

OCCIDENTAL NEWS.

First Case Under California's Inheritance Tax Law.

FINE AZTEC RUINS DISCOVERED.

Brigham Young's Crazy Son Creates Consternation in a Theater at Salt Lake, Utah.

A Marshfield (Or.) man is filling an order for 300 flagpoles for the Midwinter Fair.

Sacramento is looking around for a new city hall. The present accommodations are insufficient.

A court decision relieves Colorado of all the liability for the issue of \$400,000 in bonds by San Diego.

Twenty or thirty miles below Eddy, N. M., prospectors have come across some fine Aztec ruins, and excavations are to be made.

The shingle manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest are perfecting an organization. Signatures of 75 per cent of the manufacturers of Western Washington have already been secured.

It is stated at San Diego that Mayor Carlson has obtained in the City of Mexico a concession and large bonus for building a railroad across Lower California from San Diego to Yuma.

All the ways from Leadville, the new gold district in Kern county, Cal., to the south end of Death Valley the country is being prospected. Hundreds of miles are scattered all over the country.

President Lillis of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs has issued a call for the second annual meeting at San Francisco February 6 to 9. Ex-Chief Kellogg of Seattle is listed to read a paper.

The City Council and Trades' Council at Tacoma ridicule the proposition of the Chamber of Commerce to reduce municipal salaries 50 per cent. The city's funds will run out on March 1 under the present rate of expenses, and additional funds will not be available till July.

The Marshfield raft went to pieces fifteen miles off the coast of Humboldt Bay. About one-third of the raft was under control. Passing vessels, as far as it could be done, were notified of the dangerous floating objects, many of which have gone ashore.

A Victoria (B. C.) dispatch says: Stories of various character are current here as to the object of Senator Fair's visit and his interview with Premier Davies. One rumor is that he is to talk over a contract to build the British Pacific railway.

Oscar B. Young, a crazy son of Brigham Young, took exception to a Mormon character in the play of "The Property and the Right to It" at the theater at Salt Lake. The property, created quite a consternation before he was seized and taken to the police station.

The late J. D. Pemberton of Victoria, B. C., remembered the school children and the Jubilee hospital of that city in his will, recently filed for probate. He bequeathed \$5,000 to the hospital and \$10,000 to the school children.

An eight-foot ledge of silver and gold quartz has been discovered under the city of Tacoma, Wash., and there is a lively secret fight going on for possession. An assay shows the quartz to carry \$150 in silver and \$27 in gold per ton. It is located in the center of the city.

Ex-Treasurer Bloomer of Jackson county, Or., defaulted for about \$8,000, and has fled to the coast. He is now making a strong legal fight to have the bonds set aside, claiming that Bloomer was a defaulter at the end of his previous term of office.

At San Jose, Cal., there has been filed in the Superior Court a petition by County Treasurer Joseph Leland Stanford (Jr.) University, Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, individually and as executrix of Leland Stanford's will and other legacies under said will to set aside and annul a show cause why the tax on the amounts of the collateral devise and bequests provided for in the will have not been paid. This is the first time that the state inheritance tax law passed last March.

Arthur Dudley Vinton, attorney for the Prescott and Arizona Central railroad, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Territory of Arizona for the annulment of a mortgage on the Atlantic and Pacific railroad. The petition is very voluminous, and consists mostly of a recital of the numerous suits which he has instituted against the Atlantic and Pacific Company on behalf of the road he represents, which quit business three months ago. The petitioner incorporated his disapproval of the appointment of Heinrich and McCook as receivers of the A. & P. Company. Beyond the filing no action was taken on the petition.

The net earnings of the Oregon Railway and Navigation according to the reports of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission for the year 1893 show a deficiency after paying the 6 per cent stipulated in the lease on the Oregon Railway and Navigation stock, and it is not thought that the company can be redeemed by the receivers of the United Pacific. The bondholders want their interest, as is evidenced by the petition of the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, the holder of a mortgage on all the property securing the bonds. The question seems susceptible of three resolutions, either the stockholders will have to wait for their returns or the court will have to order the deficiency made up out of the other funds of the United Pacific or else set aside the lease. Should the lease be set aside, it is said the Oregon Railway and Navigation would go into the hands of a receiver. Railroad men say this would result in a revision of rates.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Fish are disappearing from the British coast.

Russia has no foreign insurance companies.

