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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Counsel-General Pierce says the Boers are not beaten.

Governor Nash says he will prevent the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight.

Eulogies to the late Senator Davis were delivered in the house.

State of Washington cannot have one of the new battle-ships named for it.

Edwin Markham read a poem in Philadelphia dedicated to Queen Victoria.

Ex-Senator Hill declares that he is not a candidate for the presidency in 1904.

Iron Dyke copper mine in Eastern Oregon changes hands; consideration \$50,000.

A plot was discovered to tar and feather Mrs. Nation, the saloon wrecker.

Fire in the trimming department of the Krug Packing Company's plant, St. Joseph, Mo., did \$100,000 damages.

Fire from an unknown cause destroyed the large plant of the National Wire Company, at Fairhaven, Conn., entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000.

Fire at the W. B. Earhman Lumber Company's plant, Nashville, Tenn., destroyed lumber, warehouses, 12 tenement houses, and nine freight cars. Loss, \$100,000.

The worst storm of the winter prevails throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Michigan and Wisconsin. Railway traffic is somewhat interfered with.

Mrs. Thomas Green, an aged woman, wife of an old-time mine prospector, was burned to death in her house in the suburbs of Aspen, Colo. It is supposed the fire was of accidental origin.

The Union Pacific Railway Company, by purchasing the entire holdings of the Huntington estate and Stanford-Crocker estate, has secured control of two-fifths of the Southern Pacific railway stock.

The president has issued new credentials to Mr. Choate as ambassador of the United States to Great Britain. They are similar in form to those held by Mr. Choate, with the exception that they accredit him to King Edward VII instead of Queen Victoria.

The Duke of York is sick.

The senate passed the Indian appropriation bill.

Bethoun will try to drive the Boers out of Cape Colony.

President McKinley may visit Portland, Or., this spring.

A revolutionary plot has been discovered in Prussian Poland.

A prisoner escaped from the Grants Pass jail and is still at liberty.

Generals Wade and Ludlow have been ordered to the Philippines.

New York men sue A. B. Hammond for part of Astoria railroad bonds.

Minister Loomis has postponed the presentation of his ultimatum to Venezuela.

The president recommends that additional copies of the consul reports be printed.

The citizens of Skagway are greatly agitated over the decision of the secretary of the interior granting the greater part of the townsite to B. Moore.

The body of Judge N. Pearl, of Port Gibson, was found in the Mississippi river near that place with heavy weights tied around the hands and ankles. He had been missing about two weeks.

Major-General Arthur MacArthur will be relieved from duty as the commanding general of the division of the Philippines in April next, and will be succeeded by Brigadier-General James F. Wade.

The dead body of Jacob Kuntz, a hermit, was found in a miserable cabin near Peoria, Ill. The body was clad in rags. On his person was \$458 in money and a deed to 80 acres of valuable land. He had literally starved himself to death.

The president has sent a message to congress recommending the appropriation of \$100,000 for the payment of the claim of Spain for Sibutu and Cagayan islands, in the Philippine archipelago, in accordance with the terms of the treaty recently ratified by the senate.

Some troops escorting laborers engaged in opening roads in the southern part of the peninsula of Yucatan were desperately attacked by 1,000 rebel Indians, who were only driven off by the employment of machine guns. The engagement took place near Santa Cruz.

Columbia university has appealed to its friends for \$100,000.

The school children of Mississippi have voted in favor of the magnolia as the state's flower.

American, Canadian and English iron interests have practically united to push trade in Europe.

Consular reports say British merchants and manufacturers continue to worry over commercial invasions by Americans.

LAWS FOR FILIPINOS

Taft Commission Passed Municipal Government Act.

PROVINCIAL BILL HAS BEEN COMPLETED

The Bill Provides for a Governor, a Secretary of the Treasury, a Supervisor and a Fiscal.

Manila, Feb. 2.—The act organizing municipal governments in the Philippines was passed by the Taft commission today, after the adoption of amendments, including a provision disqualifying from voting and holding office any person who after April 1 is in arms against, or aiding those opposing the United States authority. The power to revise election irregularities is transferred from the governor of the province to the election judges. A provision is added for returns and records of births, marriages and deaths. The president's symbol of office is designated as a gold-headed tassel cane. Prior to the passage of the act, Judge Taft, president of the commission, said the greatest pains had been taken in the preparation of the act.

