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GROWING NORTHWEST

Items of General Interest
From All Sections.

PROGRESSIVE MANUFACTURERS

Mr. Hammond Pushing His Railroad
Project - Nez Perce Making
Rapid Progress - Oregon.

The latest enterprise at Ashland is a
steam laundry, which has just begun
operations.

The entire output of hops this year
for Oregon was between 80,000 and
100,000 bales.

A call has been made for \$15,000
worth of school warrants of school
district No. 1, in Snohomish county.

The new normal school building of
Cheney is fast approaching completion.
It will be ready for occupancy in the
spring.

All the machinery has been
purchased for the woolen mill at Pendleton
and is the most improved pattern, and
will be set up and tried in the East be-
fore being placed on the cars for ship-
ment.

Five thousand tons of coal was
turned out by the Beaver Hill Coal
Company. They are sinking a slope
from the 700-foot level and are driv-
ing two gang-ways from a 800-foot
level, and when this is finished the
output will be 16,000 tons per month.
The company has completed a road
from Marshall, their shipping point,
to Myrtle Point and will extend it to
Roseburg to tap the Southern Pacific.

Several towns and cities in Oregon
and Washington have lately obtained
an excellent and adequate water supply
in an inexpensive manner by the use of
wooden pipes. The pipes are made
from common pine logs, ten inches in
diameter, hollowed out with a six-inch
bore. It is claimed that the wooden
pipes last as long as the iron pipes.
One town has a line of pipes seven
miles long that, with all connections,
cost but \$2,000.

About the first of the year A. B.
Hammond, the president of the Astoria
& Columbia River railroad is expect-
ed from the East. He has ordered 10,
000 tons of steel rails in England, and
is shipped from Liverpool direct to Astoria.
These rails are for the 60 miles
of road now building from Goble to
Astoria, and will reach here about
next May in time for the completion of
the roadbed. The duty on these
rails will be about \$7 a ton, and, with
this additional light tax, will be
cheaper than the small rails can be fur-
nished in this country. George W.
Fenwick, Mr. Hammond's brother-in-
law, who has charge of all his mill
and lumber interests in Montana, has
just visited the mouth of the Columbia
and looked over the work of grading
the road. He was accompanied by En-
gineer Curtis, and the two went up
the river and made a thorough examina-
tion of the works. There are about
250 men, divided into eight camps,
covering a stretch of ten miles, at
work on the grade, and making good
headway. A tunnel 175 feet long is
being driven at John Day river, into
rock and sandstone, and about fifty feet
has already been excavated. The pile-
drivers are at work on the approach
to the bridges on the Astoria side. As
soon as the spring weather sets in a
larger force will be put to work, and it
is expected that the road will be fin-
ished by next October. Mr. Fenwick is
on his way to California, and merely
stopped here to look over the situation.
He is very reticent as to his move-
ments, but it has been ascertained
from reliable information that he has
in view the erection of a large mill at
the mouth of the river, similar to the
one he now manages in Montana,
which is known to have a yearly out-
put of 40,000,000 feet of lumber.

Washington.

The state dairymen's association
will meet in Ellensburg, on January,
the 17th, 1896.

The new marine hospital, located at
Port Townsend, has just been inspected
by the United States officials.

There is now a strong probability of
an establishment in the near future of a
fruit cannery at East Sound.

The improvement of the Everson and
Goshen road in Whatcom county is
contemplated at a cost of about \$18,-
000.

George W. Boggs, ex-state treasurer
of Tacoma, has been found guilty of
fraudulently using public funds for
personal gain.

The construction has begun of a per-
manent logging railroad in the exten-
sive timber district in Snohomish
county, near Marysville.

An opposition steamship line has
been organized between San Francisco
and Puget sound. Freight rates have
been cut from \$3 to \$1 per ton.

The commissioners of the United
States land offices at Walla Walla,
will in January, begin hearing 350
contest claims in which settlers and
the Northern Pacific are diverse parties.

The Mongolian quail, recently
brought from China, is being intro-
duced in various parts of the state,
and the sportsmen expect soon to dine
on one of the choicest of Chinese table
fowls.

The job printers of Tacoma have
followed the example of Seattle this
year and formed an association for the
purpose of regulating prices on job
work. The capital stock represents
about \$500,000.

Operations are now in progress in
starting up the Port Ludlow mill,
which has been closed down for the

past three years. It is said that it will
be the largest one on the sound, as
another mill is contemplated south of
the present one.

A new creamery is now being built
at Yakima, and is claimed to be the
finest in the state. It will be three
stories high, equipped with most ap-
proved machinery. Operations will
be commenced in the spring with the
milk from 200 cows.

