

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

There are 5,400 square miles of coal fields in Great Britain.

J. P. Bryant, the Bardwell (Ky.) millionaire, owns the largest strawberry patch in the world. It covers 1,700 acres, and has made his fortune.

A movement has been started in Texas to bring about the incorporation of manual training in the curriculum of the public schools in that state.

The giraffe was thought to be extinct, but Major Maxse, a British explorer, has found great herds of them along the Sobat river, tributary of the White Nile.

In Massachusetts more money is invested in cotton mills than in any other manufacturing industry, but the making of boots and shoes yield the most valuable product.

Crop statistics are authority for the statement that the corn acreage in the corn growing states of the middle west this year is the largest of which there is any record.

Two thousand miners left West Virginia Saturday for western coal fields to get better wages. Many mines there are compelled to close. The situation is becoming alarming among operators, owing to rapid emigration.

The Sultan of Sulu, in warning his subjects to be friendly to the Americans, describes us as being "like a box of matches—you strike one or two and they all blaze up." Which is evidently his Sultanship's way of saying that we are loaded.

The war department has made public its first complete statement of customs transactions with the several Porto Rico ports for the first six months of 1899. The revenues from all sources were \$756,742, San Juan furnishing \$331,022 and Ponce \$255,500.

The United States has more gold than any other country—\$975,000,000; France is next with \$810,000,000. Not only is this condition unprecedented, but the indications are that the gold in this country will increase, but actually and relatively.

With flames leaping twenty feet high from its entire length, a lumber train ran at top speed from Baritan to Somerville, N. J., where fire-engines stood waiting to put out the fire. The flames started the night before, and the sight of a flying train of fire was a grand one.

Mrs. Theresa Geary, of New York, could not make her teeth look like pearl with powder, so she tried carbolic acid on them. Then she screamed and a hospital doctor rushed to her home and cooled her gums. She is all right now, with her mouth full of cotton.

Four water-spouts towering above the sea and hissing like serpent monsters, chased the brigantine Daisy out of the Gulf Stream last Sunday. Captain Dixon says he did not expect to escape until lightning struck the water-spouts and made them collapse when nearly upon the ship.

Because the Princess of Wales, instead of going shopping, has dealers bring goods to her residence for her to select from, a London correspondent writes of it as if it were something wonderful. Over here that sort of thing is so common that we put "no peddler" signs on our own royal front steps to prevent it.

From Denver comes a complaint against a too wise public impounder. The dog catcher stands on the corner and loudly calls: "Here, Dewey! Here, Dewey!" and then gathers in the luckless tagless dogs that answer to their name. It is truly to be regretted that so many brindle curs have been named for our greatest naval hero.

Five thousand white farm hands are wanted by the Hawaiian sugar planters to meet the conditions imposed by the Hawaiian Government upon the grant of a privilege to import more contract laborers

from Japan, which conditions are that an equal number of Caucasians shall be induced to immigrate to the islands for every 5,000 Asiatics hereafter to be admitted.

There has been great difficulty in coaling the transports at Manila, which has caused delay in sending home the volunteers. There is now on the way to Manila hoisting apparatus, which will enable the ships to be coaled at the rate of 600 tons a day. Quartermaster Pope has been directed that old hulks be loaded with coal so that they may be brought alongside the transports and the coal transferred by the new machinery.

The reported interview with Admiral Dewey, in which he said that our next war will be with Germany is discredited by officials in Washington and by those who know Dewey. It is not believed that he has broken out in newspaper interviews after his golden silence since the battle of Manila bay. If Dewey did say what is accredited to him, it must have been in private, and not intended for publication. Secretary Long is emphatic in discrediting the interview.

Captain C. F. Goodrich has been detached from command of the cruiser Newark and ordered to assume command of the battleship Iowa September 1, relieving Captain Terry, who is ordered home on waiting orders. The assignment is of special interest in connection with the plans to make the Iowa the nucleus of a considerable fleet on the Pacific coast, and execute an extensive programme of naval maneuvers. Being the only battleship of the fleet, the Iowa will probably rank first among the ships of that station.

He Was a Little Bit Close.
"The meanest man I ever knew," said the short passenger, "was a fellow who got a football and painted it to look like a watermelon. Then during the summer months he kept it conspicuously displayed in his back yard and amused himself setting a savage bulldog on hungry people who happened to take a fancy to the bogus melon."

"He certainly had his mean points," said the tall passenger, "but I know a fellow who could give him a discount and then beat him at his own game. I was in a restaurant once where this fellow was getting his dinner. After he had finished he called the waiter who had served him and asked:

"How much do you get for a tip as a rule?"
"The waiter's eyes sparkled. He rubbed his hands together and replied: "Well, sah, we ginally gits at least a quatsah, but sometimes nice, genteel, prosperous looking gemmans like you gives us 50 cents."

