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EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Queen Victoria is dead at her Osborne house home, at Cowles, Isle of Wight. She was almost 82 years old, and had reigned longer than any other monarch in the world.

Verdi, the composer, is seriously ill.

The severest storm on record is reported from Alaska.

A strip of Benton county, Oregon, may be annexed to Linn.

A fire at Walla Walla destroyed $25,000 worth of property.

The next Grand Army encampment will be held at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Venezuela government is trying to blackmail the asphalt company.

Speaker Reeder, of the Oregon legislature, has announced his committees.

A new pure food law is now being considered by the Oregon legislature.

A bill is before the Washington legislature for the abolishment of fish traps.

Ex-Congressman George W. Cowles, aged 78, is dead at his home in Clyde, N. Y.

A measure has been introduced in the Oregon legislature to increase the monument fund to $20,000.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of James S. Harlan to be attorney-general of Porto Rico.

A new county, named Clearwater, will probably be created by this session of the Idaho lgeislature.

John H. Russel, a well known theatrical manager, is dead at the state hospital at Middletown, N. Y.

The governor of Idaho has recommended a memorial to congress asking for popular election of senators.

A measure is before the Washington legislature providing for the purchase of the Thurston county court house for a state capitol.

Rev. Charles E. Conrad, M. D., a noted missionary, died at Quincy, Ill., aged 81. He was in Calcutta during the Sepoy outbreak.

The revenue cutter Grant is to make a cruise along the coast near the United States-Canadian line to investigate the wreckage, of which so much has come ashore lately.

West Point cadets agree to abolish hazing.

Enraged Omaha citizens burned a pesthouse.

Germans contemplate a cable line

Astoria's big export sawmill will be located at Tongue's Point.

The term of duty in the Philippines may be limited to two years.

Minister Wu urges Americans to enter into trade with China.

Havana citizens petition congress to lower duty on Cuban products.

America's protests against Venezuela have been defied by that government.

The house will devote most of its time this week to the appropriation bill.

British ship Muel Tryvan foundered in English channel and 11 lives were lost.

T. W. Bartley, of Moscow, has been appointed fish and game warden for Idaho.

Anarchist plot to kill prominent Americans disclosed by member in a court trial.

Severe cold weather prevails in Cuba. There has been much suffering at Santiago.

Count de Lubersac and Baron de Rothschild fought a duel in France in which the former was wounded.

An Idaho bill for the repeal of the stringent law against gambling has been introduced in the house.

The Oregon legislature will be asked by the managers of the Spokane exposition to appropriate $50,000 for an exhibit at the fair.

Two men, while rowing across Niagara river, lost control of their boat and were carried into the rapids. One of them was swept over the falls and drowned. The other was rescued.

All hopes for the recovery of Queen Victoria are gone and the announcement of her death is hourly expected. All members of her family are either at her bedside or going there as fast as steam can carry them.

Mayor-Elect Hurley, of Salem, Mass., will give his salary of $2,500 to the poor.

Chairman Johnson and Secretary Walsh will keep national Democratic headquarters in Chicago open till 1904.

An experiment farm will be started 200 miles from Manila by the United States Philippine commission for the growth of all sorts of seeds and plants from this country.

Lieutenant Felton Parker, who accompanied the Greeley relief expedition, died at Hartford, Conn.

Wild deer are increasing in all parts of Connecticut and they are occasionally found feeding with domestic animals.

The government of Chili, which recently invited bids for 400 freight cars, has accepted all of American manufacture.

Butte, Mont., has the highest expenditure per capita for public school education of any city in the country, viz.: $5.67.

DIAMOND SMUGGLER CAUGHT

Had Them Snugly Hidden in the Pockets of a Belt He Wore Around His Waist.

New York, Jan. 21.—United States Marshal Alcott, of the Ferry district, has formally seized in this city $17,600 worth of diamonds, which were brought into this country by Antonio Ansenias without paying duty on them. The goods were found on Ansenias' person by United States customs officials as Ansenias was leaving a steamer of the Hamburg-American line at Hoboken.

