

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

General Weyler announces that he will embark from Cuba on October 20.

Benjamin Nelson was found dead on the floor of his cabin near Hendricks, Or.

The general grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons is in session at Baltimore. Delegates are present from all parts of the world.

Lela Jones, 4 years old, was killed at a logging camp, near Ferndale, Wash., by being crushed under two rolling logs.

The whalers that wintered in the Arctic last year are having hard luck this season. Only one of them succeeded in killing a whale this summer.

Sunday was the sixth anniversary of the death of Charles Stewart Parnell. Five thousand nationalists paraded the streets of Dublin to the bleak Glasnevin cemetery.

Senorita Evangelina Cisneros, the Cuban girl who escaped from Casa de Recogias, in Havana, is said to have arrived in New York city.

Cubans of New York celebrated the 29th anniversary of the beginning of the 10 years' war by a mass meeting, presided over by Tomas Estrada Palma.

A dispatch from Long Valley, Idaho, says there has been a battle between settlers and sheepherders, and that three of the farmers were killed.

The United States board of geographical names, which meets at Washington, D. C., at state intervals, has just rendered decisions determining the spelling of 149 geographical names.

Edward Langtry, the former husband of Lily Langtry, has been placed in an insane asylum.

At Dixon, Ia., the dead body of Robert Parks was found in his burning house. It is believed he was murdered for his money.

During a quarrel at their home in St. Louis, George P. Peffer, a stenographer, shot his father-in-law, Robert Delaney, through the brain, and then killed himself.

Eddie Bosley, the 20-months-old child of Mrs. George Bosley, was killed at Bothell, Wash., by a Seattle & Inter national train.

The Union Pacific committee has acceded to the government's contention that its lien on the Union Pacific road includes the Omaha bridge, and that it has increased its cash bid so as to make that entire concession approximately \$5,000,000.

The United States circuit court has decided that tapioca flour must be taxed a duty of 2 cents per pound. This will increase the government revenue many hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum.

Burglars broke into the office of the steamer Flyer on the water front at Seattle, and, after overhauling the contents of several trunks, carried away the safe, weighing 400 pounds.

A California company proposes to build three enormous rafts at Stella, on the Columbia river, and take them to San Francisco during the coming summer.

COOK'S INLET GOLD.

No Bonanza, but Satisfactory Returns for Labor.

Port Townsend, Wash., Oct. 13.—As an evidence that gold is found elsewhere than at Klondike, the steamer City of Topeka, which arrived this evening from Alaska, brought down an aggregate of \$200,000 in gold dust, all from Cook's inlet, the result of this summer's work.

Among the passengers was Robert Michaelson, who is making his first visit to the outside world in that time. He brought out several thousand dollars, how much he would not state.

H. A. Schemser has upwards of \$10,000, after a stay of seven years. He is going to San Francisco for the winter, and will return in the spring. He owns four of the best claims in the group.

Provisions are reported as plentiful at reasonable prices at Cook's inlet. There was little or no sickness there during the past season.

Seattle, Oct. 13.—The steamer City of Topeka arrived tonight from Juneau. Among her passengers was John F. Maloney, of Juneau, who came out from Dawson with the Galvin party.

"Hunker creek and Gold Bottom creek, it is conceded, will equal if not rival the already famous Bonanza and Eldorado creeks. More especially is this true of Hunker creek. Location No. 38 on that creek is among the richest in the Klondike district.

Mr. Maloney saw a 16-quart brass kettle filled with gold dust in the cabin of T. Dinsmore, Harry Spenz, Bill McFee and others. No. 13 Bonanza, owned by Oscar Ashley and Billy Leake, will produce \$1,000,000.

"There are stacks and stacks of gold," he said, "each with the owner's name on it. Alexander McDonald will produce the largest amount. I hesitate to give figures, but the simple truth is that his various interests will yield from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 this winter.

The statement is made that Henry Bratnober, agent for the Rotchilds, who has been spending several weeks at the diggings, offered over \$1,000,000 for 10 claims adjoining one another on Eldorado, but the offer was declined.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 13.—The steamer City of Topeka, which arrived from Alaska today, brought Captain Hackett and the crew of the schooner Annie C. Moore, which was burned in Lynn canal. She left here for Skaguay with a load of hay and feed, but both schooner and cargo were completely destroyed.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 13.—Joe Wallace was instantly killed, and David McElroy fatally injured tonight, at the St. Lawrence mine. The men were miners, and were coming up on the cage. The engineer failed to stop the engine, and the cage was carried up into the shafts, throwing both men off. Wallace's neck was broken.

Brenham, Tex., Oct. 13.—Bob Carter killed James Burch in a saloon last night and then surrendered. Today his body was found riddled with bullets back of the jail.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Oct. 13.—Frank Guerrero was burned to death this morning, 18 miles north of this city. While under the influence of liquor, he fell asleep in the manger, and matches in his pocket kindled a fire and destroyed the barn. Two horses also perished.

