

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Interesting Collection of Current Events in Condensed Form From Both Continents.

The fund raised in Canada for the India famine sufferers has been closed. The amount contributed was \$179,161.

Ten saloons in Kansas City, Kan., were raided by the police and \$3,500 worth of liquors seized and poured into the gutters.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says the wheat crop in the province of Santa Fe is calculated at about 10,000 tons, scarcely more than enough to supply the province for the year.

The jewelry store of W. H. Finck, at Seattle, was burglarized and goods to the amount of \$10,000 taken.

Five orphan children have been shipped from Honolulu to San Francisco. The government officials will not permit them to land unless \$500 bonds are furnished for each of the quintet as a guarantee that they shall not become public charges.

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Involved in the question of interpretation of section 22 of the new tariff, with regard to the 10 per cent discriminating duty on foreign goods coming to the United States from Canada or Mexico, which is now before the attorney general for decision, is another question of equal if not greater magnitude.

Two young ladies from Alameda and San Francisco have gone to Trinity county upon a prospecting tour. They are equipped with complete miners' outfits and are determined to work hard to find a paying claim.

Edwin Corbin, of Chicago, has closed a deal amalgamating the United States and Canadian Lakes Fisheries Companies, whereby the control of 20 companies passed into the hands of the British company with \$5,000,000 capital.

The British, Russian and French ministers to Greece have notified their respective governments that it is impossible for Greece to pay an indemnity exceeding \$3,000,000 Turkish.

The county recorder in Great Bend, Kan., has reported the release of over \$60,000 in chattel and real estate mortgages since August 1, and half of the crop has not been threshed.

Paul J. Henning, who has just arrived in San Francisco, says the American flag is flying on Clipperton island. He has been living on the island with two other men and they successfully blocked the attempt of Captain Murray of the ship Kinkora, to hoist the British flag there three months ago.

S. J. Hatchett, formerly secretary of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, who had charge of the Los Angeles exhibit at the world's fair and mysteriously disappeared before the exposition closed, is said to have been seen in Chicago.

CUBA'S FIGHT FOR LIBERTY.

Quintin Banderas Tells of the Progress of the War.

New York, Sept. 1.—The Journal and Advertiser says: The sensational victory of the Cubans under Maximo Gomez and Antonio Maceo, the entire length of the island, in Martinez Campo's time, has just been duplicated by Quintin Banderas. The negro war captain, then whom no Cuban of the colored race, excepting only Maceo, perhaps, has won greater honors in the struggle for independence, led 12,000 men from the eastern end of the island, where the patriots in arms are strongest, to the western end, where, since Maceo's death the Cuban cause had not prospered so well.

The news of the brilliant achievement was brought to the Journal and Advertiser by the mail from Havana in an autograph letter from Banderas himself. In it he requests the publication of the proclamation that he issued on taking charge of the department.

Banderas says that the second invasion of the west was made in compliance with plans that were completed by Maximo Gomez, the general-in-chief himself, in June last, and that the march was effected with little or no trouble or molestation from the Spanish troops.

The rest of the proclamation is directed "To the Men of My Race," and is as follows: "It only remains for me to appeal to the men of my race, to point out to them that we owe the liberty of our fathers to the revolution of 1868, and it is my duty to present to them the example of that noble figure, Major-General Antonio Maceo, who died on the field for the liberty of his country."

Spain Will Never Yield. Denver, Sept. 1.—Count Henri Penaloza, of Paris, is spending a few days in the city upon mining business.

IN BEHALF OF INDIANA MINERS. A Large Relief Fund Subscribed at Lebanon.

Denver, Sept. 1.—A special to the News from Lebanon, Ind., says: An immense meeting was held last night at the opera house in behalf of the starving coal miners in Indiana.

There are 8,000 families in this state in destitution. Thirty thousand people are literally starving. A few years ago they received \$1.25 per ton; now the average price paid is about 35 cents per ton.

A large subscription to the relief fund was raised. E. V. Debs left Terra Haute for St. Louis last night to attend the conference called by the national executive board of United Mineworkers.

A Convert to Buddhism. New York, Sept. 1.—A most unusual ceremony will be performed this evening upon the platform of New Century hall, on Fifth avenue, when Countess M. de Canavaro will be received into the Buddhist faith by Dharmapala, a priest of the Brahma-Somaj sect.

Thinks Andree Will Return. New York, Sept. 1.—Evelin B. Baldwin, an Arctic explorer of some note, when seen by a reporter in Brooklyn last night, declared his belief that Andree will come back safely from his journey in search of the north pole.