It is reported that the construction
company in Boston have favorably
considered the Blaine, Lynden and
Nooksack valley railroad. Supplies will
be ordered and active work begun the
first of the year. This line of road
passes through 5,000 acres of standing
green timber between Blaine and
Nooksack.

Judge Hanford's decision, that un-
patented lands of the Northern Pacific
railroad company are exempt from tax-
ation, is not as far-reaching in Spokane
and Walla Walla counties as was at
first supposed. In Spokane only 33,252
acres are unpatented, or about one-fifth
of the whole, and in Walla Walla
there are only about 330 acres of lieu
land, which is under contest and
therefore not taxable.

Montana.

The Castner Coal & Coke Company
are going to put in a new \$2,000 elec-
tric plant at Great Falls for lighting
purposes.

Congressman Hartman wants an In-
dian industrial school opened at Keogh
reservation at Miles City and wants
\$75,000 for that purpose, \$40,000 of
which is to be used for buildings.

The season just closed has been a
fairly profitable one to the cattlemen
of Montana. Over 147,000 head were
shipped over the Great Northern road
and the average price was \$35 per
head.

About twenty mining machines are
to be put in the great coal camp at Belt
City. The company have also let the
contract to the Phillipsburg car works
for 250 mining cars of two tons cap-
acity. The company has orders for 125
coal cars per day.

One hundred and fifty men are at
work at Clancy preparing the grounds
and foundations for the buildings to be
erected there for the use of the Great
Northern railroad. A steam plow is
in operation there and the work is
progressing rapidly.

It is calculated by the most conserva-
tive business men of Butte that the
present payroll for labor alone in that
camp exceeds the enormous sum of
\$800,000 per month. That sum of
money is sufficient to maintain and
keep booming a city four times the
present size of Butte.

The capitol building commissioners
expect soon to establish the validity of
the warrants issued by the board, and
will then make an effort to dispose of
them to the bankers of the state. Sev-
eral prominent bankers have already
shown a disposition to accept the war-
rants at par, provided they are valid,
the commissioners say.

Idaho.

The railroad mileage of Idaho is
nearly 1,000 miles.

Idaho has 718,329 sheep which are
assessed at \$1 per head.

The new city of Nez Perce is making
rapid progress. At present there are
eight or ten buildings in the course of
erection. Contracts have been made
by persons who have leased the saw mill
to deliver 1,000,000 feet of lumber to
the town site by January 1. About
twenty buildings have been erected so
far, but further progress has been re-
tarded by the cold weather.

J. H. Gaffney, the receiver of the
bank of Genesee, has taken charge of
the defunct institution. The assets
and liabilities of the bank have been
invoiced by the sheriff. An electric
light plant is to be erected in Canyon
creek for the purpose of supplying light
at Burke and Gem and intermediate
points. Water power will be used
from Canyon creek.

The American Falls Irrigation &
Power Company have applied for the
control of 109,680 acres of land, lo-
cated on Snake river, in Blaine county.
The company proposes to take the wa-
ter from Snake river, and carry it to
the east to reclaim a large section of
land that is now a desert waste. An-
other irrigation enterprise is to be put
there next June, near Lewiston. The
company expect this project will cost
\$100,000. This water will be procured
from Asotin creek, and will be 2,000
miners inches and when needed will be
increased to 5,000 miners inches.

British Columbia.

A new saw mill has been built at
Wellington.

A smelter company has been organ-
ized to commence operations early in
the year at Grand Forks. The plant
will be similar to that now being
erected at Trail.

The most prosperous and phenomenal
salmon run in the history of the Sound
is the record of this season, and the end
is not yet in sight. The amount of
salmon taken from the waters even at
this time surpasses the oldest inhabit-
ants.

The surface indications in the oil
fields in East Kootenai are considered
good. Two different qualities of oil
have been obtained. On Kishnoena
creek, a short distance north of the in-
ternational boundary line, a black oil,
similar to the Pennsylvania and Ohio
oils, is found. But on Sage creek,
some eight miles north, there is found
an oil that is nearly pure, of a light
yellow color, which will burn in a
lamp as it comes from the ground.
Close by there is natural gas escaping
from the bedrock, which burns freely
on ignition. Some of this oil sent to
the geological museum at Ottawa,
caused considerable excitement and
comment, and was pronounced a fraud
on account of its purity.

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

Daily Proceedings in Senate
and House.

IMPORTANT BILLS INTRODUCED

Appointment of Members on the Vari-
ous Congressional Committees
-The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Though less
than a dozen senators were present
when the session opened today, the
Venezuela issue at once came into
prominence, but not as directly as in
the house, the senate's business taking
the form of measures for national de-
fense.

Chandler immediately followed with
a bill "to strengthen the military
armament," the reading of the title
occasioning much whispered comment.

It was referred to the committee on
military affairs.

