

PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.

NEWS NUGGETS PICKED UP WEST OF THE SIERRAS.

Arrest of Chinese Certificate Forgers. Several City Offices Abolished at Los Angeles—Alaskan Mining Operations. The Valley Railroad. Rain is badly needed in Southern Arizona. The ranges are dry and stock is suffering. Walter Hook, a prominent physician of Walnut Creek, Cal., died suddenly a few days ago. Three members of the Stevens family at Sutter City, Cal., died within a week from the grip. The suit of Blanton Duncan against the Los Angeles Times for \$25,000 for libel was concluded recently. Judge York instructed the jury to find in favor of the defendant. An immense derrick, the parts of which fill 10 cars, is being shipped to Tacoma for transshipment to the Mare Island navy yard. The derrick is to be used in hoisting heavy ordnance. The San Francisco Examiner has started a popular subscription for the San Joaquin Valley railroad. To every 100 shares subscribed for by the people through the paper, The Examiner will subscribe for 10 shares in addition. A dispatch from Jackson states that the plaintiffs in the Amador Gold Mine Limited vs. the Amador Gold Mine were given possession of the Amador gold mine by virtue of a writ of possession issued by Sheriff Gregory. General Manager Wade of the Southern California railway estimates that the recent two-days' rainfall will be worth a million dollars to Southern California. The grain was just in the condition to receive its best impetus from the additional rain, and the yield will be doubled in some sections. The following resolution has been adopted by the state board of examiners of California: Resolved, that from and after April 1 no claim will be allowed by the board for telephones in any state office or state institution, or from any board or commission in this state, nor shall the contingent fund of any institution in the state be used for any such purpose. There was a wall of consternation in the city hall at Los Angeles when the tidings were received that the governor had signed the bill abolishing the office of city treasurer, city assessor and city tax collector on the passage of an ordinance by the city council transferring the duties of these officials to the county officers. The city attorney is not yet agreed to say whether the new act will conflict with the provisions of the city charter and is now giving the matter his thoughtful consideration. The dairy bureau of California recently appointed by Governor Budd met at San Francisco a few days ago and organized. Circulars are being sent out to newspapers announcing that the provisions of the new dairy law will be enforced, commencing May 1. The board consists of L. Tomasi of San Francisco, manager of the Dairymen's Union; G. W. Burbank of Marin county and Thomas Flint, Sr., of San Benito county. All are practical dairymen as required by law. A Hayward and R. D. Glen of California are promoting a great mining development in Silver Bow basin, Alaska, near Juneau. They will ship from Tacoma next week on the ship Al-Ki 300,000 feet of lumber, to be used in a big enterprise to be inaugurated the coming summer. They have purchased a group of rich quartz mines, the ore being of higher grade than the Treadwell mine, and propose to work on even a more extensive scale than the Treadwell company, which owns what is known as the biggest gold mine in the world. Chief Engineer Storey and the directors of the San Joaquin Valley railroad visited Stockton last week to investigate terminal facilities and other features. The route of the new line will extend from Stockton to Bakersfield. Work of construction will be commenced within 60 days. This was definitely settled when after a meeting of the directors of the new road they submitted a statement to the citizens of Stockton setting forth the monetary and terminal conditions that the citizens would be expected to meet, and which were immediately accepted by the latter. Stockton will subscribe for \$150,000 in stock and give the right of way and land for terminal facilities. A gigantic scheme to issue forged certificates of residence to Chinese has been frustrated at San Francisco by the arrest of the five principals. The band had already established agencies at Vancouver, Boise City, Helena, Lincoln, Denver, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and Victoria, and had laid plans to do business not only with Chinese they intended to import but with as many as possible of the 80,000 unregistered Chinese supposed to be in the United States. Estimating that they could have reached 20 per cent of the unregistered residents, or 16,000, they beheld the profits of their enterprise running far into the millions and they believed that their fabulous profits would soon be enough to enable them to bribe officials, buy juries, influence politics and otherwise escape the penalties of their crimes. Seven Chinese firms at San Francisco were in partnership with the forgers and they had agreed to take 15,000 of the certificates without much delay. The band is supposed to have begun its operations in Philadelphia, and where there is a large paper factory and printing office, the proprietors of which are believed to have undertaken the contract of making the paper. The signatures of Collector Wellburn and Deputy Cusick were cleverly forged and would readily pass for genuine, and the paper used was almost exactly the same as that used by the government. The men arrested are H. L. Foss, F. D. Cipriani, D. J. Sullivan, Max Katzner and Moses Greenwald. Leon Devereaux, a sailor, was the forger.