Ansenias was not arrested, but the diamonds will be held pending a decision of the Treasury department as to whether he is guilty of smuggling. His defense is that he is a Cuban merchant, and that he is merely passing through this country on his way to Cuba. The diamonds were concealed in the pockets of a large belt which Ansenias had around his body, and were accidentally discovered by a customs inspector who happened to place his hand on Ansenisas' back as the latter was leaning over a trunk. There are 126 separate articles, of an appraised valuation of $11,000, which with 60 per cent duty added would make them worth $17,600.

THE IRRIGATION MOVEMENT.

It Receives Strong Support From Secretary Hitchcock.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock was to have been heard today by the house committee on public lands on the subject of irrigation, which is attracting attention in many Western states, but being unable to come to the capitol, he submitted a statement. This strongly supports the policy of irrigation, and says that a vast acreage capable of supporting 50,000,000 people should not be left a desert. Mr. Hitchcock points out the remarkable results experienced in the valley of the Nile, practically redeeming Egypt from bankruptcy. Professor Newell, of the geological survey; Professor Pinchott, of the agricultural department, and Representative Newlands, of Nevada, who started the movement by a bill for irrigation storehouses along the Humboldt river in Nevada, also strongly supported the plan. The hearings today were on the Newlands bill, but this has brought up the whole subject as applicable to Western states, and particularly California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kanasa, Nebraska, South and North Dakota.

DARING HOLD-UP.

Two Men Tried to Rob a Fifth Avenue, New York, Restaurant.

New York, Jan. 21.—Two robbers, armed with 32-caliber Colt's revolvers, entered Maillard's restaurant and confectionery store, near the Fifth Avenue hotel, just as the place was being closed at midnight, and ordered the cashier to throw up his hands. In the place were a half dozen waiters, and the very boldness of the robbers attracted attention. The cashier had several hundred dollars of the day's receipts on the desk before him, and a revolver. The bullet crashed into the wall back of the cashier, who caught up the cash and dodged underneath the counter. The waiters concealed themselves underneath tables. The shot attracted a Broadway crowd, and the police were notified. Brandishing their weapons the robbers dashed from Maillard's, the crowd falling back and giving them all the room they wanted. One turned into Twenty-fourth street and succeeded in making his escape. The other dashed across the pavement of Fifth avenue to Madison square, and was captured by a policeman. He said he was Edward Burgess, a steamfitter.

Conference on Cannal Treaty.

London, Jan. 21.—United States Ambassador Choate and the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, had a second conference today on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. An outline of the action Great Britain intends to pursue was not developed, and no definite decision is likely to be reached by Great Britain for several days.

General A. J. McKay Dead.

New York, Jan. 21.—General Andrew Jackson McKay, a distinguished veteran of the civil war, died in this city today. He was quartermaster-general on the staff of General George W. Thomas in the army of the Cumberland.

Burned by Molten Copper.

Tuscon, Ariz., Jan. 21.—Juan Lopez, a workman at the Copper Queen smelter, was burned to death by molten copper which fell from a swinging pot under which he stood. His clothes were set on fire and his body horribly disfigured by the liquid metal.

New Ships Building.

Ships that will be worth in the aggregate $29,725,000 are now in process of construction at the shipyards along the Delaware river.

Mail Boxes for Rural Routes.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Twenty-five dozen mail boxes required by the government for the rural mail routes, have been received in Salem, and the balance are expected in a few days. They are made of galvanized iron, 16 inches long, six inches wide and six inches high. Each family or person on the route desiring mail by the carrier must put up one of these boxes and pay $1 each for them.

Cashier Porter Indicted.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 21.—The grand jury of this county late today, after an all day investigation of the alleged shortage of Luther R. Porter, cashier of the Warren Deposit Bank, returned an indictment against him, charging him with embezzlement of $49,055. He at once furnished $50,000. bail.

Esterhazy's Appeal Rejected.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The council of state has rejected Count Esterhazy's appeal against the decrees cashiering him from the army.

WILL BE ON HAND

Farquhar's Squadron Ready to Move on Venezuela.