On motion of Davis the senate agreed
to a resolution calling on the presi-
dent for information and all corre-
spondence as to the establishment by
Great Britain of postoffices and post
roads in the United States territory of
Alaska; also, as to any British occu-
pation, military or civil, of that ter-
ritory; also respecting any attempt by
Great Britain or Canada to assert any
claim to territory of the United States
in Alaska.

Another significant resolution was
offered by Gallinger, authorizing the
secretary of war to contract for the
purchase of an improved counterpoise
battery. The resolution went to the
committee on military affairs.

In presenting a bill for the repeal
of the law imposing disabilities on those
who served in the war of the rebellion,
Hill spoke briefly. The main pur-
pose, he said, was to wipe out the fea-
ture of the statute which prevented ex-
Confederates from serving in the United
States navy and army.

House.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Mr. Hitt re-
ported in the house this morning as
soon as it had been called to order,
and called for unanimous consent, for
the consideration of a bill to empower
the president to appoint a commission
to consider the Venezuelan boundary
question, and an appropriation of
\$100,000 for the expenses thereof. The
text of the bill is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the senate and
house of representatives of the United
States of America, in congress assem-
bled, that the sum of \$100,000 or so
much thereof as may be necessary, be
and the same is hereby appropriated
for the expenses of a commission to be
appointed by the president to investi-
gate and report upon the true divi-
sional line between the republic of
Venezuela and British Guiana."

The bill passed the house.

Washington, Dec. 21.—When the
senate journal had been read and ap-
proved the clerk of the house an-
nounced the passage by the house of a
bill appropriating \$100,000 for the ex-
penses of a commission to investigate
the boundary between British Guiana
and Venezuela, recommended by the
president. The vice-president im-
mediately laid it before the senate.

Objection was made to a second read-
ing or reference of the bill until tomor-
row.

Morgan said there was a resolution
relating to this general subject before
the committee of foreign relations
and he intended to call a meeting of
the committee tomorrow to consider
not only this bill, but also the resolu-
tion. As the matter now stands no ac-
tion can be taken on the bill until to-
morrow.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The house
today responded to the president's mes-
sage by pigeonholing the resolution for
a holiday recess, and preparing to go to
the relief of the treasury. The speaker
announced the committees. The chair-
men of the more important ones are:

Foreign Affairs—Hitt of Illinois, Re-
publican.

Ways and Means—Dingley of Maine,
Republican.

Rules—Speaker Reed, Republican.

Appropriations—Cannon of Illinois,
Republican.

Banking and Currency—Walker of
Massachusetts, Republican.

Coins, Weights and Measures—C.
W. Stone of Pennsylvania, Republican.

Rivers and Harbors—Hooker of New
York, Republican.

Railways and Canals—Chickering of
New York, Republican.

Immigration and Naturalization—
Bartholdt of Missouri, Republican.

Indian Affairs—Sherman of New
York, Republican.

Pacific Railroads—Powers of Ver-
mont, Republican.

Naval Affairs—Boutelle of Maine,
Republican.

Interstate and Foreign Commerce—
Hepburn of Iowa, Republican.

Judiciary—Henderson of Iowa, Re-
publican.

Public Lands—Lacy of Iowa, Re-
publican.

Labor—Phillips of Pennsylvania,
Republican.

Agriculture—Wadsworth of New
York, Republican.

Mines and Mining—Aitken of Michi-
gan, Republican.

Irrigation and Arid Lands—Herr-
man of Oregon, Republican.

Pensions—Londenslager of New
Jersey, Republican.

*Still Another Crossing Accident.

Carlisle, Minn., Dec. 24.—Edward
Burran, jr., and Miss Emma Fox were
killed by the cars while crossing the
Great Northern tracks today.

THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE.

Many Rumors Current, but the Situation
Apparently Unchanged.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The strike
situation is apparently unchanged, but
the air is full of all kinds of rumors.
No attempt was made to run cars,
the authorities fearing violence from the
strikers' sympathizers. Many confer-
ences were held on both sides, but
no statements were given out. The stri-
kers had uniformed men in all parts
of the city soliciting subscriptions from
door to door, and it is said the aggre-
gate collections run into high figures.
What effort will be made in the way of
running cars cannot be ascertained,
but an uneasy feeling exists for what
may result if any attempts are made.

Major Warwick issued the following
statement today:

"As matters stand, my duty as chief
executive officer is to preserve the
peace and order of the city, and I will,
with all the force at my command, do
this, and, if necessary, I will bring to
my assistance all the force that
under the law can be brought into re-
quisition, be it state or national. Life
and property shall be protected by the
strong arm of the law. Lawlessness is
anarchy, and that will not be permitted
under any circumstances."