The provincial government bill has been completed. The public consideration will begin tomorrow. Soon after its enactment the commissioners will visit the Luzon provinces and witness the organization of the provincial government and the elections. Later they will visit the southern islands. The provincial bill provides for a governor, a secretary of the treasury, a supervisor and a fiscal. The officers may be Americans or Filipinos. The governor is to be elected by the joint ballot of the councillors of organized pueblos (townships) and his election must be confirmed by the Philippine commission. The other provincial officers will be appointed by the commission under the restriction of the civil service rules. The governor may suspend any municipal officer for misconduct, reporting the facts to the commission. The treasurer is required to supervise his assistants in all the pueblos and collect all taxes. The supervisors will have charge of the roads and public buildings. The fiscal will be the legal adviser of the provincial government and the public prosecutor.

The law is to be first applied to the provinces of La Union and Pangasinan. Captain Cameron and 50 Philippine cavalrymen had a fight Tuesday with insurgents at Buntopay and routed them, killing two and capturing a quantity of arms. Geronimo was present, but escaped.

Minor captures and surrenders continue in the island of Luzon. Many Filipinos are taking the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The called statement that the movement toward Protestantism in the Philippines is growing with astounding rapidity is exaggerated. The Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and British and American societies have worked in Manila and its vicinity for two years and the membership of the Methodist missions is 400, and in a constituency of a thousand the Presbyterian mission has a native membership of 30.

DEWET LOCATED.

The Boer Leader is Still in the Orange River Colony.

London, Feb. 2.—General Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria today, says:

"Dewet's force crossed the Bloemfontein-Ladybrand line, near Israelpoort, during the night of January 30. Hamilton's men, at the water works, were unable to get in touch with them. French, with cavalry and mounted infantry is sweeping the country east of the Pretoria-Johannesburg railroad, between Delagoa bay and Natal as far as Ermelo. He engaged about 2,000 of the enemy at Wilge valley. The enemy retired with four killed and nine wounded. Our casualties were one killed and seven wounded."

"Knox reports that he engaged Dewet's force south of Welcome, January 29. There was continuous fighting for five hours. The Boers' dead were buried. They removed many of their casualties in carts. Our casualties were one officer and one man killed and 13 wounded."

Jamaica Wants Reciprocity.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 2.—The Jamaican government and public are much concerned about American inaction in the case of the reciprocity treaty. The prospect of Jamaica remaining outside while the other West India colonies get preferential treatment is regarded with alarm.

Explosion in a Mine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 2.—A small keg of dynamite, which was to be used for blasting purposes, exploded this morning in the Fernwood mine, at Pittston, owned by the Erie Railway Company. Joseph Santino's arm was blown off and one of his eyes destroyed. Anthony Santino sustained a fractured skull. Both men will die.

Admiral Kautz Retired.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Rear-Admiral Kautz, who has just been relieved from command of the Pacific station, was placed on the retired list today on account of age. He has had a long and distinguished career, of which nearly 18 years was spent at sea. During the Sannouan troubles about two years ago Admiral Kautz was in command of the American forces in that quarter, and it was mainly through his firmness that serious complications were averted.

KILLED A BURGLAR.

San Francisco Barber's Struggle With a Desperado.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Edward H. Hall, a barber shot and killed a burglar here tonight in a lodging house at 122 Taylor street. Hall, who lives in the house, went to his room, which was opened by one of two men who were engaged in rifling the apartment. The burglar instantly drew a revolver, placed his muzzle against Hall's body and pulled the trigger. The cartridge failed to explode and Hall grappled with the man. A desperate struggle ensued, resulting in Hall getting possession of the pistol. The other burglar then rushed toward him in an attempt to escape. Hall fired at him as he reached the door. The bullet entered his brain and he crashed headlong down the stairs, falling dead at the bottom. Not until then did Hall release his grip on the other man, who at once took flight, jumping over the dead body of his companion, and reached the street. He was captured by a citizen a block away from the scene of the tragedy. He was identified as Fred Keefer, alias Wilson, who has served terms in the house of correction. He refused to give the name of his dead companion.

TO INTERCEPT ANDRADE.

Venezuelan Gunboat Goes to Head Off the Supply Party.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Feb. 1.—It is reported here that the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, formerly George Gould's yacht Atlanta, is on her way from Brooklyn with orders from President Castro, to intercept in the Caribbean sea, Senor Andrade's filibuster expedition. Passengers on board the "Red D" line steamer Philadelphia, from La Guayra, January 2, which left for New York today, asserted that Caracas was in a state of suppressed excitement when the steamer left Venezuelan waters; that President Castro's troops had defeated the insurgents near Cumana and that a comparatively unimportant mutiny among the troops in the barracks at Caracas had been quelled. They also reported that the Venezuelan congress would meet February 20 to legalize the act of President Castro, who, since the expedition of Andrade, has been a dictator, acting without electoral sanction. It was further gathered from the passengers that a general uprising might take place about the time of the assembling of congress, but that the Nationalist party, a prominent organization in Venezuela, had offered its services to Castro to maintain peace.

