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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

### Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

### TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

An interesting collection of items from the two hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

M. Philippe Eugene Cuisart, radical deputy for the first division of Laen, France, is dead.

A Rouen dispatch says the French steamer Marie Fanny is a total loss, off the island of Alderney. The captain was saved. Fifteen members of the crew were drowned.

Ernest Chase, of Detroit, Mich., cut the throat of his wife, and with the same weapon cut his own throat from ear to ear and fell dead beside her. The tragedy was the climax of a life of unhappiness.

Alexander Salvini, son of Tommaso Salvini, the great Italian actor, died in Florence, Italy. He died of intestinal tuberculosis. The Italian newspapers publish eulogistic obituaries of the deceased actor.

C. S. Jackson, of Pendleton, Or., has started a popular subscription to help the Cubans. Mr. Jackson says he has been asked by prominent citizens of Oregon to head the movement. Locally, there has already been offered hearty support.

The London News has a dispatch from Berlin with reference to rumors of reprisals against American petroleum. It says that German consumers are likely to suffer more by this move than American exporters, Russia being scarcely able to supply Germany.

Governor McGraw, of Washington, has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who placed dynamite or other explosives under the building occupied by L. A. Plant and brother, at Prairie, in Skagit county. This is in addition to the reward of \$250 offered by the commissioners of that county.

The small fire loss on the Pacific coast which has marked this year over its immediate predecessors continued last month to compensate for the falling off in premiums. For the entire coast the amount was only \$254,068, made up of \$117,107 on buildings and \$136,961 on their contents. The loss for November in 1895 was \$295,324, and in 1894 \$335,125.

Representative Ellis, of Oregon, has introduced a bill extending until January 1, 1899, the time in which settlers on forfeited railroad lands can make payments. The hard times have made it difficult for settlers to make their payments, and Mr. Ellis has been asked to secure an extension. There ought to be no objection to the bill, and it will no doubt pass, if time can be obtained for its consideration.

Senator Squire, of Washington, has prepared an amendment which he intends offering to the sundry civil appropriation bill, directing the secretary of the interior to apply \$35,440 upon the penitentiary at Walla Walla. This is the amount that still remains unexpended of the appropriation of \$80,000 made by congress for the purpose of building a penitentiary in Washington. It is the intention to have the balance used to construct a wing on the penitentiary.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Canadian minister of railways and canals, and Colonel James Donville, member of parliament, were in Seattle recently and while there Mr. Blair recited the results of his investigations of Crow's Nest Pass railway in British Columbia. He says the country is undoubtedly such that it will demand better railway facilities. Colonel Donville, one of the leading liberalists in the Dominion, says government aid should be extended to the Crow's Nest Pass railway. His idea is to run it as a public highway.

The net results of the experiments of the board which is investigating the battleship steel has resulted in the condemnation of nearly the whole amount now stacked up in the Newport News Ship-Building Company's yard. Six out of twelve test pieces, which should have been folded back on the vessels without breaking, either broke short off as readily as cast-iron, or tore apart with less brittleness, but none the less containing of failing to meet contract requirements. These disclosures will lead the board to extend their investigations much further than anticipated.

The Medford, Or., distillery, which has been in litigation for the past year, has been sold at auction by the receiver, for \$2,000. The original cost of the plant was \$10,000.

The heavy rains of the past few days have again caused Mill creek, in Salem, to rise and overflow its banks, in consequence of which Church and Marion streets and adjacent property are flooded.

In Pierre, S. D., in the mandamus case to compel the issuance of certificates to Republican electors on a partial canvass, the court has held that the board has a right to adjourn and secure complete returns. This gives the victory to the Bryan electors.

Ex-Treasurer G. W. Boggs, of Tacoma, is again in jail in that city, he having surrendered himself to the sheriff at Spokane. Boggs's attorneys are preparing to petition the supreme court for a rehearing of his case.