The Behring Sea arbitration tribunal cost France 10,000.

Six anarchists have been expelled from Buenos Ayres.

The Socialist associations of Sicily count 300,000 members.

The London Times says England must rule the seas or cease to exist.

Hundreds of poor are threatened with starvation at Erzerum, Armenia.

Liverpool is disturbed over the prospects of sharp rivalry by Manchester.

Captain O'Shea, the former husband of Mrs. Parnell, is in financial straits.

Germany and France are steadily stiffening and expanding their protection policy.

Forty thousand francs have been subscribed for the Gouand memorial fund in Paris.

Liverpool will reduce dock rates to meet the competition of the Manchester ship canal.

France is disturbed by heavy importations of American corn, and will legislate against it.

The Hungarian Prime Minister has succeeded in re-establishing a loyal court in Budapest.

Mrs. Parnell is busily engaged in writing the life of Charles Stewart Parnell, her deceased husband.

Ether Palliser, a young American cantatrice, will shortly start on a concert tour through Germany.

A scheme has been prepared for the electric railway between Milah, Constantine and Oued-Atmenia, Algeria.

Permission has been granted for the establishment of a telephone system between frontier towns of France and Germany.

Vaillant, who dropped the bomb in the French Chamber of Deputies, says if he is acquitted he will "begin again within ten days."

The London Westminster Gazette estimates the recent loss of the Bank of England at not over £150,000. The Daily News places it at not over £200,000.

The Presbyterian Church in Paris has emerged victorious from a protracted local election with the local Free Press over the question of a government grant.

Of 230 veteran soldiers poisoned by eating putrid meat recently at an annual banquet at St. Petersburg 100 are still in hospital condition, and thirty-six have died.

There are now fifty-five towns and cities in England which destroy their garbage and solid refuse by burning, and 79 towns are employed for this purpose.

About 40,000 troops, it is estimated, are traveling over Germany all the year round. This army consists mostly of mechanics, temporarily unemployed, who are looking for work.

Millions of trees have been felled to the ground in Scotland by the recent great storm which swept over the United Kingdom. The Duke of Sutherland lost about 500,000 trees of various kinds.

The Burgomaster of Brussels has ordered the formation of a cyclist corps to fight against the local Free Press for the purpose of carrying the first aid to the persons in danger through an outbreak.

Probably the longest liquidation in history is that of Overend, Gurney & Co. London, which failed May 10, 1866, and which was only settled at the commencement of this month. The concern owed \$55,000,000.

The French Minister of the Interior, Comte de Erlanger, has sent a circular to the Presidents of districts, warning them of the spread of Socialism and asking them to take all possible means to prevent its progress.

Venice, where oysters were years ago cheap and plentiful, has been compelled to offer a reward for the conviction of persons found dredging out of season. This is the first time that Venice has almost disappeared.

The best report of the Venice's health states that he has aged considerably and trembles; but there is no more cause for alarm than when his physicians declared that he would appear and might come suddenly at any moment.

It is stated that Prince Bismarck has sold his memoirs to a South German publisher for \$120,000. The work will probably appear shortly after the Prince's funeral will be published outside the Fatherland.

A woman's journal is now published in Alexandria, Egypt, with articles in it written exclusively by women. It is called El Fatat ("the young woman"), and is edited by a Syrian lady, Miss Hind Nofal.

Experiments just made at Munich have demonstrated the fact that bullets discharged from a rifle in the normal way can be rendered vehicles of infection, carrying microbes and infecting whatever they strike.

The opening of the Manchester (England) ship canal marks the completion of one of the greatest engineering enterprises of the century. It is a canal 114 acres and 5 1/2 miles of quay.

Arrangements are being made by the British war office in connection with the colonial office for a military expedition, to be formed at Sierra Leone, to proceed against the stronghold of the Sofas, who have lately given some trouble to West African traders.

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EASTERN MELANGE.

Commodore Stanton Restored by Secretary Herbert.

THE RECEPTION TO HARRISON.

Colorado Almost Entirely Recovered From the Effect of the Panic.

The Carbonate camp of the Leadville district is producing \$10,500 worth of gold a day.

There is in preparation a history of the World's Fair which will retail at \$1,000 per copy.

Four Drival (Tex.) train robbers have been sentenced to thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller has made another gift of \$1,000,000 to the Chicago University.