"Then what did this fellow do but put on his hat and say:
"Thanks. I merely wanted to know how much I was going to be ahead by not giving you anything."—Chicago News.

Have You a Match?
A man whose feet do not track stopped us on the street the other day and said: "The phenomenal good health of smokers is not due to tobacco alone. Smokers carry matches loose in their pockets and it is the sulphur on the matches that surrounds the body with an aura of protection. What smoke and sulphur won't do in the way of killing microbes is not worth mentioning." We offer this for the benefit of the old chronic who "can stop smoking any time they want to," but who never bump up against the time when they want to.—Denver Road.

Photographing by Heat.
A sensitive plate exposed to dark heat waves will ultimately become affected. With the plate still covered the same result would occur from light waves, such as proceed from the sun. A fair test is to expose an aluminum disk to their action. X rays penetrate this metal, and it is probable that heat waves and others can affect the photographic plate.

Bunyan's Sharp Answer.
John Bunyan wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress" in Bedford jail, where he was confined for his religion. A Quaker came to the prison and thus addressed him:
"Friend Bunyan, the Lord hath sent me to seek for thee, and I have been through several counties in search of thee and now I am glad I have found thee."
Bunyan replied, "Friend, thou dost not speak truth in saying the Lord sent thee to seek for me, for the Lord well knows that I have been in this jail for some years, and if he had sent thee he would have sent thee here directly."

Common Sense Rare.
Of bright, witty, learned and cute people we can find whole battalions in every community, but when you go in search of people possessed of good, hard common sense they are not so easy to find.—Punxsutawney Sprit.

Keeps Us Worried.
The greatest nuisance in any community is the person who makes a specialty of finding germs in the food.—Washington Post.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

End of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson at Portland—Nephews and Utah Volunteers Reach San Francisco From Manila.

The eruption of the volcano of Manua Loa, on the island of Hawaii, continues and serious damage is threatened to the town of Hilo.

L. D. Russell, a conductor on the Southern Pacific railway, was killed in Kern county, recently while coupling cars.

Dan Hale, an 8-year-old lad of Lodi, fell off a sidewalk there and rolled under a horse's feet and was trampled to death.

John D. Gall has been appointed chief of police and James Carroll chief of the fire department of Stockton.

Captain H. J. Thompson, a California pioneer and formerly superintendent of the Rialton Iron works of San Francisco, died at his home in Portland, Or., Friday, and at the news of his death his wife expired. The couple had been married 35 years, and were very much attached to each other. Mrs. Thompson had suffered slightly with heart trouble, but was in comparatively good health, and her death was a surprise and shock to those who attended her husband's deathbed. The two deaths occurred within five minutes of each other.

Protest has been made to the navy department by people in California against the action of the secretary in naming one of the new armored cruisers in honor of that state. It is contended by those making the protest that the state is entitled to the honor of having a first-class battleship named for it.

The largest cargo of lumber ever taken from Puget sound on a single vessel left Port Townsend on the steamer Elm Branch. The cargo consists of 2,900,000 feet, and is destined to Taku and Wooming.

Joseph Brooks of Hillsboro, Or., is being sued by his wife's parents for \$50, which amount they claim is due them by Brooks for giving their consent to his marriage to their daughter.

Frank P. Sweeney, a newspaper reporter of Redding, Cal., was recently drowned in the Sacramento river by the upsetting of a boat.

Prof. Le Conte, head of the geological department in the University of California thinks that there is no connection between the recent volcanic eruption in Hawaii and the Southern California earthquakes.

Labor on railway work and in harvesting crops, etc., is still reported very scarce in California. The Southern Pacific company say that their construction work is delayed because of inability to get laborers.

The California state fair at Sacramento, Cal., will be from Sept. 4 to Sept. 16, inclusive. Secretary Shields and those connected with it are sparing no efforts to make it a success. The various departments will be of interest to all visitors. In the two weeks' racing \$40,000 will be competed for, the mechanical display will be of unusual merit and the daily celebrations by various organizations will be a feature that can not fail to be of interest to all.

An accident owing to a land slide on the Erie railroad near Port Jervis, N. Y., resulting in the death of Stephen Outwater, engineer, and Fred Bella, fireman, of the train.

Fire broke out in a fruit warehouse at San Jose Sunday, and destroyed \$40,000 worth of property—mostly prunes which were stored there.

Jacob Rosenberg, a wealthy business man of San Francisco, fell dead there Sunday. He was a pioneer of California and in early days was connected with the Marysville Appeal.