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE GIST OF THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AS TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Interesting Items From Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America, With Particular Attention to Important Home News. Carl Browne was rotten-egged by the citizens of Massillon, O. Wikoff, Minn., was almost completely wiped out by fire recently. There will be a great Christian Endeavor convention in Boston from July 10 to 15. The Petaluma city trustees have purchased an electric fire-alarm system for \$1,750. J. S. Leeds, for three years manager of the California Traffic association, has resigned and returned to his Eastern home. The California Sunday School association will hold its annual meeting in San Jose, commencing April 16. Premier Turner of British Columbia has left Vancouver for England to float the new provincial loan of \$2,000,000. Reports from Santa Clara state that the stock of dried fruit is about cleaned out and good prices have been received. Four men assaulted a tamale peddler on Fourth street, Sacramento. Their victim, Baston Torres, died from his injuries. Jeff Gibson, who lives in the Eden valley, near Ukiah, killed an enormous panther recently. The beast measured 9 feet 6 inches from tip to tip. Henry Gore, a horse trainer of Chico, has adopted a novel method of finding his strayed wife and child. He has charged Mrs. Gore with grand larceny and will look for her in San Francisco. The kinetophone has been decided upon by Thomas A. Edison as the name for his latest contrivance. It is a combination of the well-known kinetoscope and phonograph, and it gives sound as well as action. J. L. Hayne, editor of the Portland organ of the A. P. A., who was recently elected clerk of the school board of that city, has resigned, having been unable to furnish the bond of \$150,000 required. The clerk is custodian of a large amount of school money and on this account is required to furnish a heavy bond. A year ago the steamer Newburn was wrecked on the rocks off Point Vincent, and now the owners have brought suit against members of the crew to recover \$250 which the sailors received from the sale of the propeller. The men say the wreck was abandoned and was fired to cover up evidence that she was a smuggler. Another railroad project is mooted at San Francisco. It is to build a line along the ocean shore from San Francisco to Santa Cruz and thence to Tulare. Eastern capitalists are interested in the scheme. The company was organized a year ago and surveys were made, but hard times put a stop to operations. The line is to be called the West Shore and Valley railroad. Dr. William Hotchkiss, who died at St. Louis recently, is supposed to have reached the extreme age of 140 years, and Dr. A. J. Buck of that city, who was one of his warmest friends, says his Masonic record has been traced back 100 years, showing conclusively he was at least 121 years old, as he could not have become a Mason under age. Dr. Hotchkiss possessed many striking peculiarities, among them being an aversion to water. A petition has been filed in Santa Clara county asking that the contract marriage between Samuel A. Beggs of Los Gatos and Ethel M. Knowlton of San Francisco be set aside. The couple were married by contract on July 6, 1894. The contract is unique, as the parties agree to obey, cherish and love one another, yet they were never to assume any marital rights, duties or obligations and should never live together as man and wife. Ethel M. Knowlton is about 22 years old and is a daughter of Professor Knowlton of San Francisco. A Tacoma dispatch says: George Leschi, a cousin of Jim Bouchett, the Nisqually Indian medicine man who was murdered three weeks ago, has been haranguing the Nisqually tribe, and says that 40 of them will march to the Muckle-Shoot reservation, and demand a big indemnity of the relatives and tribesmen of Jerry Dominic, who killed Bouchett because he failed to cure Dominic's children. If the indemnity will be paid Dominic and his relatives will be liable, according to Indian custom, to be killed at any time. The New York Times correspondent cables from London: Sidney Colvin is hard at work on an authorized edition of Robert Louis Stevenson's letters. I have never known of a writer who put a more generous measure of his best into his friendly correspondence than Stevenson, particularly in latter years, when the post was his only bond with civilization, and the letters which Henley, Barrie and numerous others are contributing to this collection will be recognized as forming an important item in his life work. It is much desired that Americans possessing letters from Stevenson's pen should communicate with Mr. Colvin at the British museum. At Vancouver, B. C., Justice Drake gave a decision in the case of the attorney general of Canada vs. Ewen and Munn. The action was to restrain the defendants from polluting the waters of Fraser river with debris from the canneries. The judge gave judgment for the plaintiff and granted an injunction restraining the defendants from polluting the water. This decision is of great importance to salmon canners in that province, as the disposal of salmon offal has been a vexed question for many years. The case will be appealed, but unless the decision is reversed it will necessitate the erection of costly works for the destruction of salmon offal, and this the canners claim they can not well afford, owing to the depressed condition of the salmon market.