IF THE TROUBLE IS NOT SETTLED

Minister Loomi's Dispatches Tampered With—The Scorpion Will Remain at La Guayra, Where Her Presence is Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Nothing has been heard over night from Minister Lomis regarding the situation in Venezuela. Navy department officials deny that any instructions have been given to the North Atlantic squadron to move over from Florida to Venezuela. The ships, however, are in perfect cruising trim, and could sail within a few hours after the receipts of orders, though it is not believed here that there will be any necessity for their movement toward Venezuela.

The orders to the Scorpion to proceed to Guanoco from La Guayra have been countermanded, and she will remain at La Guayra, where her presence is regarded as necessary. By direction of the state department, Minister Loomis has protested to the Venezuelan government against the exercise of censorship over any of his official communications, and it is understood that the protests have been effective.

It cannot be gathered that any very late advices have caused the change in the department's plans relative to the movements of the Scorpion In fact, it is said that nothing has been received to show any marked change in the status in Venezuela since yesterday, when Minister Loomis spoke of the suppression of a rebellion among the troops in Caracas, the inception of which was unknown to the department of state. The fact that such a movement could gain headway in Castro's own capital, however, is very significant, and this rebellion among the troops may have led to the decision to retain the Scorpion at La Guayra, the nearest port to Caracas.

The naval authorities were consulted during the day as to the feasibility of re-enforcing the American naval force now in Venezuela, but while some such thing is in prospect, it cannot be learned that any positive orders have yet gone out. The Hartford is not within reach of the cable being on a cruise from Port of Spain for Barbadoes, at which place she is due in about two days. She may be turned back from that port, unless the situation improves. The Lancester sailed from Port of Spain for the Cape Verde islands, so she is entirely beyond reach.

There is no disposition on the part of the authorities here to go to any unusual length in dealing with this situation, as they say frankly that it is not a part of their purpose to browbeat or coerce the Venezuelans by a formal naval demonstration, unless such a course is forced on them, which is not believed to be at all likely. But it is quite certain that Amiral Farquhar will shape the movements of the North [illegible] cable end for many days at a time after he leaves Florida.

Mr. Loomis' protest against any censorship of his official mail on the part of the Venezuelan government was not idly lodged, and he acted by the department's direction only upon a well grounded suspicion that his cables were being tampered with or unreasonably delayed.

WATCHING AN EMBEZZLER.

The Confidential Clerk of a New York Wholesale House Sails for Europe.

London, Jan. 21.—The alleged forger for whose extradi ion the United States authoriites are asking is said to be Sigmund Hertz, alias Emden, of New York city. He is supposed to be on board the steamer Corinthian, which left Halifax, Sunday, Jan. 7, for Queenstown and Liverpool. The police of those cities are watching for him.

Acting under instructions from Chief of Detectives George F. Titus, the Scotland Yard officials were cabled yesterday to arrest at Queenstown or Liverpool as he steps off an incoming steamer, the alleged defaulting confidential clerk of a large wholesale house on Walker street, New York City, who is said to have embezzled $50,000 of the firm's funds at the time of his flight, and to have embezzled nearly $200,000 before he was even suspected.

Want Back Pay.

Barre, Vt., Jan. 21.—Many granite cutters and tool sharpeners are taking action toward pushing their claims of back pay for work done in the service of the government of the United States nearly 30 years ago. The claims arise out of the building of the Boston and New York postoffices, the work on Dix, Hurricane and Fox islands, and work in navy yards. The claimants worked 10 hours a day instead of eight, and they are now trying to collect pay for the extra two hours a day. The navy yard men got their pay two years ago.

The Peace Protocol.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A message was received today from Minister Conger, at Pekin, stating that the Chinese plenipotentiaries had signed and delivered the protocol. This removes the last doubt that had arisen a to the sealing of the government agreement, for it would not have been accepted by the Spanish minister, who is dean of the corps, unless it bore all the seals and signatures necessary to give it full force.

Oregon Spar for Lawson's Yacht.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 21.—A fine stick of Oregon pine 112 feet long has been towed to Lawley's yacht yard and landed a the spar shop. In a finished state it will be the main boom of the Lawson yacht. Workmen at once began to prepare for its trimming. The sailmakers have finished two jib topsails and have cut a staysail.

Connecticut Grown Tobacco.

Sumatra tobacco is successfully grown in Connecticut.