The chief of police of Seattle issued an order last Saturday that all saloons should be closed on Sundays.

The body of George Brannigan, a steamboat cook, was found floating in the bay at Seattle, Sunday. He was last seen intoxicated and is supposed to have fallen overboard.

The Southern Pacific company has increased its capital stock from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000, pending the reorganization of the Central Pacific company and its consolidation with the Southern Pacific company.

The Hayes-Chynoweth mansion, near San Jose, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The loss will reach \$175,000.

A Southern Pacific passenger train and an extra collided near Los Angeles Sunday and both trains were wrecked. No body was killed although some of the train crew were injured by jumping.

Three eight-inch rifles have been shipped from Fort Monroe, Va., to San Francisco where they will be mounted for defense.

The First Nebraska infantry and the Utah battery, volunteers, reached San Francisco Saturday from the Philippines on the transport Hancock. The soldiers went into camp at the Presidio where they will be mustered out.

The Occidental Smelting company has bought the Kirkland, Wash., townsite near Seattle, and is credited with immediate intention to build and operate a large smelting plant.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, says that he sent 16,000 track laborers out in the last 12 months, and yet has had not more than 2600 men at work at any one time, the conclusion being that the most of them find work that suits them better in other lines. West of the Dakotas he employs more Japs than men of any other nationality, not from choice, but because he was obliged to.



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is a home institution. Why not patronize it?

J. H. Smith was drowned in San Francisco bay Sunday, while fishing. Seattle, Wash., is to have a government assay office.

There is a general advance of \$3 per thousand feet on lumber.

A branch line of the Sierra railroad is to be built from Jamestown to Angola, Cal.

Skagway, Alaska, and Dawson, N. W. T., will be connected by telegraph October 1, 1899.

The Phoenix, Arizona, street railway is to be sold for failure to pay interest on its bonds.

Government engineers have completed the survey for the new \$40,000 reservoir near Florence, A. T.

Moran Bros. are putting in a big lot of shipbuilding machinery in their Seattle, Wash., establishment.

War revenue stamps to the value of \$2160 were affixed to a deed in Oakland, Cal., recently, transferring the property of the Oakland Water company to the Contra Costa Water company.

Lloyd Tevis, the well-known business man and capitalist of San Francisco, died suddenly at his home a few days ago.

Clarence W. Burrell, son of Edward Burrell, a pioneer of Agnews, was killed by being dragged to death by a horse. He was exercising the animal and had one end of a twenty-inch rope wound around his arm, the other end being about the horse's neck. In some way he was thrown down, and, being unable to extricate himself from the rope, was kicked and dragged to death. He was 55 years of age.

Charles Blanchard, a printer in Napa, assaulted John Nufer, a bartender, at the Rover House, with a pocket knife, inflicting a dangerous wound in the right eye.

Threats to send her to a reform school for staying out late one night, prompted Emma Nolte, 17 years of age, of Los Angeles, to commit suicide by taking strychnine.

The president has appointed the following from the Second Oregon regiment to be captains in the volunteer army: A. G. Preston, formerly captain; A. J. Briscoe, formerly first lieutenant; E. P. Crowne, formerly adjutant of the regiment.

Lawrence Struve was shot in a saloon in Watsonville by Peter Storm. Both are prominent farmers. The men have not been on good terms, and when they met each engaged in angry words, followed by blows. Before bystanders could interfere Storm pulled a pistol and fired. The shot entered Struve's left side, glanced on a rib and lodged in the muscles of back.

V. A. Gregg, ex-superior judge of San Luis Obispo county, died of apoplexy recently. He was found in a yard, where he had fallen. He was only recently elected president of the County bank. He possessed large landed interests.

The California Fish company of San Pedro petitioned for a franchise to construct a 600-foot wharf along the eastern water front at San Pedro. The granting of the petition is opposed by the Terminal Railway company, which alleges that other parties besides the fish company are behind the request and wish to secure water front facilities.

Forest fires are raging in Calaveras county. The foothill district between Valley Springs and San Andreas is almost devastated. Pences, barns, houses, telegraph poles, etc., have been swept away. A great many head of stock have perished.

Brakeman J. A. Whyte, while making a coupling at Dunsmuir was caught between the platforms of two cars, owing to the couplings passing each other. He was taken to the Sacramento hospital. It is thought he has received serious internal injury, several ribs being broken.

Serious forest fires are reported between Clallam and Neah bay, Wash. For several days there has been no telegraphic communication between those points.

Edward H. Bragg, a Pacific coast pioneer, well known in California and Nevada died at Seattle Sunday of heart failure.