The Newaukum river, in Washington, is booming since the recent rains, and has done considerable damage to property. The dam at the lumber mills of Stone & Sons, near Chehalis, has been washed out and between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of damage to their property has resulted.

## CONGRESS IN SESSION.

### Senate.

Sixth day—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, held the attention of the senate and well-filled galleries for an hour and a half by his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. The prominence of Morgan in the Cuban debate of last session, when he had charge of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave especial interest to his speech today. He spoke in impassioned style, although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba such as is seldom heard in the senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilities of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. He asserted that Spain's bankruptcy would prevent the collection of any indemnity for wrongs. The senator questioned the wisdom of the president's position, that granting of belligerent rights would be "untimely."

Seventh day—The session of the senate developed the most eventful and exciting debate that either branch of congress has heard in a long time. It brought forward the recognized leaders of the various parties and elements, including such conspicuous figures as Sherman, Fry, Teller, Gorman, Vest, Aldrich, Platt, Mitchell, of Oregon, Chandler, Hale and Allen, in notable statements on the leading questions which have engaged the attention of the country of late. Not only was the line laid down on tariff and finance, but the debate partook of all the pent-up feeling resultant from the national contest. It was dramatic in its intensity, and at all times absorbingly interesting to the crowded galleries and body of senators. The debate came unexpectedly when Vest called up the Allen resolution for consideration of the Dingley bill, in order to make remarks on it. But it remained for Sherman to formally announce that the Dingley bill was dead. He said he could not always speak for his associates, but, in view of what had been said on the floor, he felt that he could safely announce now that the Dingley bill could not be passed, and that it was useless to waste further time on it.

Eighth day—The senate today passed the immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill, with a new section providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected, the final vote being 52 to 10. As passed, the bill amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons over 16 years old who cannot read and write the language of their native country or some other language, but an admissible immigrant over the age of 16 may bring in with him, or send for his wife or parent or grandparent or minor children or grandchildren, notwithstanding their inability to read or write. The Cuban section added to the bill provides that the act shall not apply to persons arriving in the United States from any port or place in the island of Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there; provided such persons have heretofore been inhabitants of that island. The house amendments to the bill concerning lands of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company were nonconcurrent in and Hill, Platt and Clark named as senate conferees.

House.

Sixth day—The house today entered upon consideration of the Lodge bill to amend the law relating to the transmission of second-class mail matter. The bill has been widely discussed in the public press, and met with the most intense opposition from certain quarters. It denies the right of serial novels to admission to the mails at the newspaper rate of one cent per pound; denies to newspapers the sample-copy privilege; prohibits the return of unsold publications at the pound rate and makes some other changes in the present law, designed to correct existing abuses.

Seventh day—Bailey of Texas, created a ripple of excitement in the house today by asking immediate consideration of the resolution to investigate the construction of the battleship Texas. Dingley of Maine, thought the resolution ought to be considered by the committee on naval affairs before being acted upon; he therefore objected. On motion of Chairman Hall of the committee on military affairs, the house went into committee of the whole for consideration of the army appropriation bill. Several amendments looking to the abandonment of the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and the surrender and transfer of the reservation to the interior department were offered.

Eighth day—The house today passed the third of the regular appropriation bills (that for the support of the army), and entered upon consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. The latter bill carries \$21,689,869, or \$36,399 more than the law for the current year. Fair progress was made today. It is expected this bill and the military academy appropriation bill will be passed before the holiday recess. The army bill, as passed, makes no provision for the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

Smelting Works to Start Up.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—It is announced that the Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company's works, which for some time past have been operated with a reduced force, will start up January 1 in all departments. The greatest number of men which have ever been employed by the works, namely 609, will be exceeded by 100 hands.

Police Officer Killed.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—Patrolman George W. Noah, the oldest man in point of service on the Kansas City police force, was found dead in a gully a mile from the city this morning. A bullet had pierced his heart, and it is believed he was killed in a fight while trying to arrest some one.

