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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

The opposition has decided to request the Spanish government to introduce a bill providing for sufficient resources to prosecute the campaign in Cuba.

Miss Lansing Rowan, an actress, of the Frawley company, playing in San Francisco, has challenged Champion Corbett to meet her in a scientific sparring contest.

Henry Gardner, a farmer, living near Mount Dale, Washington county, Or., was accidentally killed by being struck in the stomach by a falling tree which he had just cut down.

A cyclone swept a section of country four miles south of Clayton, Wis., and a number of dwellings and barns were demolished. One man, name unknown, was fatally injured.

A Constantinople dispatch says disturbances of a serious character occurred at Van. Many Armenians were killed. Many sought refuge at the British consulate. It is estimated that 400 persons were killed on both sides in the rioting last week.

It is now believed that the skeleton recently discovered at Dry creek, near Pendleton, is that of J. Keith, who, about a year ago started with Ben Bowers to go to the higher mountains and was never seen again, although Bowers soon returned. The two men are known to have had some trouble over a woman.

A London paper says that Great Britain and the United States have agreed to publish simultaneously, within a fortnight, all the arbitration correspondence exchanged between the governments of the two countries. Its publication has been delayed pending the arrival of Secretary Olney's latest communication.

In a collision between Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul and Chicago & Burlington trains at Davis Junction, Ill., in a deep cut, thirty-five cars were piled in a heap and burned fiercely all day. Thomas F. Moran, a fireman, was instantly killed, and Fred Blair, a brakeman, fatally hurt. Engineer Daly was injured.

Controller Eckels, a Washington dispatch says, has undertaken an extensive inquiry to learn the various kinds of credit instruments and money held by all the banking institutions in the United States. He has sent out 21,000 letters to national banks, state and private banks and loan and trust companies asking for information on these points. A year ago the controller made an investigation of this kind, but he confined it to the 5,000 national banks. The returns will be published in his annual report which issues in December.

Twenty-four hundred additional Turkish troops are now on their way to Crete.

It is thought the Turks are preparing for another massacre. Houses of Christians are being marked by the Turkish soldiers.

Sir Joseph Prestwich, porfessor of geology at Oxford, and the author of valuable geological works, died in London, aged 84.

French officers were grossly insulted at Canea by Turkish soldiers. They were cursed and reviled and swords were drawn threatening their lives.

G. H. Penderson, a fisherman of Astoria, is missing, and, as he was very despondent previous to his disappearance, it is believed that he has committed suicide.

Notices have been posted at all the collieries of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company, of Pennsylvania, that work is discontinued until further notice. Eight thousand men and boys are idle.

President Jordan, of the Stanford university, has arrived at Seattle to take charge of the expedition which is to sail on the steamer Albatross to investigate the seal fisheries on the islands of the north, and study the life and habits of the seals.

The largest single night's catch of salmon which has been made for many years in the Columbia river, was taken between midnight and dawn Tuesday morning. The canneries were compelled to limit the boat to a certain amount of fish each, as they were unable to handle all that was brought in.

Unless significant signs fail, the squadron of United States warships, just now stationed in the harbor of New York, will be dispatched soon on an important mission. Those who should be in a position to know say the destination will be the coast of Cuba. During the last week work on all the vessels has been doubled in response to a special order received from the secretary of the navy. The nature of this order cannot be ascertained.

A Requisition Provided For.

Washington. —Acting Secretary of the Interior Sims has approved and provided for a requisition on the treasury for the payment of $22,000 to every state included in the Morrill act of 1890 for the endowment of agricultural and mechanical colleges in the United States. This is to apply for the fiscal year 1896-97.

Glasgow. — The Pan-Presbyterian council unanimously accepted the invitation to hold its meeting at Washington in 1899, and thanked San Francisco for the invitation extended.

Scrip Made Good.

At Baker City Judge Eakin decided that the warrants issued by Baker county were valid, and thus made good about $200,000 worth of county scrip.

Accident to a Miner.

Andy Benson, a miner, in attempting to fire a salute to Colonel Taylor, a mine-owner, who was passing on a train near Glendale, accidentally exploded a stick of giant powder in his hands and was so badly mangled that he will probably not recover from his injuries.