Held Up by Drunken Yaquis.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1.—La Cananea, the mining camp of the Green Consolidated Mining Company, in Sonora, was held for three days by a band of Yaqui Indians, and the people of the camp were at the mercy of the Indians. It seems that a large number of the Indians who are employed at the camp got drunk when paid and purchased all the mescal in the camp. The Mexican police were driven from the camp and held outside by a number of Yaquis. Their guns were taken from them, and the Yaquis also took guns from Americans who attempted to interfere with them. There were a number of serious cutting affairs, but no one was killed. The Americans set about to quiet the Indians and sober them, and with the assistance of the Mexican cavalrymen, were successful in quelling the drunken rebellion.

Creek Trouble Ended.

Henrietta, I. T., Feb. 1.—Peace among the warring Creeks has apparently been reached, and all that now remains to be done is to give Chitto Harjo, the chief Snake, who has caused all the trouble, a preliminary hearing and send him to Muskogee for trial for treason. In the meantime a few more of the minor leaders will be arrested and the troop of cavalry under Lieutenant Dixon will probably remain there a few days longer, until the last vestige of an uprising has disappeared. Last night the hills surrounding the town, and, fearing an attack, the soldiers remained up until daylight, armed and ready for instant action, but the Indians attempted no depredations.

New German Warships.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—According to the Berlin Post, eight new German warships will be placed in commission this year, including the battleship Wilhelm der Grosse, with a displacement of 11,152 tons; the twin vessel Kaiser Barbarossa and Kaiser Karl der Grosse, the cruiser Prinz Heinrich, with a displacement of 8,081 tons, and four small cruisers, each of 2,600 tons. Five battleships, one armored cruiser and one gunboat are building, and two battleships, one armored cruiser and three protected cruisers will be placed under contract during the present year.

Japan Soldiers Killed by Explosion.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—The North China Daily News asserts that while a quantity of Chinese gunpowder was being destroyed at Shan Kai Wan there was an explosion and 40 Japanese soldiers were killed.

Fortune for a Recruit.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Louis de Burgh, a recruit in the provisional battalion at the Presidio, claims to have fallen heir to a fortune of \$10,000 and some valuable property near Paris, which has been bequeathed to him by the Countess de Laven, of France, who, he says, was his aunt. He claims to have served in the Boer army, and says he was taken prisoner by the English, but escaped on a Portuguese sloop while on the way to St. Helena.

CHARGE OF TREASON

Petition Filed Against Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii.

SOME SENSATIONAL LETTERS SHOWN

Offered His Services to Aguinaldo to Fight Against the United States—His Election Was Illegal.

Washington, Feb. 4.—A petition containing charges was submitted today to the house committee on elections No. 1, against Delegate Robert W. Wilcox, the Hawaiian representative in the house of representatives. The charges are made in writing by George D. Gear, of Hawaii, who submitted letters purporting to be copies of letters written by Wilcox to Filipino officials. The alleged letters are of a highly sensational character.

One of the letters said to be written by Wilcox is given in duplicate. It is dated Honolulu, January 31, 1899, and addressed to Dr. J. Joseph Lozada, Captain Marti Burgos and Senor J. Luna, and introduced to them a "friend of mine who is a very able man to help you in your cause."

"Among other things, the letter says: 'Mr. — will be a useful ally to fight for the cause of the Filipinos. One thing is sure, that you could resist any army of invasion—you have a population of 12,000,000 and already a disciplined army of 30,000 will be equipped with modern arms. I have already made up my mind to join with you in your country against America in case they insist to ignore the right, the justice of your cause. I know well my profession as an artillery officer. I have no fear of the whole world when I fight for a legitimate cause like yours. Between General Aguinaldo's determination and myself, it will be but a very little chance left to the invading army of the United States to conquer your country.' Tell General Aguinaldo that I am already giving my services for your country and I am ready to obey orders to go to your country and fight for the independence of your people and country at any moment."

The letter bears the alleged signature of Robert Wilcox.