Football in Mexico.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Missouri Tigers, the crack team of the Missouri state university, have received an invitation from President Diaz, of Mexico, to play a game of football in that country, and have made arrangements to start for the City of Mexico immediately. The game will be played at the Indianola grounds December 27. The Tigers returned home recently after playing a series of successful games in Texas.

Wheat Shortage in New South Wales.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—The government statisticians estimate that the wheat yield of New South Wales is 7,854,000 bushels, which is 1,350,000 bushels below the local wants.

## WASHINGTON ROADS

### Commissioners File Their Annual Reports.

### VERY ELABORATE AND COMPLETE

Recommended Appropriations for Completion of State Road—Daily Commissioner's Report.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 22.—The state road commissioner has filed his final report with the governor. His very elaborate and complete illustration with photographs, taken from different points in the mountains along the proposed Cascade road. Altogether his report does great credit to the commissioner. The retiring board, believing that the state road should be carried on to the completion of all its branches, recommended the following appropriations:

For widening into a wagon road of the part of the present four-foot road for a point seven miles above Marble Mountain to Gilbert Landre's cabin, to make the road available for heavy wagon traffic, \$4,000.

For improvement of the trail between Landre's cabin and Pershall's cabin, \$1,000.

For widening into a wagon road of the present four-foot road from Pershall's cabin, near Cascade pass, to the mouth of Bridge creek, including the construction of a bridge at the latter point, \$2,200.

For the construction of a wagon road from the mouth of Bridge creek to the head of Lake Chelan, \$3,000.

For the improvement of the trail from the mouth of Bridge creek to Twitpass, \$1,000.

For widening into a wagon road of the present four-foot roadway from the mouth of the Twitpass, including a bridge across Twitpass river, near the latter point, \$2,500.

For extending the wagon road on the Colville Indian reservation from Crow's Nest, its present terminus, on Granite creek, to Eureka camp, \$1,200.

For the construction of a wagon road from Curlew lake, on the Colville reservation, to the present terminus of the wagon road on Sherwood (or Deadman) creek, \$7,000.

Total appropriations recommended, \$31,900.

The Washington state dairy commissioner, in his report to the governor for the year 1896, says the past season has been one of lower prices for dairy products than any previous season, but says further that when one considers the general average low prices of all farm products, it cannot be wondered at that dairy products should come in for their share of the general depression. Our markets have, however, maintained, except for a very short period, a generally higher average price than in any of our neighboring producing states.

The question of competition with California and Oregon products, says the commissioner, is a serious one. A solution of the question of meeting this competition must be found with the understanding that it is impossible to keep this butter out when our markets warrant its importation, and this question will be a very hard one to grapple with.

During the past year there have been several new creameries and cheese factories started, the majority, however, being to a certain extent experimental in nature and necessarily small; but several with large capacities have been built.

Following is an approximate estimate of our imports: Butter, about \$77,500 pounds; cheese, about \$7,500, being about one half the importation of the previous year. The exports from here to Alaska have been the means of relieving our markets at various times. With our increased trade in that territory and a probable demand from the Orient, the outlook for the future is not without hope.

The total estimated value of our dairy products is \$240,643. The expenses of the commission for the year has been \$3,595.

The Cruiser Brooklyn.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The cruiser Brooklyn, which has been lying at League Island navy-yard since going into commission four weeks ago, will start on her first official cruise next Saturday. She will steam for the naval station at Newport, R. I. After her torpedoes have been taken on board, the cruiser will proceed to Brooklyn where the citizens of that municipality will formally present to the ship a handsome silver service. After this ceremony and the attendant festivities are concluded, the ship will go to Hampton Roads and join the Atlantic squadron.