Unknown Floater Found.

An unknown floater was found near the Morrison street bridge in Portland. The remains were fearfully decomposed, and almost fell to pieces as they were being placed in a receiving casket. The body bears the appearance of having been in the water several months.

Revolt in Armenia.

Another sanguinary outbreak has occurred at Van and 400 are reported to have been killed. The Persians are promoting the disturbances and fomenting the revolt throughout Armenia. The Druses have now received Bedouin support and are driving out the Turks. Diplomatic press is being brought to bear on the porte, increasing the chances of peace.

Wife-Murderer Hanged.

Carl Aubrecht, the wife-murderer, was hanged in the jail yard at Marshfield, Or. Life was pronounced extinct within a few seconds after the drop fell. The execution was the first that ever took place in that city, and was witnessed by those legally entitled to be present. Aubrecht retained his nerve to the last. He left word of good-by to his friends.

A Lady Suffocated in a Vault.

Miss Rosa Caudill, of Barboursville, Ky., was locked in her father's vault for fifteen minutes and when taken out was unconscious, but under the care of physicians soon recovered. A gentleman friend locked her in for a joke, but not having the combination, was unable to release her until her father was found. His action is generally condemned, and he is considered a fit subject for the fool-killer.

Failure, Then Death.

The body of Joseph C. Powell, a student in the Oregon medical college, was found floating in the river, opposite the O. R. & N. freight warehouse, in Portland. A rope was fastened around the neck, to which was firmly attached a granite rock, weighing about 12 pounds. Powell was one of a class of students in the medical college that was presented for final examination last March. He failed to pass, and in despair, committed the rash act. He had been missing for three months.

A Big Railroad Deal.

The Chicago Evening Post has a sensational piece of railway news to the effect that Henry Villard, backed by European capitalists, has about completed a deal which will give them a through line from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard. The intention of the Villard syndicate is to buy the Northern Pacific road, then the Baltimore & Ohio, at the receivers' sales. It is said that the syndicate has already practically obtained control of the Chicago & Great Western road, the connecting link between the Baltimore & Ohio, and the Northern Pacific.

Photography in Colors.

Photography in colors is assured. James W. McDonough, of Chicago, and Professor Joly, of Dublin, who were attempting to secure patents, agreed that the successful one should pay the other a fee, and the capitalists in the undertaking would support the successful man. McDonough won after a contest. A company has now been incorporated in Richmond, Va., with a capital of $700,000 for the purpose of pushing the new invention.

A Cloudburst in Ohio.

A cloudburst took place near Marietta, O. The water covered a wide area of territory and was the most destructive ever known there. Houses were swept away, stock drowned and many persons narrowly escaped death. In some streams the water rose twenty feet in ten minutes. The flood came almost as suddenly as did the Johnstown flood. Crops are ruined on the Little Muskingum for twenty miles, and on many small tributaries of the Ohio above there.

He Was a Clever Swindler.

Edward Trask, a former partner of Murderer Holmes, and who was sentenced to the penitentiary from Chicago in 1892 for eighteen years for his gigantic real estate swindles, is dead. He succumbed to consumption. Trask was notorious for the daring of his ventures.

Lyman Trumbull Is Dead

Ex-United States Senator Lyman Trumbull, the distinguished jurist, died in Chicago. He had been ill a long time, but rallied at intervals, causing hope that he might eventually recover.

Crops a Failure.

Reports from Polk county, Or., say that the apple and prune corps of that section are almost a total failure this year, and that there is a large shortage in the yield of other fruits.

Fight With Druses.

Constantinople.—A dispatch from Beyrout, Syria, says that during the recent fight between the Turks and insurgent Druses in the Hauran district, the former lost fifty-five men killed.

Injured by Dynamite.

Tom Strang, the son of R. L. Strang, of Woodburn, Or., was playing with a piece of dynamite one day recently when the stick exploded, badly burning the young man's face, and causing both of his eyes to be tightly closed for several days.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

Report of the Geological Survey for the Calendar Year.

INCREASE OVER THE PAST YEAR

The Quantities and Values of the Various Products in the Mineral Kingdom.