Friendship, Me., has a great grandmother but 53 years old. Serious floods are reported from various parts of Japan.

LATTER DAY PIRATES

Bloody Outrages Occurred in Chinese Waters.

VESSELS AND PORTS PLUNDERED

Achinese Attacked a British Steamer, Massacred Passengers and Crew and Looted the Ship.

Tacoma, Aug. 31.—The Northern Pacific liner Columbia arrived today on her maiden voyage from Yokohama, with 127 passengers and a full cargo of freight. She was delayed on several occasions and forced to lie to 24 hours on account of the breakage of her machinery.

News has just reached Hong Kong of the prevalence of pirates on the Canton river, and one of the most daring outrages perpetrated. One of the sons of Captain Chung Kwei, a Straits millionaire, Kung Ah Pin, who recently went to Canton, was the victim.

Skaguay has all the usual accompaniments of a frontier mining town. Dance halls and scarlet women are plentiful, while roulette, faro, and stud poker and craps find devotees ready to tempt fickle fortune's smile.

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THE TRAIL IS OPEN.

A Few of Those Gathered at Skaguay Can Now Escape.

Seattle, Sept. 1.—The following letter was received per steamer Utopia, which arrived in Seattle today:

Skaguay, Aug. 25.—The jam is broken on the Skaguay trail. A number of outfits have gotten over, and there is a steady stream of moving humanity, mixed up in an almost indescribable mass of horses of all sizes, ages and conditions, mules, steers, milch cows, goats and dogs, also vehicles of every description and kind to be imagined.

A new sawmill got up steam for the first time this morning. Rough lumber is worth \$27 per 1,000, but cannot be got half fast enough at any price. The city of tents is not being displaced, but reinforced by a city of "shacks" of all sizes and degrees of finish.

There is no danger of a famine here, though there may be shortage in certain lines. On all sides, "smiling plenty" as if conjured by some enchanter" here abounds.

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NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States—Oregon.

The spring run of salmon at Celilo was a failure this year.

The hay harvest in Wallawa county is over, and farmers are busy garnering their wheat.

A student of fruit culture in Jackson county says that yellow jackets are death on all kinds of moths that prey on fruit.

One of the tramps injured in the wreck south of Roseburg drew \$100 out of his pocket and asked to be well cared for while that lasted.

The schooner Bella, built on the Siuslaw by Eli Hansen, was furnished with masts last week.

Hon. Thomas H. Tongue has succeeded in locating the lost muster rolls of the companies of volunteers that fought the Rogue river Indians in 1853.

The sawmills up the North Santiam are being operated to their fullest capacity. Many of them are cutting ties and bridge timbers for repairs on the O. C. & E.

Eighty acres of the Ginn place, near Weston, which was threshed last week, averaged 53 bushels of wheat to the acre. This is the largest yield yet heard of in that section.

Engineer Halcombe, with a crew of men, is now engaged in making a survey of the Nehalem bar, with the object of getting an appropriation for jetty work.

Astronomer S.S. Gannett has the instruments in place for receiving time by wire from St. Louis, in order to establish a meridian line at Baker City for the geological maps that are to be made by the federal authorities of the Baker mineral district.

The Astoria carnival this year has eclipsed anything of the kind ever held in that city. It is the intention to effect a permanent organization of a regatta club, the objects of which will be to collect funds and otherwise promote the annual carnival.

The state fair to be held in Salem this year promises to be a success in every way. The O. R. & N., with its usual generosity and care for the state's interests, is the first line to announce a reduced rate to Salem during the fair of one fare for the round trip.

Work is being pushed on the construction of the Astoria & Columbia River road to Goble, and the officers say they will have trains running between Astoria and Portland by January 1. The affairs of the road are in good hands, and being conducted in a business-like manner.

L. C. Coleman returned to Jacksonville from San Francisco last week, while at that city he had four sugar beets, raised on Griffin creek, analyzed at the Spreckles refinery.

Much of the grain around Colfax is yielding more than 40 bushels to the acre.

The turfmen of Walla Walla have arranged for a race meeting in that city for October 20, 21, 22 and 23.

The shingle mill at Cosmopolis is running a night and a day crew, as are the box factory and planing mill.

The ruling price for pack horses in Ellensburg last week was \$20, and the tendency of the market is still upwards.

It is reported that the Northern Pacific will at once put on six more compound locomotives between Ellensburg and Hope.

Kittitas county is advertising for bids for building a bridge across the Cle Elum river, and also across the Yakima at Thorp.

The steam heating apparatus for the marine hospital in Port Townsend has arrived, and is being put in by the contractor, who expects to have the work finished on time.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review says that never in the history of Spokane has there been such a demand for harvest hands, and that unprecedented wages are offered.