## DRIFTED ON THE BEACH.

### German Bark Potrimpos High and Dry on Washington Coast.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 22.—The fourth deep-sea vessel to go ashore on the Washington beach this year was stranded at 7:30 o'clock this morning at Pacific Park, about six miles north of Ilwaco, one to the spot where the Strathlane went ashore in 1891. This time the vessel is the German bark Potrimpos, Captain Henry Helwege, in ballast from Mazatlan, Mexico, to the Columbia river. The officers and crew numbered eighteen, and all were saved by the Ilwaco beach life-saving crew, who arrived on the scene soon after the disaster occurred. Just before their arrival, however, six sailors from the vessel landed in one of the ship's boats. It is very lucky that all hands landed without mishap, as the surf breaks heavily all around the shore at high water. Two of the crew of the ill-fated German bark were killed in attempting to do just what part of the Potrimpos crew did, namely, launching one of the ship's boats in the surf. The ship is in good condition, having received no serious injury while crossing through the surf. She now lies so high on the beach that at half tide a person can walk to her dry-dock. According to the captain's story, at daybreak this morning he sighted land and was on the lookout for a pilot or tug, but the vessel soon became perfectly helpless and drifted towards shore. The captain ordered both anchors out. The order was no sooner given than it was carried out, but the current, which sets in very strongly all along the beach at certain stages of the tide, was too strong, and the ship drifted through the breakers and on to the beach, both anchors still being in the water.

The Cape Disappointment life-saving crew left for the scene of the wreck on a special train, but arrived too late to assist in landing the crew.

The ship lies broadside on the beach, high and dry, but if work is commenced immediately, and arrangements made so that lines can be passed out to a tug, she can be safely pulled off at the next high tide, which occurs on the 24th inst. The vessel is in plain sight of the stranded Glenmorag.

The men and officers have come ashore, and the captain will stay until some definite plans are agreed upon.

## BOUNDARY TREATY.

Will Be Ratified by the Venezuelan Congress.

New York, Dec. 22.—A special from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "There is no doubt that the Venezuelan congress will ratify the Guiana boundary arbitration treaty with England, negotiated by the United States; that President Crespo is entirely satisfied with it is known officially. Your correspondent has talked with the governors of four states of the Venezuelan republic, and all favor the ratification of the treaty."

President Crespo received Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuela minister to the United States, who came from Washington recently, bringing with him a draft of the treaty for ratification. The president received at the same time James J. Storrow, the Boston attorney who prepared and submitted to the boundary commission appointed by the United States, Venezuela's brief answer to the British blue-book summary of the case. Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow sailed Sunday for New York. The ratification of the treaty by congress, which meets in February, is almost certain.

## A BAD WRECK.

Three Passengers on a Freight Train Were Killed and Seven Hurt.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 22.—A special to the News from Shreveport, La., says: "About 5 o'clock this morning there was a bad wreck on the Texas & Pacific railroad, near Soda, La. Although no information is given by railroad officials, it is learned from private sources that three men were killed and seven badly injured. It appears that, as a west-bound freight was bound up a steep grade, a collision occurred at the foot of the grade, the crash splintering several cars. None of the trainmen were injured, as they were in the caboose. The conductor and crew rescued the injured, and they were sent to the Charity hospital."

Following are the wounded: C. L. Gates, of St. Paul; Dave Miller of St. Louis; Frank Terry, of Argentine, Colo.; Charles Williams, Jerry Henderson and George Brown, residences unknown. The names of the killed are not known.

Political Agitation in Moscow.

London, Dec. 22.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that, as an outcome of the agitation in Moscow, one student has been sentenced to death and others to twelve years' imprisonment. This political agitation came to a head in efforts to hold meetings in commemoration of the Khodynsk plain disaster, during the coronation of the czar, which were prohibited by the police.

Anarchists Sentenced to Death.

Barcelona, Dec. 22.—Eight of the anarchists who recently had their trial in the city for throwing a bomb into the Corpus Christi procession last June, have been sentenced to death.

Football in Mexico.