Washington, June 30.—The mineral products of the United States for the calendar year of 1895 are reviewed at length in the mineral resources report of the United States geological survey. The report, which was compiled by Dr. David T. Day, chief of division, shows the total value of the products to be $611,795,290. This stands against a production valued at $527,368,594 for 1984. This is an increase of $80,000,000.

The report in summarizing conditions, says:

"The general increase is a long step toward recovery from the depression to which the mineral industry, like all others, has been subjected. The total value is slightly less than the greatest we have known, which was over $648,000,000 in 1892. In terms of quantities produced, instead of value received, 1895 is greater. In other words, prices are lower. Considering the record of the total value in these reports since 1880, the increase, which is from $350,319,000 to $611,795,290, is significant, and the average for these sixteen years gives a fair approximation of what our normal mineral porduct should have been half-way between these dates, or in 1888.

"The United States shared in the general increase in gold production, the increase being shown in nearly all the gold-producing states, but coming principally from Cripple Creek and other new camps in Colorado. The gain in the quantity of petroleum and especially the phenomenal increase in its price, was one of the great features of the year. The steady increase in gold products since 1892 was kept up duinrg 1895, increasing from 1,018,816 ounces in 1894, to 2,273,629 ounces in 1895, the valuation of the latter being $49,500,000.

"Silver production fell to 47,000,000 ounces from 49,501,122 ounces in 1894, with coining values respectively of $60,766,300 and $640,000,000.

"Copper, domestic ore production, followed the upward tendency of the other metals and increased over 20,000,000 pounds, or $5,500,000. The rapidly increasing product of zinc, which was checked in 1893 and 1894, was resumed. The declining tendency in iron and steel production in 1894 was changed in 1895 to one of the most remarkable increases in the production of pig-iron in the history of the industry of the United States. It rose from 6,657,388 long tons in 1894 to 9,446,308 long tons in 1895, or nearly 42 per cent. This is the largest product ever attained in this country, the nearest approach to it being in 1890.

BARRED BY THE LAW.

Judges in Washington Ineligible for Any Other Office.

Tacoma, Wash., June 30.—It has been discovered that, under section 15, article IV of the state constitution, the judges of the supreme court and superior courts are ineligible for any office, other than judicial ones, for the full term for which they are elected. This section bars three of the most prominent candidates, Judge N. H. Pritchard, of Tacoma; Judge Richard Ballinger, of Port Townsend, and Z. T. Moore, of Spokane, from the gubernatorial race. Its discovery has created quite a flutter in the political circles of this state. The section reads:

"The judges of the supreme court and the judges of the superior court shall be ineligible to any other office or public employment than a judicial office or employment during the term for which them shall have been elected."

Yachting Party Drowned.

Shawnee, Wis., June 30.—Word has reached here of the drowning of six persons, at Shawnee lake, during a gale this evening. A party started from Cecil about 5 o'clock in a yacht for a few day's outing on the north shore of the lake. When about three miles from the shore, the boat was capsized by a sudden squall, and the party precipitated into the water. Mr. Risum and Dr. Dracker clung to the capsized yacht for several hours, the latter holding the cihld in his arms, when they were rescued by parties from Cecil who were attracted by their cries for help. The bodies of the other six have not been recovered.

Two Boys Drowned in Muddy Lake.

Addy, Wash, June 30.—The 8-year-old son of H. Alby, while riding on a raft in Muddy lake, near Summit school-house yesterday afternoon, fell in. A number of other boys were on the raft, and the affair went to pieces. Harry Newell went to the rescue of the other boys, and was caught about the neck, and both boys drowned.

Topeka, Kan., June 30.—P. M. Arthur, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is here visiting Topeka members of the order. He said that in his opinion, strikes would not be so frequent in the future as in the past. He is working with the leaders of the different political organizations to build up a sentiment in favor of a law for the arbitration of difference between railroad companies and their employes, and believes that congress will enact such a law in the near future. Mr. Arthur addressed a meeting of enigneers during the day.

A RESERVATION TRAGEDY.

Two Murders and a Suicide the Result of a Blackfoot Affair.

