

The Fairhaven Chamber of Commerce at the request of the branch hydrographic office at Port Townsend has adopted resolutions asking Congress to provide for the regular publication of a pilot chart of the North Pacific.

Walla Walla Salvation Army circles are considerably perturbed by the resignation of Lieutenant Millie Jackson to E. P. Wormwood, a laundryman there. Millie has struck her colors, and will assist in running the laundry.

Yakima declines to abandon its State Fair in order to help out the Tacoma enterprise. It has spent \$10,000 raised by subscription and \$11,500 of State money, and will go ahead. All the fruit in the Washington building at the World's Fair is there, and will not be permitted to go to Tacoma until after the State Fair is ended.

John Leads, a colored bootblack of Olympia, has gone to Canada to prove his identity and claim a fortune of \$50,000. It seems that a kind old lady who adopted him as her servant years ago died recently in Canada without leaving natural heirs and willed her fortune to the colored boy, who was kind to her in years gone by, but she had lost his address. An Olympia gentleman, who saw the advertisement to ascertain Leads' address. The latter is nearly crazed with joy at the news. He put up his bootblack kit and took the first train.

THE ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED.

A Preference for Married Men Causes Many Misadventures in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG.—Owing to the great demand for public work in the parks at \$1 per day, the city employment committee has issued an order some time ago to employ only married men. This had the effect of causing a big boom in matrimony.

Every unmarried Italian and Pole in Pittsburg seems to be hunting a wife. One of them, a fair specimen, who was called to the attention of the committee to hire men who had nobody else depending on them. All the marriageable young women who are willing to begin the married state on \$1 per day, he said, had been taken, and unless the order is rescinded trouble will happen in the Italian and Polish colonies.

Chief Clerk McMahon of the employment committee says that many men who had been refused work went away and in a few days returned with their marriage certificates, thinking it would entitle them to a job. When refused a chance to earn \$1 a day they thought they had been trifled with, and cursed the committee. The offer made by Andrew Carnegie to duplicate every dollar raised for the relief of the poor expired yesterday. It was made for two months. The contract was for \$125,173.72. As Mr. Carnegie will duplicate this, the total amount raised so far is \$250,347.44. There is still enough left in the treasury and with what is expected to keep 4,000 men at work during March.

M'KANE IN PRISON GARB.

The Gravesend "Boss" Now an Inmate of Sing Sing.

SING SING, N. Y.—A large crowd awaited the arrival of the train bearing John Y. McKane to prison. It arrived here at 3 P. M. McKane and his custodians walked to the prison gate, followed by the reporters. McKane passed through the prison yard to the office of Warden Durston, where he was received by Assistant Clerk Westlake for good conduct, and on this ground excepted to the label of the Kodiak Company. The court decided that the action of the Marshal in turning the vessel over to the loan company and then re-arresting her does not in any way affect the rights of the parties in the matter, and denied the exception to the libel.

Old fishermen at Astoria are already beginning to prophesy concerning the probability of a good run of fish early in the coming season. They all agree in believing that between April 20 and May 30 the salmon will come into the river in immense swarms and bear out the old theory about the four-year run. In 1886 during the two months' strike the fish were particularly plentiful; again in 1890 the same rush was repeated, and it is looked for again in 1894. A. B. Alexander, the United States fish expert, has left Astoria for Portland, from which city he will visit the Sacramento and the San Joaquin rivers. During his stay at Astoria he collected a great many statistics with reference to the salmon pack of last year, and spared no pains to arrive at the exact figures connected with the industry. Mr. Alexander states that his notes will be embodied in the next report on the fisheries of the United States to be issued by the government in December or January. He will include in this report several facts concerning the whaling industry on the Coast, as well as the prospects of the Pacific region for future fishing trade.

OLD WORLD CABLES.

SALISBURY'S AMENDMENTS TO PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

The Russian-German Alliance—Debate Upon Its Approval Opened in the German Reichstag, and Much Opposition Develops—Gladstone.

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