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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Mr. Bayard has been tendered a testimonial gift of some fine books, but he felt it wise not to accept.

At Lexington, Mo., a mob composed of Ray county farmers, took Jesse Winner and James Nelson from the county jail and lynched them. They had committed a brutal murder.

The crew of a Southern Pacific train went to sleep and a head-end collision, resulting in the death of five men, took place near Wadler, Texas.

Mrs. Mathews, wife of Indiana's governor, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the stomach at her home in Indianapolis.

The wood-working machinery manufacturers of the country have combined for the object of keeping up prices.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky is at a Cincinnati hospital, where a surgical operation was performed on his throat.

At Madison Square Garden in New York a six-day wheel race began at midnight Sunday.

A wholesale trial of newspaper people has been going on at Berlin, which resulted in a half dozen men being convicted of libel.

Maggie Catron, who is in jail at Richmond, Mo., accused of being a party to the murder of a family for which two men were lynched, has confessed and implicates a third man.

The flood threatened at Chippewa Falls, Wis., has been averted and all danger is considered past.

Charles D. Steep, a lawyer at Van Wert, Ohio, is missing. He was secretary of a building and loan association and is said to have defaulted with a large sum of money.

Congress convened on Monday and President Cleveland's last annual message was delivered.

The ground taken in the President's message against recognizing the Cuban insurgents as belligerents is that they have no semblance of civil government, and exist only as more or less independent and predatory military bands.

A large canvass portrait of President Cleveland, which adorned the walls of the Chicago democratic county clubhouse, has been cut to shreds by some one, supposed to be a member of the club.

The Federal grand jury at Chicago has been trying to localize the alleged beef trust of that city. While it is satisfied such a trust exists, yet it failed to get tangible proof of the fact.

The steel trust has practically collapsed, as firms formerly in the Bessemer Steel Association are quoting prices independently again.

A large agricultural implement factory at Nashville, Tenn., was destroyed by fire this week, throwing over a hundred men out of employment.

Indiana has been invaded by an organized body of tramps and many robberies have resulted. Farmers near Decatur made battle with them, killing one and routing the band.

The Elgin, Ill., dairymen have endorsed Governor Hoard of Wisconsin for secretary of agriculture in the McKinley cabinet.

The Union National Bank of New Orleans, which suspended business in September, has been reopened.

Col. Fellows, district attorney in New York City and a well known Tammany Hall politician, is dead.

Sheriff Newman of Lake county, Cal., has been removed for having collected money from Leadville gambling houses to protect them in their business.

The inmates of the Utah industrial school made a daring attempt to set fire to the buildings in the hope of escaping in the excitement.

Rudolph Brockman a wealthy farmer in Kansas has been held for the murder of his 16-year-old daughter who died from the effects of a brutal beating inflicted by the father.

William J. Bryan will be the orator at the Chicago democratic banquet in honor of Jackson, on January 8th.

Six masked men held up an express train on the Iron Mountain road in the outskirts of St. Louis. The time lock on the safe proved impregnable and no booty was secured.

Two white polar bears were born in captivity at Bridgeport, Conn., a few days ago. The Barnum and Bailey menagerie winters there, and the cubs are strong and promising specimens.

A submarine boat is being built at Baltimore which is designed for wrecking purposes. It is claimed the vessel can cruise on the bottom of the ocean with safety to the crew and rise to the surface at the will of the engineer.

Blutord Buttel of Hannibal, Mo., has received notice from London that he is the heir of a large estate in England.

Felix de Fontaine, a well known newspaper writer, died at Columbia, S. C., after a day's illness.

The Quintare Iron Works and the Cramps have filed claims for damages against the government on account of alleged delays caused in the construction of cruisers and other naval vessels. The claims amount to nearly a million dollars.

And now the Sultan of Turkey claims

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

An organ factory has been established in Los Angeles.

Riverside firemen are testing a patent smoke protector cap.

The largest number of salmon caught by one man in Coos county, Or., during a single night's fishing, was the catch made by Levi Smith of South Coos river, this season. He handled his boat and nets without assistance, and caught 247 chinooks in one night.

The Navajoes are destroying in a wanton manner numerous game animals south of Flagstaff, A. T. A party of white hunters found an Indian camp with scores and perhaps hundreds of deer piled up for the purpose of skinning. The Indians hunt deer principally for the hides.

Harry Miller, 17 years old, who reported that the stage of which he was driver had been held up and the mail robbed, has been arrested for the crime and has acknowledged his guilt. He is in jail at Santa Barbara.

Wild dogs are becoming numerous in the vicinity of Wilcox, A. T., where they kill a great many young calves.

George L. Bush has raised a very good quality of cotton on his ranch near Box Springs, in Southern California.

The British ship Glenmorag, which has been on the beach near Astoria, Or., for some months, is successfully floated, contrary to general expectations.

Two boys in San Diego county have just captured a mountain lion in a novel manner. They were attacked by the beast while on horseback, and one of the boys lassoed the lion and galloped with it in tow to a ranch house, where another rope was thrown over it and by the two lariats was held until a strong box imprisoned it.

The municipal election was held at Los Angeles on the 7th and M. P. Snyder, a Democrat, was elected Mayor. The council is Republican by one vote.

Frank H. Cheesman, a young man 24 years old residing at Berkeley, Cal., made the eighth attempt to kill himself. He is now dying from a self-inflicted bullet wound. Insanity is suspected.

An Alsatian colony has been found in San Francisco whose members use dog meat as an article of food.

An attempt was made a day or two ago to blow up a house with dynamite at Prairie, Wash., in which three men were sleeping. The house was completely wrecked, but the men strangely escaped serious injury.

The Norwegian steamer Florida arrived at Victoria from Japan for lumber and had two cases of smallpox on board.

The body of Engineer Condon of the ill-fated San Benito, and two others of the crew, Wilson and Sheehan, have been washed ashore and were buried at Point Arena.

Frank Peters, a Sacramento farmer, clubbed a Chinese mushroom picker and was stabbed to death by the Chinaman, who claims self-defense.

The attempt by constitutional amendment to change the law to exempt mortgages from taxation in California was defeated by a majority vote of 90,160.

At Missouri Valley, Ia., a young man recently from Stockton, Cal., made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate his father, Dr. George Freeman, and then killed himself. No reason known.

James Lewis, aged over three-score years, has been committed to an insane asylum at San Diego, over the airship.

A sensation has been created at Salem, Or., over the alleged connivance of a telegraph operator with bucket shop men to perpetrate a swindle.

It is rumored in railroad circles that the Southern Pacific will dispense with the Fresno division in the service; making two instead of three divisions between San Francisco and Yuma.

Robert Muir Beatty attorney-general of Nevada died at Carson on the 10th after a lingering illness.

Frank Nesbitt, defaulting postmaster of Bozeman, Mont., has been sentenced to three years in state prison.

James Reedy, a native of Missouri, aged 66 years, died of strychnine poisoning, self-inflicted, at San Jose. He left a widow and fifteen children.

The new desert mining town of Garlock promises to become a rival of Randsburg. It has water, which the latter lacks. Two quartz mills are in operation and there are others in process of erection. Water is found at a depth of fifty feet.

Two men at work on the Northern Pacific track near Portland were carried into the Cowlitz river by a landslide and one drowned.

The dead body of a middle-aged man was found by the railroad track in San Bernardino county, Cal. The only means of identification is a tax receipt made out in Sonoma county in the name of Joe Falkin.

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