It is believed the severance of the Gulf system from the Pacific was a mistake in the latter road.

Edward S. Stokes has been appointed receiver of the Hoffman House and other property belonging to his estate.

The creditors of the Kentucky Maltine Company will get 25 cents on the dollar. Liabilities, \$500,000; assets, \$180,000.

The Denver jury in the case of John Sheverson against the estate of his daughter, the late Commodore Stanton, returned a verdict for \$28,000.

It is ascertained by the Treasury Department that there will be an immediate and general shake-up of the officials of the New York customs.

The Boston Municipal League, a non-partisan and non-sectarian body, which will propose ball nominations for municipal offices, has been organized.

Superintendent Andrews of the Inland Empire at Buffalo has declared Edward M. Field, son of the late Cyrus W. Field, sane, and he will be taken back to New York to stand trial.

Commissioner Thomas J. Dowling of New York bureau of labor statistics has sent out 10,000 circulars to manufacturers with the intention of discovering the cause of hard times.

Dr. F. A. Cook of Brooklyn, the ethnologist who accompanied Lieutenant Peary to Greenland, is preparing to explore the Antarctic continent or archipelago next fall.

General Solicitor Thurston of the United Pacific says there is no truth in the report that the United Pacific is in a bill to take steps to bring the Gulf road back into the overland system.

Congressman Hillborn has introduced a bill to pension Mrs. Edward Jungmann, a French widow of a Union Pacific soldier.

The Bourbons distillers of Kentucky believe the liquor tax will be increased, and are preparing to take advantage of it. It will advance the price by 10 cents a gallon of the entire stock on hand.

The Canadian Pacific will not agree to restore transcontinental rates unless allowed a dividend. The other lines will not agree to this, and the prospect of a war is growing stronger every day.

The annual report of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern for the year ending December 31, 1893, shows net earnings of \$4,024,700, a decrease of \$15,232.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the University of Chicago it was decided to locate the Yerkes Observatory at Lake Geneva, Wis., and the construction will commence as soon as the weather permits.

It has been decided that bond investment companies can no longer do business legally in Texas, and State officials have taken steps to prevent the transaction of business of such a character within the State.

The grand jury at Dubuque, Ia., has returned twenty-eight indictments against Van Leuven for pension frauds, and other indictments were returned against Drs. Pegg and Kissel, members of the examining board.

An importing house at New York will place California wines on the market and sell them on their merits. Heretofore it has not been an easy thing to purchase California wines at retail prices.

Mayor Terhune of Anderson, Ind., owing to the number of recent tramp outrages, has issued an order instructing the Chief of Police to furnish each night patrolman with a blacksnake whip. Every tramp will be whipped out of the city and whipped again if he returns.

The announcement that positions would be provided for all who wanted employment caused a mad scramble at Pittsburgh, in which many men were injured. About 2,000 begged the city. The citizens have raised \$20,000 to help beautify the park and streets and give the unemployed work.

Secretary Herbert has restored Commodore Stanton to the command of the North Atlantic squadron. The Secretary says the department never thought the Commodore did an intentional wrong when he saluted the flag of the insubordinate vessel of Janeiro. His offense was an error of judgment.

The reception to ex-President Harrison at the Union League Club, Philadelphia, was a success in every way. Representatives of every class and both parties attended, and United States Senators and Representatives, the Governor and his executive staff and members of the Legislature were among the 1,500 who paid their respects to the ex-President.

The Business Men's Convention at Denver adopted a resolution that Colorado had almost entirely recovered from the effect of the panic, and while the State had been grievously wounded by the demoralization of silver, her other resources such as gold, coal and agriculture, were developing wonderfully, and the calling together of the Legislature now would do more harm than good.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Tracy says that in two years from now France and Russia will have fifty modern battleships of 40,000 tons displacement against thirty-one of 31,000 tons displacement for England. Gladstone in Parliament spoke strongly of Tracy's opinion, but Tracy reiterates it and says he believes the French battleships superior to the English both in guns and armor.

A dinner was given to Robert Bonner at New York, which furnished an opportunity for the presentation to Mr. Bonner of a beautiful statuette of his mare Surool, which was bought with subscription of a large number of representatives of breeders of trotting horses for presentation to Mr. Bonner in token of their appreciation of his active efforts in the encouragement of breeding the highest forms of trotting stock.