Another letter dated Honolulu, March 8, 1899, says:

"I am thinking of going to the Philippine islands and give my assistance to Aguinaldo against the invaders—the hypocritical Yankees, the carpet-bag politicians."

Mr. Wilcox declined to make any extended answer to the charges filed by Mr. Gear. He says he has no fears of the charges made. He admits that he wrote a letter to Dr. Lozada, Captain Burgos and Senor Luna C. Caesar Moreno, an Italian of this city, whom he had known while the latter was in Hawaii in the '80s. Moreno had a meteoric career in Hawaii. For a few days he was secretary of state. Wilcox says Moreno is the person to whom the unaddressed letter filed by Mr. Gear was addressed, but says he was unable after a cursory examination to say whether the letters filed were exact copies of those he sent.

The petition of Gear recites that there was no election machinery when Wilcox was elected delegate, November 6, 1890, and that many voters did not believe that a valid election could be held without it and therefore, made no attempt to vote. The petition then brings forward personal charges against Wilcox, relating to his marriage and also to his career, under the kingdom of Hawaii. It is also alleged that Wilcox, in his speeches prior to the election, made use of anti-American utterances for the purpose of carrying the election, telling the native Hawaiians that the Americans had stolen their country and that a vote for him was a vote for the restoration of the queen, and that, if he were elected, the queen would be restored; that Wilcox was and is guilty of treason against the United States; in that he did, as petitioner is informed and believes, since the annexation of said Hawaiian islands, write and send through the United States mails letters highly treasonable in their nature, wherein he did counsel and incite others to engage in open rebellion against the United States, and did offer his service to General Aguinaldo to go to the Philippines to fight and engage in open rebellion against the United States, copies of which letters are herewith filed."

Kansas City Theater Fire.

Kansas City, Feb. 4.—In the total destruction by fire last night of the old Coates opera house an aggregate loss of \$150,000 was suffered. The building was valued at \$75,000, the furniture at \$50,000, and the property of the Walker Whiteside Company, which had just begun a week's engagement, at \$25,000. The opera house and contents were insured for but \$40,000, while Whiteside carried absolutely no fire protection. Mr. Whiteside lost, in addition to his trunks and properties, several valuable manuscripts that were to have been produced shortly.

Helen Gould's Gift.

New York, Feb. 4.—The statement is published here that Miss Helen Gould has given \$400,000 for the building and equipment of a home for a naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Rumor of Earl Li's Death.

London, Feb. 4.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, writing Thursday, says it is rumored in Tien Tsin that Li Hung Chang is dead.

ONLY FOUR BIDDERS.

Contracts Will Go to Newport News, Bath Works and Neale & Levy.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Bids for the construction of three protected cruisers were opened at the navy department today.

The attendance of bidders was neither as large nor as representative as in the case of the last opening. It is doubtful if the Cramps or the Union Iron Works have been unrepresented before in any bidding since the birth of the "new navy." One of the Moran Bros., of Seattle, was the solitary representative of the Pacific coast interests, but did not bid. There were only four bids in all.

The first bid opened was that of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. They offered to build a 5,700 ton cruiser with a speed of 22 knots in 36 months for \$2,741,000. The Bath Iron Works offered to build a cruiser of the same proportions for \$2,750,000. The William R. Trigg Company, of Richmond, offered to build one cruiser for \$2,780,200, being the limit of cost fixed by congress, or two cruisers for \$5,480,000. The last bid was the lowest, and was submitted by the Neale & Levy Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia. It offered to build a cruiser on the department's plan in 36 months for \$2,740,000.

These cruisers are designed to be the most formidable vessels in the world of their class. They will resemble closely the type of second-class armored cruisers and might be easily mistaken for such. The act of congress authorizing this class of cruisers states that the vessels should carry "the most powerful ordnance for vessels of their type, and have the highest speed compatible with good cruising qualities and great radius of action." Admiral Hiebhorn, chief constructor of the navy, who has been foremost in the preparation of plans for the building of the "new navy," says that in an engagement the new cruisers would be able to cope with and prove more than a match for some of the armored cruisers of foreign navies.

The new vessels are to be named the St. Louis, the Milwaukee and the Charleston, the last to continue the name of the ship wrecked November 2, 1899, in the Philippines.

THE NEW YORK FIRE.

Caused by an Explosion of Chemicals in the Wicke Factory.

New York, Feb. 4.—The extent of the destruction wrought by the conflagration which destroyed nearly a whole block of buildings at Thirty-first street and First avenue last night could be better appreciated this morning. The huge factory of the William Wicke Company was almost level with the ground. Contractor Joseph Cody, of the building department, with a force of 100 men, had labored at the ruins of night polling down dangerous sections of the walls.