ANARCHISTS' PLOT.

Planed to Kill Prominent Americans Disclosed in Corut Trial.

New York, Jan. 23.—Elias Masuras, a Greek, the complainant in an assault case, which came before Judge Kellogg, of Yonkers, N. Y., this morning, told a startling tale of a plot of Greek anarchists to kill prominent Americans, and would have told more had the court not stopped him and turned him over to the police, that they might quietly investigate the case. Several arrests have already been made, and a number more are planned.

On the stand Masuras said that in Greece he had been a member of an anarchist society. Some time ago it fell to his lot to kill a public man in the United States, and he was ordered to come to this country and place himself under the orders of the American branch of the society. He had never heard the name of the man he was to murder, and understood that, as in other cases, the man who was to be the victim was to be selected after his arrival in this country.

After reaching America, Masuras, according to his own story, went to Yonkers, and affiliated himself with a branch of the organization, as well as one in New York. Finally he became frightened, withdrew and refused to carry out the mission entrusted to him. From the time he left the organization he claims he was annoyed and threatened by members of the society. He remained firm in his determination not to obey the orders, however, and yesterday six of the men came here and begged him to return. When he still refused, one of the six, which one he could not say, attempted to stab him, The blow was aimed too high, however.

Masuras was apparently willing to tell more about the society, but Judge Kellogg adjourned the hearing and committed the prisoner to jail, pending further examination. Masuras was examined by the police, and as a result the warrants were issued. Joseph and James Kiptaukas and Frank Hristaigus were arrested by the police. One other Yonkers man and two New Yorkers are named on other warrants, and the police are searching for them. The police assert that they believe the story told by Masuras, and they say that the affair has led to the discovery of an anrchist band of a dangerous character.

SNOW STORM IN ALASKA.

Complete Tie-Up Resulted on White Pass and Yukon Railway.

Seattle, Jan. 23.—The steamer City of Seattle, January 14 from Lynn canal, reports a great snow storm in Southeastern Alaska. For five days succeeding January 7 the fall was particularly heavy, completely tying up the White Pass & Yukon railroad. The highway was still blockaded when the Seattle sailed.

Between Skagway and White Horse, the interior terminus of the road, there were eight engines and three rotaries stalled. Several of the engines were drawing trains on which were from 10 to 12 passengers each. All of the engines were without water, having to melt snow. A train near the summit pack food for the passengers from Fraser, over two miles distant. The storm appears to have extended well towards Dawson, carrying down the wires of the Dominion Telegraph Company.

Highwayman Will Die.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 23.—P. B. Callahan, a highwayman, lies dying at Sacred Heart hospital, as the result of last night's adventures. At midnight Callahan entered Garabaldi Albi's saloon, one block from police headquarters, took a drink with the proprietor, and covered him with a gun. Albi ran away and gave the alarm. Callahan robbed the till, then ran down Washington street. In the darkness he plunged over the Great Northern retaining wall, falling on boulders 18 feet below. Both his jaws were broken, and the base of his brain injured. He was taken to the hospital where he will probably die. Albi is a brother of William Albi, who killed a robber named Lacey two years ago, in revenge for having held him up.

Glass Works to Close Down.

Hartford City, Ind., Jan. 23.—The American Window Glass Company and the Independent Manufacturer's Association today agreed to close their plants until Aripl 1, instead of June 1. Eighty factories and about 30,000 workers will be affected. The object of the shut-down is to curtail production and maintain prices.

Soldier Commits Suicide.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Edward M. Baytel, a convalescent soldier, committed suicide at the Presidio yesterday by shooting himself through the head with a Krag-Jorgensen rifle. He was a Russian, enlisted in Chicago, and assigned to company E, Thirty-seventh infantry. His sister resides in Pullman, Ill.

New Negro University.

The University of West Tennessee, which has just been chartered in that state, is to be built at Jackson by prominent negro educators.

Charges Against Militia Colonel.

Columbus, O., Jan 23.—Charges have been filed with Governor Nash against Coonel C. X. Zimmerman, of the Fifth Regular Ohio National Guard, by Major Dodge, and it is expected that a court martial will be the result. The charges incude false entries on the muster rolls and failing to account for public funds. No action will be taken until Governor Nash returns from Washington.