Helena, Mont., June 30.—Two men and one woman dead and a man under arrest as accessory to the murder, is the result of a woman's unfaithfullness and a man's perfidy. The dead are: Paul Vinette, a half-breed; his wife, and Took-a-Fine-Gun, a full-blooded Indian. The man under arrest is Makes-the-Fire, a brother of the dead Indian. The scene of the murder was the Blakfoot reservation. Took-a-Fine-Gun had been paying attention to Vinette's wife, in spite of Vinette's protests. Friday, he caught the couple together, and took a shot at the Indian, who escaped uninjured, vowing vengeance. Next day, Vinette mounted his horse to hunt for missing cattle. He had not proceeded far when two shots were heard, and Vinette's horse came back riderless. Took-a-Fine-Gun and Makes-the-Fire rode up, saying they had killed Vinette. Then, with Mrs. Vinette, the trio rode away. Mounted police followed, and the next morning two shots were heard in a clump of bushes. An investigation revealed the bodies of Mrs. Vinette and Took-a-Fine Gun. He had killed her by shooting her through the head, and then committed suicide in a like manner. Makes-the-Fire was captured later.

Death Caused by a Scorcher.

Chicago, June 30.—Three-year-old Ernest Schlickwein, a the son of Franz Schlickwein, a German truck farmer, living about four miles southeast of Hinsdale, met his death in a manner hitherto unheard of. He was following his mother along a path beside the roadway which fronts their home, when they were passed by a wheelman riding at his best speed.

Shortly afterwards Mrs. Schlickwein missed her son. Hastening back she discovered him prostrate in the path, while an ugly wound in his left temple was bleeding profusely. A physician was summoned, but the child died before he arrived. A jagged stone weighing about four ounces, lying at the point where he had fallen told the story. It had been snapped from under the wheel of the scorching bicyclist with sufficient force to cause death. The wheelman, who was of course entirely ignorant of the accident, passed on, and no clew to his identity remains. Mrs. Schlickwein is prostrated and may not recover.

A Soldier's Revenge.

Valentine, Neb., June 30. — Fort Niobrara was the scene of a murder, and the almost instant execution of the murderer under military orders today. Private Weaver shot and instantly killed First Sergeant Livingstone, of company D, who was passing along the roadway in front of company C's quarters. When the sergeant dropped, four men ran and picked him up, when Weaver fired four shots at them, forcing them to drop the sergeant and run for shelter. Weaver then fired several shots, aiming at anyone who happened to come within range of his rifle, but without effect. Then First Lieutenant Clark ordered Private Strine to shoot Weaver, which he did, the ball striking Weaver's rifle near the butt, shattering it and afterwards entering his body, from which he died within an hour.

McKinley Formally Notified.

Canton, O., July 1.—Ex-Governor McKinley was officially notified today of his nomination by the Republican party for the office of president of the United States of America.

The notification speech was made by Senator Thurston, who was wildly applauded during the course of his remarks by the vast crowd which had gathered from far and near to do honor to Ohio's favorite son upon this, the occasion of the greatest triumph of his life. Governor McKinley, in an able speech, responded to Senator Thurston's address, and heartily thanked the notification committee and the constituents of the Republican party at large for the gracious honor tendered him.

Fell From a Balloon.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 1. — Hiram H. Cole, 26 years old, a professional aeronaut, living in Big Rapids, Mich., fell thirty feet from his balloon while making an ascension last night and died shortly afterward. A high wind blew him against a building, severing his trapeze ropes and letting him fall. He leaves a wife and 8-months'-old baby.

Several Persons Drowned.

Boston, July 1.—The small steam ferry-boat plying between Marine Park and Governor's island struck an obstruction today and capsized. Several young people drowned.

A Mob's Work.

Baltimore, June 30.—Joseph Cooking, of Hilltop, Charles county, awaiting trial on a charge of murdering his wife and her sister, Miss Daisy Miller, on April 23, was taken from the old jail at Port Tobacco last night and lynched by about twenty-five men.

France Will Admit Corn.

Paris, June 30.—M. Meline, the premier, speaking at Soissons on the disturbance of the world's markets by the money crisis, announced that measures would shortly be taken for the temporary free admission into France of corn.

Rancher Killed by a Farmhand

Port Townsend, Wash., June 30.—Fred Miller, a rancher near Duckabuck, on Hood canal, was shot and instantly killed last night by John Marinbuck, a farmhand. The men quarreled about a woman.