Other property destroyed was the six-story building, numbers 404, 406 and 408 East Thirty-second street; the five-story tenement at 546 and 548 First avenue; the five-story tenement at 462 East Thirty-first street; Jackson's iron foundry and a two-story brick building on Thirty-first street, occupied by the Swift Dressed Beef Company. About 70 families were rendered homeless by the burning of the tenements.

Fire Chief Croker said today he believed the fire was caused by an explosion of chemicals in the Wicke factory. He was informed that a watchman had gone into the vault in the cellar with a light and that the vault contained the explosives. The chief added that he did not know what had become of the watchman or who he is. He said the explosion that started the conflagration might have been caused by illuminating gas getting into the cellar from the gas main, but he did not think this was the case.

Policemen Thomas J. Fitzpatrick and John B. McMullin, who were on duty at the fire, are reported missing today.

BATTLE IN ABYSSINIA.

It is Supposed the Chiefs Rebelled During the Absence of Menelik.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Francois from Cairo says news has been received there from Abyssinia of a great battle in which 7,000 were killed. It is supposed the chiefs rebelled during the absence of King Menelik, who has gone to the Egyptian frontier in connection with the delimitation of the Egypto-Abyssinia frontier.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Cairo says severe fighting is reported in Abyssinia. The casualties are said to number 7,000.

The foreign office officials know nothing of any difficulty in King Menelik's territory, but it is not unlikely they may have taken advantage of King Menelik's absence from the capital to foment an insurrection.

Belgium Has no Navy.

Belgium has no navy except a training ship for the merchant marine.

Accepted a Reduction.

Yongestown, O. Feb. 4.—At all the blast furnaces throughout the Mahoning valley today the bottom-fillers and helpers have accepted a reduction of 10 cents per day in wages, taking effect today.

Killed by Highwaymen.

Dr. James Gibbons, nephew of Cardinal Gibbons, was shot and killed by highwaymen at New Orleans.

NEWS OF THIS AND NEIGHBORING STATES

Interesting Events and Gossip of the Past Week Reported From Cities and Towns in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

OREGON.

The Blue Mountain Ice Company of Perry, is storing ice at the rate of 500 tons a day.

An old man of the name of Webster was found dead in his cabin on Deadwood a few days ago.

Rainier school district has levied a special tax of 13 mills. The total tax in Rainier district is 43 mills.

O. W. Williams has sold the Vandermeulen farm, near Island City, containing 157 acres, to a Mr. Stein, a late arrival from Utah, for \$9,500.

J. Bonner's grocery store at Baker City was burned. He had an insurance of \$400. The stock was small.

The machinery in Clayton Bros.' broom-handle factory at Coquille, is being moved to a place eight miles below Handon.

Malcolm McFarlane has resigned as justice of the peace at Westport precinct, and David West was appointed by the county court to succeed him.

The breaking of the boom on the Siuslaw during the late flood caused a heavy loss of logs belonging to loggers on that stream, but the Lake creek loggers report their losses were small.

The Astoria Box Company is making preparations to increase the capacity of its box factory. The old machinery is being replaced by the most improved kind, and several new machines are to be added.

A fine team of horses was killed at a logging camp near Berry. A tree, in falling, knocked another tree down, which fell in an unlooked for direction and struck the horses, killing them almost instantly.

Sam White, an old and well-known resident of Kerby, was drowned in the Illinois river. He had been at Kerby and started home in an intoxicated condition. He succeeded in crossing the river, but after landing walked about dazed and fell into the river.

Andrew Hook, a miner was accidentally killed near Rye valley. He was working alone at the time and was in the act of placing a set of timbers when a cave-in occurred. One of the timbers struck the unfortunate man on the side of his head, breaking his neck.

Mrs. George F. Eglin died at Corvallis of pleuro-pneumonia. She was a native of Dallas, Or., and was united in marriage to George F. Eglin at Albany, October 20, 1884. Her maiden name was Cynthia Ellen Mounts. She was aged 34 years. The survivors are a husband and four children.

Jacob L. Myers, a Mexican war veteran, died at the Soldiers' home at Roseburg, aged 79 years. He was one of the oldest members of the home, having entered the institution soon after its opening. The remains were shipped to Olympia, Wash., for interment.