There is this year for the first time a disposition on the part of the almond growers of the state to unite in marketing their product. Local organizations are being formed and there is talk of a state organization. The main difficulty seems to be that the almond-growing districts are hundreds of miles apart and it costs money to get together and transact business. The districts in the counties of San Joaquin, Yolo and Sutter are well situated to act.

The weather in the southern counties has been ideal for fruit drying, and the apricot crop is about off the trays.

During June Humboldt county shipped 379,450 pounds of butter, the largest amount ever shipped is one month from that county.

A mutual insurance company has been incorporated in San Bernardino county, which makes the third county insurance company in operation in California.

Reports indicate that the crops of eastern Washington and Oregon will be better than anticipated, but the fruit crops are very poor.

The Anaheim apricot crop has turned out better than was expected, and that after supplying the canners there will be a good quantity dried. For canners' use prices have ranged from \$23.50 to \$27.50.

SOCIETIES OF MEDFORD.

I. O. O. F.—Lodge No. 88, meets 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st, at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. FRANK AMANN, N. G. U. O. NOBLE, Sec. Sec.

I. O. U. F.—Hogue River Encampment, No. 30, meets 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st, at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. D. T. LAWTON, N. G. W. T. YORK, Sec. Sec.

Oliver Hebbelsh Lodge No. 88, meets 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st, at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. MYRTLE NICHOLSON, N. G. LILLIAN WEAVER, Sec. Sec.

A. F. & A. M.—Meets 1st, Friday on or before full moon at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall. N. L. NARRAGAN, W. M. W. V. LIPPINCOTT, Sec. Sec.

K. of P.—Tulliaman Lodge No. 81, meets Monday evening at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. R. E. COLE, N. G. R. E. COLE, Sec. Sec.

Knight of the Maccoanoe.—Triumph Tent No. 14, meets in regular review on the 1st and 3rd of each month at 7:30 p. m. in A. O. U. W. hall at 7:30 p. m. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited to attend. G. L. WEBB, Commander. W. T. YORK, R. K.

A. O. U. W.—Degree of Honor—Kaiser lodge No. 88, meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at A. O. U. W. hall. Mrs. CARIE M. OSBORN, C. of H. Mrs. DELIA DUNN, Sec.

A. O. U. W.—Lodge No. 88, meets every first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. in their hall in the opera block. Visiting brothers invited to attend. J. W. LAWTON, N. G. N. L. NARRAGAN, Sec. Sec.

Woodmen of the World—Camp No. 10, meets every Friday evening in Atkins-Deuel block, Medford, Oregon. W. H. MERRICK, C. O. JOE SHORE, Clerk.

Chrysanthemum Circle, No. 84, Women of Woodcraft—Meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. in Woodmen hall. Visiting sisters invited. HARRIS WEBB, C. M. ADA M. MILLS, Clerk.

W. R. G.—Chester A. Arthur Corps No. 34 meets second and fourth Friday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. in Woodmen's hall. Visiting sisters invited. Mrs. J. H. WHITMAN, Pres. Mrs. N. B. BRADBURY, Sec.

G. A. R.—Chester A. Arthur Post No. 47 meets in Woodmen's hall every second and fourth Monday night in each month at 7:30. Visiting comrades cordially invited to attend. N. S. DAMON, Adjutant.

W. C. T. U.—Meets every other Wednesday in the Hallway Block. ANDIE HALEY, Pres. Mrs. MAY COX, Sec.

CHURCHES OF MEDFORD.

Saint Mark's Episcopal, Sunday school meets at Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Wm. H. Keeler, R. S. Superintendant.

Methodist Episcopal Church—H. M. Housh, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. H. I. O'Leary, supt. Class meeting every Sabbath at close of sermon. Levi Fawcett, leader. Epworth League every Sabbath evening at 6:30. O. Fawcett, pres. Regular weekly prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Ladies sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday in each month.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. M. 4:30 p. m. Junior Epworth League at 1:30 p. m. Sunday prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Baptist church—G. N. Aunos, pastor. Worship and preaching every Sunday morning and evening at usual hours for church services. Covenant meeting on Saturday at 2 o'clock preceding each first Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. Baptist Young People's Union meets at 6:30 on Sunday evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Christian church—Corner of Sixth and I streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. V. P. S. C. M. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Ladies Missionary Auxiliary to C. W. B. E. first meeting Sunday 7:30 P. M. each month. Choral Union every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The people welcome. O. J. Gist pastor. Meetings at the church.

Methodist Episcopal Church South—Rev. E. F. Wilson, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League, prayer at 10 a. m. First meeting each Sunday at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Woman's Home Mission Society meets first Thursday in each month at 10 p. m. Mrs. E. B. Pickett, president.

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