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Interesting Items Picked Out from the Daily Dispatches. Governor McKinley called on President Cleveland the other day at the White House. President Cleveland has received an invitation from the business men of Chicago to visit that city. It is reported that Colonel W. P. Craighill will succeed General Casey, chief of engineers, who retired April 1. It is reported that at recent cabinet meeting it was decided to send a surveying party at once to make a survey of the Nicaragua canal route. Preparations are being made in Washington for throwing open to settlement the 168,000 acres of land of the Yankton Sioux reservation in South Dakota. A report is current in Jacksonville, Fla., that an army of 15,000 filibusters for service with the Cuban insurgents is soon to embark from that port. Secretary Herbert gave a luncheon to President Cleveland and his cabinet in honor of Postmaster General Bissell, who retired from the cabinet Monday. Forty-three candidates for admission to the United States military academy have passed examinations. Among the number are Irving L. Hunt, Point Arena, Cal.; Herbert L. Wignmore, Los Angeles; Robert H. Peck, San Diego. The argument in the appeal of E. V. Debs and other convicted members of the A. R. U. was made before the United States supreme court the other day. Lyman Trumbull was leading counsel for Debs. The question as to the length a newspaper may go in the use of objectionable language and still find access to the mails is to be tested by the United States supreme court. A Kansas editor was convicted of improper use of the mails and he appealed. The monthly statement of the receipts and expenditures of the treasury during the month of March show receipts from all sources amounting to \$23,475,565 and expenditures amounting to \$25,716,975, leaving a deficit for the month of \$2,241,376, and for the nine months of the first fiscal year of \$36,342,153. During March the receipts from customs amounted to \$14,929,789, and from internal revenue \$9,858,977. The expenditures on account of pensions amounted to \$11,617,556. The non-partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas City has declared against woman's headgear in church and all indoor meetings. The Williams Palace Sleeping Car company has been organized at Kansas City with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, to manufacture a new car, the invention of a Kansas City railroad man. The Omaha Commercial club has filed formal charges against the railroad lines in the state with the interstate commerce commission, alleging that the city is discriminated against by the bridge tolls. "Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh!" Published by Request. Yes, "Jesus is coming soon" and His coming is the hope of His people, called out from all orders and creeds and standing alone for Jesus, without any bands or straps to bind them down. And "Blessed are those that love His appearing," and that do His commandments."—Rev. 9:7-22; Rev. 12:1-17; Acts 1:9-12; Heb. 9:28; Titus 2:12-13; I. Cor. 7:8; John 14:18-28; Acts 26:5-7. The disciples asked the Saviour two questions. The first was what would be the sign of the destruction of Jerusalem, and the second the signs of His second coming. So He answered the last question by saying that the sun should be darkened, which was done in 1780; the stars should fall from heaven, which came to pass in 1833; and the last sign would be His coming. He said: "This generation shall not pass until all be fulfilled." Prof. C. A. G. Totten tells us that we are living in the last seven years of the christian age, and if so, the Son of God will come during that time. The generation referred to is the one that we are living in when these signs come to pass. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man." We have reason to believe the time is near at hand, from the conditions of things that surround us—a lack of faith in God, a lack of faith in each other, and a desire to get pleasure any place other than placing their whole and unconditional trust in Jesus Christ and him alone—and as proof of this read: II. Thess. 2:1-13; II. Tim. 4:1-3. This falling away has gone on until the churches have lost their power almost altogether; yet while there is a spark in some of them, in most cases it has gone out and all they have left is a form of Godliness but they are denying the power thereof, and from such God says "Turn away, that ye be not partakers of their evils nor receive of their plagues." Rev. 18:4; Jeremiah 51:6, 45. And in Ezekiel 34 you see the prophecy against false shepherds. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "I would that thou wert cold or hot, so then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." It is a sad thing to be "blind leaders of the blind." And if the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch. May the Lord help us all to get our eyes open to the signs of the times. T. J. BECKETT.

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