Money For Redmen.

Washington, June 29.—Steps have been taken by the bureau of Indian affairs to make the payment of $168,604, due the Cherokee-Pawnee Indians from the Cherokee nation, as their share of the Cherokee grass money.

HELP FOR COMMERCE

Money for Northwest Rivers and Harbors.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Idaho and Alaska Greatly Benefited—Congress' Generous Treatment of Gray's Harbor.

Washington, June 29.—The following is an official statement of the appropriations for government works in the states of Washington and Idaho, and in Alaska, contained in the river and harbor bill passed by congress over the president's veto:

Improving Gray's harbor and bar entrance in accordance with plans submitted in the annual report of the chief of engineers, for 1895, $20,000; provided that contracts may be entered into by the secretary of war for such materials and work as may be necessary to complete said improvment, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not exceeding in the aggregate $980,000, exclusive of the sum herein appropriated, and the secretary of war may, in his discretion, transfer the government plant or any part of it, now at the mouth of the Columbia river, to Gray's harbor.

Continuing improvement of Olympia harbor, $32,000, and that a survey be made of Deschutes river, at its entrance into Olympia harbor, and the cost of its improvement be estimated.

Continuing improvement of Everett harbor, $20,000.

For survey of Portland channel, Alaska, $5,000.

Continuing improvement of Upper Columbia river, including Snake river, as far as Asotin, $5,000.

For continuing improvement of Clearwater river, Idaho, $25,000.

For completing improvement of Kootenai river, Idaho, between Bonner's ferry and international boundary line, $5,000.

Improving Puget sound and tributary waters. Continuing improvement, including the rivers Skagit, Nooksack, Duwamish and Puyallup, $75,000, of which sum so much thereof as may be necessary may be used for the rebuilding of a snagboat.

For dredging Salmon bay, and improvement of the waterway connecting the waters of Puget Sound with Lakes Union and Washington by enlarging the said waterway into a ship canal, with the necessary locks and appliances in connection therewith, $150,000: provided that no part of said amount shall be expended on the improvement of said waterway until the entire right-of-way and a release from all liability to adjacent property-owners have been secured to the United States, free of cost, and to the satisfaction of the secretary of war; said canal to be constructed either by the Smith's cove route or by the Shilshole bay route, in the discretion of the secretary of war.

Improving Chehalis river by snagging, $3,000.

Continuing improvement of Swinomish slough, in accordance with existing plan, $25,000.

Continuing improvement of Cowlitz river, $3,000.

Attempted Bank Robbery.

Los Angeles, June 29.—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the First National bank of this city, by means of an underground tunnel, has been brought to light. The affair is remarkable in the history of crime in California for the reason that it has been going on for months and involved an effort to carry off about $500,000, and was only discovered by the merest accident. James Stevens, who is known to the police as an all-around crook, has been arrested for compilcity in the attempted robbery. Another crook, named Brown Mathery, is eagerly sought after and the police are convinced that two others were in the job. The bank is located near the corner of Main and Commercial streets, and just around the corner is a saloon owned by Fred W. Jones, who disappeared a few days ago. It was in the cellar of the saloon that the would-be robbers started the tunnel.

Blew His Head Off.

Chewelah, June 29.—When the passenger train arrived this morning the crew and passengers reported that near South Switch, lying fifteen feet west of the railroad track, was the body of a man about 5 feet 10 inches in height, light build, with the head completely gone. He was dressed in overalls and moccasins, a striped cotton shirt, blue jumper and grayish coat, almost new. He came to his death by suicide from a dynamite cartridge placed within his mouth.

Helena Newspaper Sold.

Helena, Mont., June 29.—The ownership of the Helena Independent has changed hands. A. W. Lyman has sold a controlling interest to George W. Graham, the business manager. W. G. Eggleston, formerly of the Chicago Herald, assumes editorial charge. The paper will advocate the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Caught in a Swamp.

Arlington, Minn., June 29.—The two tramps who murdered Sheriff Rogers last night were caught today in a swamp. Two hundred men surrounded them. The tramps were taken to Glenoo, Minn., where they were lodged in jail. There has been some talk of lynching them.