Opened Letters at Will.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Burglars entered the Oak Park postoffice through a skylight some time after midnight, and with no one to disturb their operations they opened between 2,000 and 3,000 letters and extracted the money they found therein. The amount of the theft has not been estimated, but it is believed that Oak Park citizens lost heavily. The robbery was discovered by the janitor, who found the floor behind the letter cases piled high with torn mail.

PURPOSE BLACKMAIL

Venezuela Trying to Squeeze an American Concern.

ENGLAND WILL GIVE NO PROTECTION

Offers to Restore the Asphalt Property for One Million Dollars—Insurgents Gain a Battle.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, Jan. 23.—The arrivals today from Venezuela confirm the reports of the existence of a critical condition of affairs in that republic. A former Venezuelan minister asserts that the politicians at Caracas are making a determined raid on the Bermudese Asphalt Company. He adds that they tried it before on a modest scale, squeezing $30,000 out of the company, when United States Minister Loomis protested and stopped further action of this description. The government, the minister also says, listened to reason then, but has now lost its head and offered to restore the property for $1,000,000, although it is said to have been illegally taken by a dictatorial decree. In addition, the assertion is again made that if foreign governments permit the action of the Venezuelan authorities to pass without some protest, all foreign investors will be driven from South America, for the latter always claim they are being illegally plundered. In this connection, the assertion is made that no former Venezuelan government would have dared to act as this one does toward Washington. It is explained that the Venezuelan authorities are counting on the disinclination of strong nations to coerce weak ones.

At the office of the Orinoco Company, whose two steamers were recently seized by the Venezuelan authorities, the manager says the British minister at Caracas, Mr. Haggard, has informed the American minister that the British government will not protect the company because its shareholders are Americans. The company is said to be losing heavily through the seizure of the steamers.

The commander of the French cruiser Suchel, stationed at Curapano for the protection of the large French interests in that vicinity, reports that disturbances are increasing. The insurgents of Venezuela have just gained a battle near Gucia.

Germany Not Interested.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—The German foreign office shows no interest whatever in the reports regarding the situation in Venezuela, and characterizes the newspaper accounts of the difficulty as exaggerated.

A WESTERN FIGHT.

But the East Is Willing to Help Obtain Appropriation for National Irrigation.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Some hundreds favorable to a system of national irrigation. It would seem that the East is well in line in wishing the development and reclamation of the great area west of the hundredth meridian, and that it is realized that such a development would benefit the entire country and be a national benefit, adding to the general wealth and power of the nation. While the East is thus willing to assist and co-operate, it expects, of course, that the West will make its own fight. Every local Western organization of whatever character—chambers of commerce, boards of trade, commercial clubs, business associations—everything with a president and secretary should discuss and take action upon this question of national irrigation and government appropriations for the building of storage reservoirs, and then stand ready to co-operate with the National Irrigation Association, for whatever procedure is necessary.

Accident to the Bailey.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The torpedo boat Bailey has come to grief again. The accident which disabled her in this case is peculiar. While lying in Newport, about to undertake a trial trip on the following day, the intense cold froze the water in her boilers, bursting a number of the tubes. The boat has been sent to New York for repairs, and the trial board has been ordered home.

School Act Passed.

Manila, Jan 23.—The act establishing the department of public instruction was unanimously passed by the Philippine commission today, after a debate between commissioner Moses and Judge Taft, over the section permitting religious instruction in school houses.

Piano Two Hundred Years Old.

D. Decker, of Charlottsville, Ind., is the possessor of a piano made 200 years ago and which is yet in good condition and of excellent tone. It is made of solid mahogany.

Florence Strike Settled.

Florence, Colo., Jan. 23.—The strike of the mill men of Florence was settled today. President Gorman, of the State Federation of Labor, who has been here in conference with both sides, announced tonight that the mill mangaers had signed an agreement granting the main demands of the men, including the eight-hour day and of the union wage scale. The mills will resume work at once. The agreement is for one year.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 23.—James R. Field, managing agent of the Field Coal & Implement Company, of Beatrice, Neb., has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, $51,194; assets, $1,294.