## NOT A PENNY LEFT

### Burglars Made a Clean Sweep in Oregon City.

### THE POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED

Broke Open Safe and Got Stamps and Cash Amounting to About Twenty-Eight Hundred Dollars.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 21.—When Postmaster S. R. Green opened the postoffice a little before 7 o'clock this morning he found that somebody had been there before him. The door leading from the postoffice proper into the front corridor was ajar. The rear door was also open, though the iron shutters had been pushed together so that a casual inspection from the outside would not show anything wrong. This led to more careful scrutiny, and the outside door of the safe was found to be open. Upon swinging the inner door back, the postmaster discovered that the safe had been robbed of everything of value—postage stamps, cash, and even his private papers, including three notes amounting to about \$500. A few pennies had been left in the till at the stamp window, and these were also taken. Upon checking up the business of the office this afternoon, it was ascertained that stamps of the value of \$2,159.69 and \$24.92 in cash were missing. The registered packages were mostly noticed sent out from the land office here, and contained nothing of negotiable value. Two of them had been torn open and their character ascertained, and the remainder were unopened. In addition to the \$2,784.61 above mentioned, \$9 belonging to Miss Gray, the assistant postmaster, was also missing. A gold-filled watch and chain that were in the registered mail were left.

Entrance through the back door of the postoffice was effected by prying open with a jimmy the strong iron bars that guard the outside of the door. So much force was used that the bar that fastens the doors inside was bent, and the doors bore distinct marks of the iron instrument. The inner doors seem to have been opened with a skeleton key. The burglars bored two holes in the outer door of the safe, one just missing the combination, and the other being just right to expose the tumblers. A match shed sufficient light through the hole to enable the tumblers to be watched as the dial knob was turned, and thus the door was opened without further violence. The inner door, however, bears marks showing that a considerable effort must have been made before it yielded. A ragged hole, about eight inches in diameter, was made in the lower part of the door with a cold-chisel or some similar instrument, and through the hole the lock inside could be released. That done, the contents of the safe were entirely exposed to the thieves.

The indications are that two men were engaged in the active work of the burglary, with a third as a lookout. There is no evidence that anything was hurriedly done.

## AMERICANS IN NICARAGUA.

Public Improvement Contracts Awarded to American Citizens.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—Eduardo Taluro, of Bluefields, general administrator of the custom-house of the Nicaraguan republic, who has arrived here, gives an interesting account of the contracts awarded to Americans in Nicaragua and the struggle between American interests.

"The contract for a telephone service in Bluefields was awarded to Americans, as well as the contract for the construction of the charity hospital; the paving of streets; the construction of an electric-light service and the deepening of the channels between Pearl lagoon and Bluefields bay. The most important contract is for the construction of a telephone overland from Bluefields to Managua, which will place the former port in direct cable communication with the United States."

Senor Taluro declared that President Zelaya is especially favorable to Americans, but he is much hampered and opposed by Minister Luciano Gomez, who is very hostile to Americans and favorable to the extension of German commercial interests. The probabilities are there will be a split between Zelaya and Gomez, who is backed in his policy by the conservative party of Nicaragua.

Frozen Stiff in a Sleigh.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Percy Middlebrook, Frank Roe and Patrick Powers, sons of prominent citizens of Florida, took a ride in a sleigh last night, returning at midnight Roe and Powers attempted to assist Middlebrook from the sleigh, but found he was frozen stiff.

Revolt in Portuguese India.

Bombay, Dec. 21.—Advices from Goa, Portuguese India, say that the insurgent Ranes have attacked Pernem, and have burned and sacked the treasury. A force of 600 Portuguese troops were sent against the Ranes and scattered them, killing several of their number.

Killed by a Fall.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—Frank Brown, foreman of the carpenters employed at the new ferry dock, fell sixty feet today. He struck iron girders in falling, and received injuries which caused death.