A fine Jersey cow was stolen from W. H. Lindsley, who resides on the Sheridan farm, near Roseburg. A few days later a stranger, probably a tramp, appeared at the Chadwick farm, near Myrtle creek, and sold the cow to Mr. Chadwick for \$30 and has not been heard of since.

Mrs. Ray E. Watts, who has been appointed postmistress of Renben, Or., has filled out her bond and subscribed to the oath of office. The Renben office will be in operation as soon as the papers can be returned from Washington. The office was discontinued about five years ago.

A man, supposed to be a hobo, took two shots at Nightwatchman Nunn, of Cottage Grove. The officer called the marshal and others to his assistance, and set out in pursuit of his would-be murderer. The man, with two others, was located in the brush near town, but as the night was dark, it was impossible to effect a capture. The nightwatchman had been keeping close watch on a suspicious character who was about town, and he is quite certain that this man was his assailant.

Loboc & Barry, who are constructing a water system for Seaside and the property adjacent to it, expect to have their plant in operation before May 1. The city of Seaside is amending its charter so as to give them a franchise, and the county court will grant them the right to lay pipes across the county bridge over the Necanicum. The source of water supply is in the hills about two miles east of Seaside, which has been secured, as well as the site for the reservoir and the right of way for the piping. The supply of pure mountain water is estimated at seven million gallons, which is much more than necessary at present and it can be doubled at very little expense. The cost of construction of the plant will not be great, so the service will be a relatively cheap one for the consumers.

An addition to the Coburg townsite has been platted. It commences at the church and runs north and east, being part of the old Vandayne place. The machinery for a pressed brick plant purchased at Chicago by E. E. Angel, of Baker City, has arrived. The plant consists of a press machine weighing 22,000 pounds, a 35-horse power engine and a 40-horse power boiler, all weighing 37,000 pounds. The capacity of the plant is 20,000 bricks per day.

WASHINGTON.

A high school is to be established at Yakima City.

J. S. Kikendall, a carpenter dropped dead while at work near that place. Deceased was 65 years old.

The citizens of Summerville have organized a co-operative creamery association and elected officers.

George Weatherwax, who resides up the Willak about 15 miles, while engaged in logging suffered fracture of both his legs by a capstan.

Spencer Jones, of Wilbur, killed a large cougar near that place. The animal measured 6 feet 9 inches from tip to tip and weighed 80 pounds.

The Legal Tender, in Keller camp, has resumed work with one shift, and is to enlarge its force shortly. The Romine, adjoining it, started work this week.

The Inland Telephone Company's service is to be extended from North Yakima to Moxee and Sunnyside, and thence to Walla Walla to connect with the line to Spokane.

Upward of 20 teams are engaged in hauling ice to the various ice houses of Republic. Every available team has been pressed into service. The quality of ice could not be better.

Information has been received of an explosion in mine No. 7 at Franklin, whereby two men were killed and several persons injured. State Mine Inspector Owen has been summoned.

F. E. Thompson, of Parker, has contracted his hop crop to be grown on 24 acres to New York people for 11 cents per pound. The hops are to be delivered in October at Simcoe station. The estimated crop is placed at 40,000.

The Big Bend four mill at Davenport, which has been running single shift for some time on account of sickness among the men, is again running night and day. Its shipments for January will be 7,650 barrels.

Gene Johnson, 17 years old, accidentally shot himself with a .38 caliber revolver while out hunting near Loren. The ball entered the young man's leg above the knee, passing under the knee cap and out on the opposite side.

J. W. Harper's store at Palouan, was burglarized and a lot of cigars, candy, tobacco, etc., secured. The store was entered through a rear window which was broken. John Powers, aged 14, was arrested and confessed the crime.

Frank and Ephriam Miller have leased the Dodge coal mine, which was recently opened up on Coal creek, east of Chehalis, and will operate the property. Two coal mines are now being worked at Chehalis supplying the local demand and shipping some coal to outside points.

The Gettysburg Mining, Milling & Townsite Company filed articles of incorporation. The company is capitalized for 1,000,000 \$1 shares. The incorporators are: P. G. Shine and C. G. Pence, of Spokane, and J. G. Scribner, A. Coolin and A. E. Coolin, of Coonlin, Idaho.

Natural gas and oil are reported to have been discovered in large quantities on the farm of M. F. Mitchell, south of Walla Walla. Several leases have already been secured by E. K. McCoy, who is here from Spokane in the interest of a California syndicate and the sinking of oil wells, and prospecting for the source of the gas, which is said to be in paying quantities, will begin at once.

The