

THE PACIFIC COAST.

GENEROUS BEQUESTS OF THE LATE J. C. WILMERDING.

A Project on Foot in San Francisco to Organize a New Jockey Club—Reducing Wages on Ocean Steamers—Chinese in Northern California.

LOS ANGELES.—Up to date only 2,000 Chinese have registered in this district under the extension of time granted by Congress for that purpose.

THE OREGON PACIFIC SALE. CORVALLIS.—Judge Fullerton has ordered that the sale of the Oregon Pacific shall occur not later than June 1, the date to be fixed by the sheriff.

INDICTMENT SET ASIDE. ASTORIA.—The indictment against County Commissioner Carruthers was set aside by Judge McBride in the Circuit Court on the ground that it did not state facts sufficient to constitute a crime.

THE NEW ASTORIA RAILROAD PROJECT. PORTLAND.—B. W. Baxter, E. S. Van Kuren and A. J. Bore have filed articles of incorporation for the Columbia River Railroad Company, with headquarters in Portland.

DEFENDANT'S DEMURRER OVERRULED. PORTLAND.—In the suit of George W. Hunt against the Northern Pacific Railway Company and others for damages by a fire started by employees of the Northern Pacific Judge Bellinger overruled the demurrer of the defendant that the action is barred by the statute of limitation of two years for injury to the rights of plaintiff.

SEALING IS UNPROFITABLE. SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alexander, well known as a sealer, is shipping a crew for a two-year whaling cruise in the Arctic.

THE STATE OWNS THE OYSTER BEDS. OREGON.—The famous oyster case from Mason county has been settled by the State and commission in favor of the State.

REDUCING WAGES ON STEAMERS. SAN FRANCISCO.—The crew of the Oceanic Steamship Company's steamer Alameda received notice of a cut in wages to ruling rates for deep water steam vessels as established by the Pacific Mail Company.

ANOTHER JOCKEY CLUB. MEMBERS OF THE DEFUNCT BLOOD HORSE ASSOCIATION HEARTILY IN SYMPATHY.

WILMERDING'S WILL. Mrs. Miller of Portland is Bequeathed Twenty Thousand Dollars.

THE STRUGGLE IN THE HOUSE OVER THE BILLY BILL FOR THE COINAGE OF THE SILVER.

THE SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND ACTION IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE LAND OFFICE.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY HAS DECIDED TO MAKE A FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

A CALIFORNIA REPORT RECEIVED BY SECRETARY HERBERT FROM ADMIRAL BENTHAM AT RIO STATES THAT HE HAS TRANSFERRED HIS FLAG FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO TO THE NEW YORK.

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE THE OTHER MORNING HEARD ARGUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE LAW.

THE COMPARATIVE BUSINESS WITH WHICH THE BRAZILIAN INSURGENT SHIP AQUIDAUAN MOVES IN AND OUT OF THE HARBOR AT RIO UNDER A GAUZE CURTAIN.

THE HAWAII INTRODUCTION OF THE SENATE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SENDS TO THE SENATE THE MOST ADVANCED COPY OF THE CONSOLIDATED RETURNS RELATIVE TO MANUFACTURES.

THE HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE AS A PERMITS IN CIVIL CASES A VERDICT OF THREE-FIFTHS OF THE JURY.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO TAKE UP THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CANAL THROUGH THE NICARAGUA CANAL DURING THE PRESENT SESSION.

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE A STATEMENT OF THE VARIOUS ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE SERVICE LAW.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Kyle introduced in the Senate a bill for the establishment of a national university. It was referred to a select committee.

The Senate resolution requesting the President to suspend action in the consolidation of the land office still after the passage of the new municipal act appropriation bill, offered by Teller, was agreed to.

The House Committee on Judiciary has decided to make a favorable report on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of California and Nevada that the compensation now allowed and retained fees to the amount of \$7,000.

A cablegram received by Secretary Herbert from Admiral Benham at Rio states that he has transferred his flag from the San Francisco to the New York.

The Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate the other morning heard arguments on behalf of the proposed amendment to the interstate commerce law to allow railroad pooling, reasonable rates to be fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the right of appeal to the Federal Court for final appeal.

The comparative business with which the Brazilian insurgent ship Aquidauan moves in and out of the harbor at Rio under a gauze curtain has set Congressmen to thinking, demonstrating as it does the uselessness of land fortifications to prevent warships from going in or out of a harbor at pleasure.

The Hawaiian introduction of the Senate the secretary of the Interior sends to the Senate the most advanced copy of the consolidated returns relative to manufactures.

The purpose of the Senate committee on foreign relations to take up the improvement of the canal through the Nicaragua canal during the present session.

In response to a resolution of the Civil Service Commission transmitted to the Senate a statement of the various alleged violations of the service law.

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EASTERN TELEGRAMS.

AN AMERICAN PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION ROW.

BOSS MCKANE MAKES HIS DEBUT AT THE SING SING PENITENTIARY—PITTSBURGH ENJOYING A BOOM IN MATRIMONY—THE TRIBE OF BEN HUR.