The oyster grows from the inside by throwing out every year rings or circles of a calcerous substance and experts can tell where the growth begins and ends for the year.

BALDWIN'S TESTIMONY.

Compelled to Tell of the Visit to Coronado.

San Francisco, June 29.—E. J. Baldwin, who is on trial in a breach of promise suit brought by Lillian Ashley, was on the witness stand today, and for several hours did not have a particularly enjoyable time, as the plaintiff's counsel, upon cross-examination, probed into the millionaire horseman's private life and used his best endeavors to release the defendant's family skeletons from their closets. Baldwin denied most emphatically that he had ever offered or promised to adopt the plaintiff, legally or any other way, either orally or in writing. He denied that the scene alleged to have occurred at the Boston depot was enacted there, but admitted that, upon bidding the fair Lillian adieu, he drew her up to him with the intention of kissing her, but as she demurred, he did not insist. His version of the scene at the Baldwin hotel, upon the night of Miss Ashley's arrival from the East, was totally at variance with that related so dramatically by the plaintiff. Baldwin said he had been married four times and divorced once.

Attorney Crittenden compelled the defendant to reiterate every detail of the scene in Miss Ashley's room at the Baldwin hotel. Then the visit to Coronado was gone into, and Attorney Crittenden compelled the defendant to admit that he had deliberately gone to a respectable hotel and falsely registered, with the express purpose of acting dishonestly.

He was also compelled to admit that, although 66 years of age, and the proprietor of one of the largest hotels in this city, he had deliberately violated the rules of another establishment. He admitted that, to the best of his recollection, he had introduced Miss Ashley to E. S. Babcock, the proprietor of the Cornado hotel, as his daughter. The defendant stated that he did not intend to take Miss Ashley to Cornado, but, upon going to the train, found her awaiting him on the cars. He was then asked, if that was the case, to explain what he meant by writing to the plaintiff that he would take her to San Diego, prior to March, 1893. He denied that he had done so, but was confronted with one of his letters to her, and admitted that he had written to that effect.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION.

Thirtieth National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Paul, Minn.—In order to more fully and quickly reply to inquiries relating to the thirtieth national encampment G. A. R., to be held in St. Paul during the first week in September next, the following general information has been prepared and sent out from headquarters, signed by Edwin C. Mason, U. S. A., president, and John S. Pinney, general secretary:

The question of railway rates to the encampment has been settled by the Western Passenger Association, giving the one-cent-a-mile rate and the usual limitation, and the St. Paul transportation committee feels confident that satisfactory rates will be allowed by all passenger associations. Definite information and report upon this matter will be forthcoming soon.

Veterans will be provided with free quarters in the school buildings. Cots or mattresses will be furnished in these free quarters, but no blankets. Hotel rates will not be changed, and will vary from $1 to $5 per day. The accommodations committee will furnish a list of hotels and boarding houses on request. Early and definite information is deisred as to the number of comrades from each department who will expect free quarters during the encampment.

A veterans' camp will be established at University avenue and St. Albans street, near four lines of street cars. It will be equipped with water service and other conveniences, and good meals will be served at reasonable rates. Space will be provided adjacent to the veterans' camp, for those who desire to bring tents, etc., for private camping parties.

Mr. C. W. Horr is chairman of the accommodations committee, and Joe L. Brigham is secretary. Their mail address is room 520, Endicott building.

National headquarters will be at Hotel Ryan, corner of Robert and Sixth streets.

Mrs. R. M. Newport is president of the ladies' committee. Ladies' headquarters are located in the large mansion overlooking the city, corner of Summit and Dayton avenues.

The route of the G. A. R. parade September 2 is fixed. It embraces portions of the best residence and business streets, is less than two miles long, all down grade, on asphalt pavements, and free from street car tracks except at two or three street crossings. Divisions will form on shaded residence streets.

Bids for Battle-Ships.

Washington, June 29.—The navy department has issued advertisements calling for proposals for constructing three battle-ships of about 11,000 tons displacement. The bids are required to be submitted by Monday, September 14. The features of the new ships have been made public already.

Portland Mills Buying Heavily.