Robert E. Lee's Birthday.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—Dispatches from various cities in the South tell of the general observance of General Robert E. Lee's birthday by the closing of state and city offices, banks and stores, and by parades and public meetings.

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 Dalles has levied a 6-mill tax.

Burns has received a chemical fire engine.

The Southern Pacific is storing ice at Ashland.

The Dalles will purchase 500 feet of fire hose.

The Oregon legislature deficit foots up $50,000.

Machinery for the new laundry at Eugene has arrived.

The Grant county tax levy as been fixed at 25¼ mills.

Coyotes are numerous in Coles valley, Douglas county.

The Douglas county tax levy has been fixed at 20 mills.

The Pendleton school district has levied a special tax of 8 mills.

Several herds near Montgomery have been visited by coyotes of late.

It is reported the Dallas organ factory may be moved to Albany.

The approach to the Upper Calapooia bridge was carried away by the flood.

Baker City has rescinded street lighting contract, and is in darkness.

The walls of the first story of Malheur county's new court house are finished.

Collision of a train and handcar near Woodburn, Or., was narrowly averted.

Famous Uncle Ben group of mines in Idaho has been sold to a New York syndicate.

The coal shaft being sunk by W. A. Maxwell of Coos City, is now down about 800 feet.

Plans for the new creamery at Summerville are taking shape. It will cost about $4,000.

Athena has inveseted $1,500 in school warrants. The city, besides, has a balance on hand of $1,100.

Lincoln county has awarded the contract for building the depot bridge to George McCoulou for $335.

The old Coos Bay road is said to be in better condition than for several years at this time of the year.

Henry Zutz, Jr., a 17-year-old boy, of Vale, Or., accientally killed himself while examining a revolver.

I. J. Straw, of Klamath county, rode off a bridge into a snow bank last week, and had to dig his horse out.

Contract for building the Wheeler county court house has been let to A. F. Peterson, of Corvallis, for $9,025.

Sixty-five thoroughbred sheep belonging to O. F. Knox were drowned near [illegible] Howard & Stearns are feeding 500 cattle on Crooked river and about 600 head at Silver Lake, in Lake county.

A petition is in circulation asking that the public road from Cottage Grove to Lorane be widened to 60 feet.

J. W. Walters & Son, proprietors of the Elmira mills, have floated their logs into the Long Tom from the Noti river.

Several car loads of Weston bricks have been shipped to Mission station. They will be used for government buildings.

An acetyline gas plant belonging to J. P. Williams, of Long Creek, exploded last week, and slightly injured Mr. Williams.

A petition is being circulated asking an appropriation of $1,000 to repair and improve the state buildings and property at Sodaville.

A herd of 110 sheep was shipped from Huntington to Salt Lake City by the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company, of Crook county.

It is reported that Ed Lambson, of Willamina, has leased a large tract of land on Salmon river, which he intends to stock with cattle.

The sale of land belonging to the Leonard Lang estate in Pine valley, which escheated to the state of Oregon recently, has been confirmed by Judge Eakin, of the circuit court.

A meeting was held at McMinnville in the interest of the woodcutters of the county. Every precinct was well represented. They advanced the price of cutting oak wood from 75 cents to 90 cents a cord, and fir from 70 to 90 cents.

The farmers and stockmen of Malheur county feel confident that the coming season will be a prosperous one for them. While the winter thus far has been an open one compared with those generally experienced here, the indications are that there will be plenty of water for irrigation during the coming summer, and that the feed on the range will be good.

WASHINGTON.

The new $16,000 school house at Davenport is finished.

The railroad agent at Hamilton, Harry Beeardsley, was robbed of $200.

A school house will be built at Dayton to cost between $20,000 and $30,000.

Ed Sievers, of Iowa, is considering a proposition to buy a shingle mill at Everett.

A thrice-a-week mail serivce between Chesaw and Republic will be inaugurated in April.

Mayor D. T. Anderson, who, with the other city officials of Rosa ia, has just been sworn in, is serving his fifth term as mayor.

A deal has been closed whereby Joseph Ferguson, of Arlington, becomes owner of about 600 acres of timber land on Camano island.