CRAWFORDVILLE, IND.—The first court of the Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur, the new secret society, has been instituted in Crawfordsville with 447 charter members.

A GOOD MANY MEN ARE LEAVING WALLA WALLA FOR THE BLUE CREEK region to prospect for gold.

FAIRHAVEN IS PLEASED BECAUSE SAN FRANCISCO STEAMERS ARE NOT TOUCHING THERE BOTH WAYS.

THE PIERCE COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION IS PREPARING TO ERCT A LARGE CANNERY IN TACOMA.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL SOON ISSUE A SMALL PAMPHLET SETTING FORTH THE RESOURCES OF THE STATE.

SEATTLE, IT IS ANNOUNCED, IS TO HAVE AN IRON FURNACE AND FREIGHT CAR SHOPS, EMPLOYING 2,000 MEN.

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THE HOQUIAM MASONIC LODGE HAS JUST RECEIVED A GAVEL MADE OF OLIVE WOOD FROM JERUSALEM.

THE LIVEAC NAVIGATION COMPANY HAS BID ON THE SEASLAND-SOUTH BEND MAIL ROUTE, AND IN CASE IT IS SUCCESSFUL WILL COVER IT WITH THE STEAMER LIVEAC.

HOW A STEAMER CHINAMAN, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE U.S. NAVY, AND THE YESTERDAY TO RECEIVE \$1,911 ALLEGED TO BE DUE HIM ON ACCOUNT OF WAGES.

NO COAL HAS BEEN FOUND YET IN LELAND VALLEY, AND THE BORING MACHINERY WILL BE TAKEN TO A PLACE NEAR DEER HOPES TO FIND COAL AT A LESS DEPTH.

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THE FAIRHAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT THE REQUEST OF THE BRANCH HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE AT PORT TOWNSEND HAS ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ASKING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULAR PUBLICATION OF A PILOT CHART OF THE NORTH PACIFIC.

WALLA WALLA SALVATION ARMY CIRCLES ARE CONSIDERABLY PERTURBED BY THE MARRIAGE OF A MEMBER, MILLIE JACKSON TO P. WORMWOOD, A LAUNDRYMAN THERE. MILLIE HAS STRUCK HER COLORS, AND WILL ASSIST IN RUNNING THE LAUNDRY.

THERE ARE NINETEEN PRISONERS IN THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY JAIL, THREE BEING WORKERS AGAINST THE COMPANY AGAINST THE STRIKE. THE OTHERS ARE BEING HELD FOR WHAT THEY WILL PAY FOR THE WORK THEY DO.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

WASHINGTON. The monthly family water rate in Fairhaven is \$2.50.

AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH A FRUIT CANNERY AT WHATCOMB.

THERE HAS NOT BEEN A PRISONER IN THE PUBLIC HOUSE JAIL FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

PROSPECTING FOR COAL IS BEING CARRIED ON AT SEVERAL POINTS IN THE OLYMPIAS.

THE CATHOLIC LADIES OF OLD TACOMA HAVE GIVEN 2,732 FEED DINNER THIS WINTER.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC HAS MOVED ITS ICEHOUSE AND COAL BUNKERS FROM WALLA WALLA TO TACOMA.

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OLD WORLD CABLES.

SALISBURY'S AMENDMENTS TO PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

THE RUSSIAN-GERMAN ALLIANCE—DEBATE UPON ITS APPROVAL OPENED IN THE GERMAN REICHTAG, AND MUCH OPPOSITION DEVELOPED—GLADSTONE.

BERLIN.—In the Reichstag debate on the Russo-German commercial treaty was opened. Von Mirbach on behalf of the Conservatives gave an explanation of the reasons which had decided the party not to support the government, contending the treaty would prove an injury to German husbandry.

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THE KING OF BEASTS.

He is Merely a Big Cat, After All, and a Coward at Heart.

IF WE QUIT HERALDRY FOR FACT AND GO BY THE testimony of trovaders and hunters, it is very doubtful whether the lion deserves his magnificent reputation.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

ADVANTAGES TO BE OBTAINED BY UNDERDRAINING.

THE FIRST THING TO LOOK AFTER IN DITCHING—KILLING FRUIT PESTS—ABOUT THE TIME TO DITCH—THE OBJECT OF UNDERDRAINING—FARM NOTES.

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Advertisement for Simmons' Liver Regulator, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'Better Than Pills'.

Table titled 'THE PORTLAND MARKETS' listing various commodities and their prices.

Table titled 'LIVE AND DRESSED MEAT' listing prices for different types of livestock.

Table titled 'FLOUR, FEED, ETC.' listing prices for various types of flour and feed.

Table titled 'VEGETABLES—CALIFORNIA' listing prices for various types of vegetables.

Table titled 'GARDEN GOODS' listing prices for various types of garden produce.

Advertisement for R. D. Rice's Cream Baking Powder, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text 'Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair'.