Garfield, Wash., June 29.—The farmers' warehouse negotiated a sale of between 20,000 and 25,000 bushels of wheat this week. The price received was 40 cents a bushel f. o. b., which is several cents better than the general market. The Portland Milling Company was the buyer. This was about half of the wheat remaining in the warehouses of Whitman county.

Secrecy of the Confessional.

Montreal, June 29.—The superior court decided today to uphold the secrecy of the confessional.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States —Oregon.

The Dalles Chronicle says that a settlement has been effected with the McCoy ditch laborers for 50 cents on the dollar.

The Southern Pacific Company has put in electric lights at its plant at Latham, and now runs the creosoting works day and night.

The bicycle track north of the town of Coquille City has just been completed. The track is five laps to the mile, and is an excellent racing course.

There are two companies engaged in egg gathering near Port Orford, and the rocks are being hunted very closely, over 1,000 dozen having already been gathered.

Millions of young grasshoppers have made their appearance on Tygh ridge, and farmers in that section fear they will do considerable damage to growing crops before the "critters" wings are sufficiently large to carry them out of the country.

Joseph Adams, a son of John Adams, an Indian living on the Siletz, was one of the graduates of the Carlisle Indian school this spring. Mr. Adams has graduated as a full-fledged doctor of medicine, and will practice his profession in the East.

An old soldier tramped through The Dalles last week, bound for the Soldiers' Home at Kansas City. He was old and feeble, but was neatly dressed, and wore a pair of new, but cheap shoes. He proposes to walk the enire distance, unless invited to ride.

The lessees of the plant and placer mines of the Siskiyou Gold Mining Company, on Elliott creek, commonly called the "Joe Bar diggings," have fully completed the opening and equipment of them, and are piping day and night with assurances of an uninterrupted water supply.

The sales of cattle from the Eagle valley range have been quite active recently, and upwards of 1,300 head will be delivered in Baker City during the next few days for shipment to Montana and Wyoming. The sales amount to about $15,000, a very neat sum in the hands of the stockraisers of one locality.

Assessor Cowan, of Union county, is assessing all property in the county belonging to religious organizations and not used exclusively for worship; that is, only church buildings and the lots upon which they stand are exempt. Heretofore all property belonging to the church, including houses, school buildings, town buildings, town lots and farms, have been exempt. Private school buildings and property will also be assessed.

Washington.

President Cleveland has been asked to pardon Mrs. Morrison, convicted of smuggling opium in the federal court at Seattle.

At Barlow Pass, the buildings are being put in order as rapidly as possible to accommodate the traffic to the Great Lake mines, and supplies are coming by every train.

The diploma and medals awarded the Seattle school exhibit at the world's fair have been received. The exhibit is now at the Philadelphia educational museum, and has led to many inquiries for information of the city superintendent.

Elder Van Dusen, of Spokane, who has been visiting Lewiston, says that in driving along any road out of Lewiston to the reservation, prairie schooners and other vehicles can be passed, all loaded to the guards, and all bound for the reservation.

Mr. Wooten, of Starbuck, says that he has discovered a new variety of winter apple in his orchard, which he thinks is going to take the lead in the Northwest. It is a large, red apple, fine flavored and a good keeper. He planted the seed five years ago. Last year the tree bore 150 pounds of apples.

A conference of commercial bodies, at Tacoma, accepted the offer of a Philadelphia museum for a display of the state's resources. A committee of three, one from Seattle, another from Tacom, and a third from Gray's harbor, will be appointed by President Mottet to prepare a lumber exhibit. Another committee will be appointed to prepare a general exhibit.

The injunction which was asked was denied and the work on the reservation ditch near North Yakima will now go forward. In denying the application, Judge Hanford stated that the petitioners were not entitled to come into court, inasmuch as no one of them showed a claim of $2,000. Judge Hanford also said that he knew of no case in which an Indian had been allowed to bring suit against the government, which was his guardian.

Commissioner of the General Land Office Lamoreaux says that the north half of the Colville reservation will be thrown open to settlement within forty days. It is probable that a force of surveyors will be put to work on the reservation within a few days.

The lowering of the waters in the Davenport creek dicloses the fact that a large number of big trout found their way up the stream during high-tide, which find the waters too shallow for comfort now, and the town boys are fishing after them with sticks with pretty good success.