The compilers of the Tacoma directory for 1901, place the population of the city at 46,000, as against 37,714 returned by the census bureau.

WASHINGTON.

Tacoma butchers have formed an association.

A petition is being circulated to have the postoffice name of Guy changed to Albion.

The Simpson Lumber Company, of South Bend, has accepted plans for a pony band saw mill.

Fire partially destroyed the ship chandlery store of J. C. Todd & Co., on the water front, Tacoma. Loss $4,000, fully covered by insurance.

Mr. H. P. Harrington, a prominent citizen of Rosalia, died of pneumonia. His remains were taken to the home of his parents in Monroe, Mich., for interment.

During the recent snow 30 tons of ore was hauled from the Cedar Canyon district to Davenport for shipment. Had the sleighing continued good, still more would have been brought out.

Larkins' hotel at Garfield, leased by J. W. Keown, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with most of the contents. Loss on the building, $1,500; insurance, $650; loss on contents, $1,000, with $650 insurance.

While fording Toppenish creek, near North Yakima, Will Carrat was nearly drowned. He was on horseback and the swift current of the stream carried horse and rider several yards, when they lodged in some willows, from which, with difficulty both succeeded in landing safely on shore.

Owing to technical error in writing the boundaries of a small strip of land, amounting to nearly three sections, lying on the east side of North Bay, between Mason and Pierce counties, is left out of the jurisdiction of both counties. An attempt will be made to have the neutral strip incorporated with Pierce.

Oscar Bates, ex-sheriff of Stevens county, received fatal injuries at the Drummer's mine, near Curliew. He had set three shots in the 125-foot level, and started to climb the ladder, but missed his footing on the second landing and fell back 20 feet. The shots exploded before he could regain the ladder.

Hopkins D. Jones, until recently a hotel porter at Wilbur, Wash., who was arrested at Spokane on a charge of horse stealing, has been released. Word came from Wilbur that the man Chance, whose horse and saddle Jones had appropriated, would not prosecute Jones. The Wilbur man said he owed Jones money, and that he would be [illegible] keep the horse and saddle to settle the bill.

IDAHO.

A free ferry at Weiser is proposed.

Caldwell merchants have made an early closing agreement.

John Hunt was arrested at Orofino, on a charge of cattle stealing.

A public meeting was held at Lewiston to protest against division of Nez Perces county.

The postoffice of Leduc, Blaine county, has been moved two miles southeast, without change of postmaster.

At Weiser's regular city electi n in April, the citizens will vote whether or not they want the city bonded for $60,000.

It is announced that shipments of crude ore and concentrates from the Coeur d'Alene last year aggregated 175,000 tons.

There were several snow slides in Bear gulch last week, but no damage is reported except that the Orofino blacksmith shop was swept away.

Several carloads of steel rails have been unloaded in the Weiser yards. They are to be used in extending the Pacific & Idaho Northern next summer.

Meetings have been held and resolutions adopted by several G. A. R. post protesting against the proposed plan of moving the soldiers' home from Boise to Fort Sherman.

H. M. Merrin, of Spokane, has taken a bond on the Father lode and two claims adjoining in the Coeur d'Alene district. It is understood that work will commence immediately.

Lew Granger, who is charged with stealing eight head of cattle out of a pasture near Moscow, has been arrested. Granger has a number of aliases, but it is said his true name is Larkins.

Plans are being perfected whereby 300 feet more tunnel will be driven in the claims of the Silver Eagle Mining Co. There is also talk of building a cog-wheel road from the Silver Eagle to the summit.

A Mountain Home drug store was broken into and an attempt made to rob the place. The proprietor, who has sleeping apartments in the rear, was awakened by the noise of the robbers. Upon his appearance they ran, having secured nothing.

J. C. Meurman, superintendent of the Moscow schools, met with a severe accident while splitting wood. He was holding a block with one hand and wielding an axe with the other, when a glancing blow of the axe struck his hand, nearly severing it. Amputation may be necessary.

W. H. Watt, an extensive mine owner of Hailey, has written a letter to Representative Mandell, in which he opposes the proposed taxation of mines. Mr. Watt believes it would tend to drive capital away from mining investments, and capital to work the mines is what the state most needs.