Wheat Shortage in New South Wales.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—The government statisticians estimate that the wheat yield of New South Wales is 7,854,000 bushels, which is 1,350,000 bushels below the local wants.

## SEALSKINS CHEAPER.

### Owing to the Falling Off in the Demand.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The sleek and costly seal skin seems to be somewhat out of fashion. The tale of a falling demand in the product of Behring sea and the Pacific has just been told by the yearly sale at Lamson's, London. Telegrams have been received in this city, stating that the price for the Alaskan fur was 16 per cent less than that of last year; that of Copper Island (Russia) furs 14 per cent, and that of Coast furs, including California and Japan, 20 per cent lower than in 1895.

This news comes as a surprise to local traders, for the catch of this year was much lower than that of 1895. The entire catch of the Canadian sealers in Japanese waters and Behring sea amounted to 55,677 seals. In 1895, the catch of the Canadians amounted to 74,124, and 1894 to 97,474 seals. The catch of the American pelagic sealers entered at this port amounted to only 5,040 seals, as against 15,000 in 1895. To the former number, 30,067 skins are added as the catch of the North American Commercial Company on the seal islands.

## MINING TOWN BURNED.

Jamestown, Cal., Had No Means of Fighting Fire.

Sonora, Cal., Dec. 21.—The little town of Jamestown, located right in the heart of another Jode's richest section, was visited by a costly fire this morning. The fire originated in a bakery, and the whole business section was at the flames' mercy, and the disorganized bucket brigade fought furiously but feebly against odds. When it was seen that the volunteers were unable to successfully cope with the fire, telegrams were sent for assistance to nearby towns, and many persons responded. Giant powder was used to check and confine the fire when the limited water supply and crude means of getting it on the fire failed. Nine buildings, all on the north side of the street, were consumed with almost the entire contents. The loss is \$40,000, with barely \$5,000 insurance. A favorable breeze saved the town from complete destruction.

## A HORRIBLE ATROCITY.

Bucket of Lye Water Thrown in Face of a Woman and Child.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 21.—There is great excitement at Bethel, a small town three miles south of Kingston, this county, occasioned by a horrible atrocity which occurred this afternoon. Two married women named Moon and Shell got into a quarrel over a trivial matter, which resulted in the Shell woman throwing a bucket of strong lye water into the face of Mrs. Moon and her infant daughter. Both have their eyes burned out and their heads and faces were also horribly burned. The baby died in a short time, and the mother is in terrible agony, her death being looked for at any moment.

Mrs. Shell made her escape, but is being pursued by several hundred men and boys, assisted by dogs, and if captured a lynching will follow. The police of this city have been summoned to the scene.

Herrmann, the Magician, Dead.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Herrmann, the magician, died today of heart disease in his private car at Great Valley, near Salamanca, on his way to Bradford. His remains will be forwarded to New York. Herrmann completed his engagement at the Lyceum theater in this city last night, and later was entertained at the Genesee Valley Club.

(Professor Herrmann, whose father was a sleight-of-hand performer, made his debut as a magician when he was but 8 years old. He has traveled all over Europe and America and has amassed a great fortune. Of late years he has made New York his home. He spoke seven different languages fluently, and had traveled around the world three times. He was naturalized in Boston in 1874.)

Fardoned by Cleveland.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Today Sheriff Van de Venter, of this county, received notification from Washington, D. C., that Mrs. Margaret Morrison, a young woman of Port Townsend, had been granted a conditional pardon by President Cleveland. She was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined \$50 and costs for smuggling opium from Victoria. She has now been in jail five months, and her little daughter has been permitted to share the same cell. President Cleveland grants the pardon on condition that the fine and costs are paid. They now amount to over \$100, but the money will be subscribed by sympathizers.

Goto's Leprosy Medicine, a new cure put forward by a Japanese physician, is being tested in the San Francisco (Cal.) pesthouse.

Let's take hold hands, Mr. Grocer, and dance!