Lists of school land of Lincoln, Walla Walla and Adams counties subject to lease have been sent to the respective county auditors by the board of land commissioners.

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THE TREASURE SHIP.

The Steamer Portland Arrives From St. Michaels.

Port Angeles, Wash., Aug. 31.—The steamer Portland arrived from St. Michaels tonight. Captain Kidston reported a pleasant voyage, and explained the delay of three days in reaching Port Angeles by stating that a very serious storm at St. Michaels delayed the discharge of his cargo.

He laughed when told of the reports that the Portland was carrying over \$2,000,000 in gold. As a matter of fact, he said, there was only about \$825,000 in gold dust and nuggets on board his vessel.

Up to the time he left St. Michaels he had heard of no new gold fields.

Among the Portland's passengers from St. Michaels is Timothy Bell, who has dug from a claim that cost \$125.

William Ogilvie, Dominion surveyor, says the 600 claims now staked out will yield \$60,000,000.

From a number of the Portland's crew it was learned that Captain Kidston had expected the Weare, one of the company's boats, to come down the Yukon with about \$1,000,000 worth of nuggets and gold dust, but as she did not arrive in time he decided to bring down the treasure next trip.

The United States cutter Bear, it is said, will guard the Portland on her next trip from St. Michaels to Seattle.

As most miners will make their clean-up by that time it is expected the Portland's cargo will be a very valuable one.

The returning miners say the remarkably rich claims on Eldorado creek will number 140. Mr. Ogilvie estimates that, at the rate these 140 claims are now producing, and considering the ground yet to be worked, the amount in the next three years will aggregate about \$70,000,000.

To this must be added the favorable possibilities of pockets and development of claims already found, but not opened.

There have been other rich strikes on Stewart river, Hunker, Henderson and Indian creeks, but none of these are as rich as the claims on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks.

Until the wonderful discoveries of Klondike were made, ground worth 10 cents to the pan, with two or three feet of pay dirt, was considered very good for the Yukon, and the miners made their money with rockers and sluices.

This year the miners are passing entirely over ground of this richness in their search for sand and gravel that will pay like that of the Klondike discoveries.

Up to date, none of the claims was showing any signs of exhaustion, and scarcely a dozen are more than well opened. Every one has large areas of ground to be worked.

One returning miner says it is impossible to make anything like an accurate estimate of the probable yield of the mines. The ground is not at all even in richness, and the worth of pay streaks varies greatly.

The most important news from St. Michaels is that the river steamers left there two weeks ago for their last trip up. It is not certain they will reach Dawson this fall, and the passengers who left the Sound as early as July 25 may not reach Circle City before navigation closes.

This makes it certain that hundreds who left the Sound and California since August 1 for St. Michaels will winter there. At the best they can scarcely get started up the Yukon before it freezes solid.

All vessels touching at St. Michaels this summer have had difficulty keeping their crews, who have caught the fever. One schooner from Victoria was entirely deserted by her crew, from captain to cook, who started up the river for Klondike.

The crew of the J. M. Colman tried to desert, but the attempt was discovered in time, and, by a display of firearms, the men were compelled to remain.

Every vessel from St. Michaels has come away short-handed. The Portland lost several of her crew, but was able to obtain men by paying high wages.

FATE OF THE BENDERS. The Old Man and Kate Were Shot by a Posse.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 31.—Another chapter is added to the gruesome story of the Bender family, whose home in Montgomery county over 20 years ago was the scene of upward of 30 murders, according to the dealthbed confession of Captain Carroll. The fate of the Benders has heretofore been veiled in mystery.

Captain Carroll confessed that a band of citizens, sworn to eternal secrecy, followed the Benders after their flight from the scene of their crimes and killed Kate and the old man, but let Mrs. Bender go, with a warning never to return on pain of death.

He said that Kate and her mother stood by and stoically watched the men riddle the body of William Bender with bullets, and then when Kate's turn came she stepped out like a tragedy queen and said: "Blaze away."

She was shot down like a dog, but when it came to shooting the mother, the hearts of the posse failed them and they allowed her to go. The bodies were carefully buried and the graves concealed.

Peru Invaded. Lima, Peru, Aug. 31.—The reports that Colonel Pando, with a force of Bolivians, has invaded the Peruvian province of Sandia, proves upon investigation to be correct. The number of Colonel Pando's followers is considerably exaggerated, however. It is probable that the incident will be diplomatically arranged.

Three million, five hundred thousand steel pens are used throughout the world every day in the week.