John L. Welch, president of the
company, tonight issued a lengthy
statement to the public. It reiterates
the company's determination to ignore
the organization, and blames the
strike and its consequences on parties
who had no connection with the
company. Welch rehearses the events of
the past few days, deploring the vio-
lence and explaining the inability of
the company to discharge the 1,400
new men they have taken on since the
strike began.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Effect of the War Scare Upon Stocks
Listed Upon the Exchange.

London, Dec. 24.—The money mar-
ket has undergone a temporary tighten-
ing under the influence of the Ameri-
can panic. Ease will undoubtedly be
restored on the arrival of gold from
New York. In the stock market the
shock produced by President Cleve-
land's message caused a demoraliza-
tion in the American stocks. While
war was never seriously anticipated,
the investing and speculating world
look forward with the utmost appre-
hension to the consequences to Ameri-
can finances likely to follow, what the
mildest here describe, as President
Cleveland's rashness. After President
Cleveland's and Secretary Carlisle's re-
cent utterances on the currency ques-
tion, hopes begin to revive in the
American market; but the crisis had
completely shattered all confidence,
and even the best gold bonds were be-
ing thrown recklessly on the market.
Further dalliance with the currency
problem was regarded as impossible,
and until it was seen how events will
shape themselves there is little chance
of the rally except through the pur-
chases of the best class of bonds by
sanguine speculators. It is difficult to
learn the actual dealing prices but the
week's fall ranges from 3 to 12 per
cent. Canadian were almost as badly
affected. Grand Trunk 2 1/2. All mar-
kets were weak in sympathy.

COALSHIP IN A STORM.

Terrible Experience of the Wachusett
Off the Washington Coast.

Port Townsend, Dec. 24.—The coal
collier Wachusett, after a frightful
battle with the elements of the Wash-
ington coast, which nearly resulted
in the loss of the vessel, arrived at
Port Angeles this afternoon in a leaky
condition. She loaded with coal from
Nanaimo, bound for San Francisco.
She passed Cape Flattery last Tues-
day. A terrible storm was encountered
and for three days the crew remained
nearly at their posts. Heavy seas car-
ried away the starboard bulwarks, and
tons of water flooded the hold. The
wind merged into a hurricane, and the
ship labored heavily, straining her tim-
bers and springing a leak. Three
sailors were severely injured by floating
wreckage, and the captain himself nar-
rowly escaped being washed overboard.
For three days the storm continued in
all its fury, and the vessel slowly made
her way toward the cape, where she
was taken in tow.

From a casual examination at Port
Angeles this afternoon, the cargo will
have to be discharged and the vessel go
in the drydock for repair. She is
leaking at the rate of six inches per
hour.

The Wachusett belongs to William
E. Mighell, of San Francisco, and is
one of the best coalships on the coast.

An Insane Kansas Man.

Wichita, Dec. 24.—John Lipgay,
a farmer living near Goddard, this
county, who went violently insane last
week, and drove his family from home,
was captured yesterday after having
stood the officers off for five days. He
was barricaded in his house, and shot
at every man he saw, keeping the
neighborhood in terror. The first
sheriff's posse that left here was unable
to do anything. Yesterday, however,
Lipgay's oldest daughter became des-
perate, and went to the house with
some food for him. The officers tried
to prevail on her not to incur the dan-
ger. When he saw that his daugh-
ter had food, he permitted her to ap-
proach. When he put his Winchester
down to eat, the girl garbed it, and
then the sheriff's posse rushed in from
the orchard and overpowered him.

All Four Were Drowned.

Denver, Dec. 24.—While skating on
Lathrop lake, seven miles from this
city, Charles Jones, aged 38, fell
through the ice. His brother Robert
and sister Maggie, aged 21 and 20,
respectively, and Ina Ball, aged 16, at-
tempted to rescue him, and all four
were drowned.

THE WAR OF WORDS

Neither Nation Desirous of
War—Not Prepared.

VENEZUELA THANKS CLEVELAND

Hot Blood Will Cool and Diplomacy
Will Prevent Bloodshed—What
Other Powers Say.

New York, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to
the Herald from Valparaiso says: Chile,
which is thoroughly conservative in
its policy as a republic is greatly in-
clined to hold the views of Great Brit-
ain on the Venezuelan question. It
is thought that the British govern-
ment has nothing to fear as to the outcome
of the dispute. Leading men in all
circles here sharply criticize the inter-
pretation put upon the Monroe doctrine
by the United States.

Diaz Will Not Express an Opinion.

Mexico Dec. 24.—President Diaz in
an interview today on President Cleve-
land's message said:

"While I am of course a partisan
of the Monroe doctrine properly un-
derstood I do not think I should give
the press an opinion on its application
to the question pending between Great
Britain and Venezuela."