We've got some beautiful business for you and with you, and for and with your customer.

Schilling's Best is the tea. Pay every customer's money back that don't like it. We'll pay you. There's my money in it.

## 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 sheep inspector of Benton county says there are very few scabby sheep in that county.

Prominent men in Happer say that they will build a telephone line from Heppner to Long Creek, in Grant county, if they can arrange for a satisfactory bonus.

The legal complications that have so long arrested the operations of the Divilbiss quartz mill in Coos county, have finally been satisfactorily adjusted, and the miners of the Johnson creek district will now have free use of the mill.

Superintendent Morrison, of the Western Union construction department, has finished receiving and storing at Flavel 2,000 poles for the main telegraph line between Astoria and Portland. It required two acres on which to stack this material.

While leveling off the grounds about the house on his Blind Slough ranch, in Clatsop, Martin Impe found buried two feet in the earth an Indian stone weapon, shaped like a ship's marlin spike, having a hole bored through the handle, which had evidently been made by a stone implement, says the Astorian.

Some very old residents claim that Rogue river was up where the Grant's Pass depot now stands in 1869. The river bed has deepened and widened very much since then, and there is very little probability that it will ever overflow its left bank again. The winter of '62 made gullies and gulches where all was level before.

Fully 100 men are hard at work along the Alderbrook water front, cutting wood for their winter's use, says the Astorian. During the recent freshets hundreds of cords of wood, and about 3,000 shingle bolts from the Cowlitz river were thrown upon the beach. It was an interesting sight to see these men cutting huge logs into stove-wood lengths, and rolling them up the beach to their homes. They used a large instrument like a pair of ice tongs with which to drag the logs along.

Fisher and William Logan, brothers, were caught out in the cold snap of last month in Crook county, while driving cattle. They left their cattle and tried to reach the cabin that was their destination, but, thinking they could not find it, they built a fire under a rim-rock and remained there all night. It was the coldest night, and others who were out say it was thirty-four degrees below zero. The men made themselves as comfortable as they could. They had no blankets, and while sitting around the fire both fell asleep, and after awhile young Logan was awakened by his clothes catching on fire. On waking up he found that both of his feet were frozen. They also discovered when daylight came that they were in sight of the cabin.

Washington.

There are said to be fully 500 cases of measles reported and unreported in Walla Walla.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company paid \$9,008.60 taxes into the Lewis county treasury last week.

Burglars attempted to open the safe in the office of Indian Agent Erwin, at Fort Simco, one night last week, but failed to get away with anything of value.

The United States revenue cutter Bear has been taken to Quartermaster harbor to be put on the drydock for repairs to her hull. A \$5,000 contract has been let, and extensive repairs are to be made.

Work will be resumed at the Coweeman shingle mill, in Cowlitz county, as soon as the water recedes sufficiently to permit of it. Attorney Flisk will have charge of the plant. It is the intention of the company to pay off all claims as soon as possible.

A mandamus sued out to compel the commissioners of Jefferson county to make a special levy to pay certain road warrants was quashed last Saturday at Port Townsend. The effect of the decision is thought to be to invalidate the road warrants issued under the law of March 7, 1890.

It is estimated that to build the telegraph line from Eastern Washington to Puget sound points it will take 16,000 poles, 1,854 miles of No. 10 hard-drawn copper wire, 15,000 cross-arms and braces and 32,000 pins and insulators. The estimated cost of material and labor is \$72,000.

The Washington Mining Company has been incorporated for \$1,000,000. The stock is divided into a million shares of the par value of \$1 each. The trustees for the first six months are J. Lynch Montgomery, of New York; Ralph L. Clarke and T. E. Jefferson, of Spokane, and John L. Retallick, of Kuelo.

The last season's work at Hall & Bishop's logging camp, in Clallam county, is one to be proud of. At the beginning of the year two miles of railroad were put down, and since then the loggers