Liverpool has the largest fire engine in the world—equal to throwing 1,800 gallons a minute and a stream 140 feet high.

CAUGHT ON THE TRAIL

Winter Overtakes Prospectors at the Lakes.

THE SUFFERING IS INTENSE

Two Feet of Snow Already—Miners Camped in Filmy Tents—Ice on Lakes Blocks Further Travel

Skaguay, Alaska, Oct. 12.—Several parties are just in over the Dalton trail from Klondike, and all bring the same story—scarcity of provisions and possible hunger and starvation as the portion of many there this winter.

The latest arrivals, James Clark and C. A. Brown, who have been mining on Birch creek, having left Dawson City September 6, poled up the river to 150 miles above Pelly river, and there bought horses and came in over the "supposed" Dalton trail, making the trip in 26 days to Haines' mission, getting there on Sunday.

About 25 persons came out over the Dalton trail in the past week, and say there are a good many following them, all bringing the same report, that there is no trail, that it is 417 miles long, that summits innumerable have to be crossed and streams forded, and that it is impossible to find your way without Indian guides.

An Indian packer who has just arrived from Lake Lindemann reports that two feet of snow fell at Lakes Lindemann and Bennett, and the distress and suffering there are intense.

Most of the people at the lakes live in tents, and many have made provision for getting away this season. They have not built cabins for themselves, and the Indian says that with so much snow on the ground, which will in all probability remain, there will be intense suffering before the people are housed in shacks or cabins.

Late reports from the lake are that ice is rapidly forming, and all indications point to an unusually early and severe winter.

Australian Mine on Fire.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 12.—The steamer Miowera, which arrived from Australia today, brings an account of the fire in the Broken Mill mine on September 13. Between 6 and 7 o'clock on that day, the shift bosses in block 13 discovered a portion of the underground workings to be aflame, and immediately gave the alarm.

Captain Whiteside's Canvas Boat. San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The whaling schooner Bonanza, which reached the harbor on Friday night, brought from the Arctic the canvas boat in which Captain and Mrs. Whitesides and six of the crew of the Nevarch escaped from the ice jam that wrecked the vessel, to the shore, and subsequently to the cutter Bear.

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Havana, Oct. 12.—General Weyler has issued a decree allowing the return to the island of Senor Gonzales Lanuza, a judge of the supreme court of Havana and a professor in university; Dr. Emilio Nunez, a well-known lawyer; Alfredo Zayas, Adolfo Diaz, Ignacio Lamas, Manuel Castro Palomino, Juan Nosenat, Adolfo de la Cueva, Miguel Ferro, and 131 others who had been expelled.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The punishment meted out to Private Charles Hammond, at Fort Sheridan, yesterday, has caused considerable mutinous talk among the entire regiment of the post. Under orders from Captain Lovering C. Day, Hammond was dragged feet first by four soldiers from the guardhouse down a flight of stairs, to the headquarters, 500 yards, up the stairs, then down again and to the adjutant's quarters, where he was to be given a hearing for refusing to work.

WEYLER OFF FOR MADRID.

Spanish Ministry Orders Him to Quit Cuba at Once.

New York, Oct. 13.—A dispatch to the minister of war has cabled to General Weyler to embark for Madrid immediately, handing over his command to the Marquis de Ahumada or General Linares. All high civil officers and the principal lieutenants of Weyler will be replaced promptly.

The government telegraphed an order to cease instantly all rigorous methods of warfare practiced hitherto.

With the exception of conservatives and republicans who persist in courting Weyler, the majority of the press openly applaud the new government for gazetizing decrees recalling Weyler and appointing Marshal Blanco governor-general of Cuba.

So determined was the cabinet to act vigorously that immediately after the council of ministers approved the above decrees, Count Xiquena, minister of public works, carried them to the palace. The queen got up from dinner to sign them. The minister of war telegraphed the Transatlantic Company to postpone the departure of the mail steamer to allow General Blanco to embark Tuesday with a numerous staff.

Military operations will continue as soon as fine weather permits against all insurgents not disposed to submit on hearing of the contemplated reforms and the reversal of the policy of the last two years.

General Blanco, new captain-general of Cuba, announces that he will act with great energy against the insurgents, and will employ all political means to restore equality of treatment in various sections of the community. He has the greatest desire to end the war and establish peace by the system adopted in 1879.

The government has received unfavorable intelligence of the revival of the insurrection in the Philippine islands. The situation there is serious. Six filibustering expeditions from Japan and China have landed arms and war stores on various parts of the coast. Considerable reinforcements will have to be sent to Manila before the fine season opens, when the rebels are likely to resume offensive operations.

Marshal Campos declined to go to the Philippines, believing his presence in Spain more necessary if the eventualities of the colonial war should make military dictature necessary.

EIGHTY MILLIONS OF GOLD.

Estimated Output of United States Mines for 1897.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—The Times-Herald today publishes reports from all the gold-producing sections of the country showing an enormous increase in the output for 1897. On the subject the Times-Herald says:

"Gold production in the United States has increased with marvelous rapidity during the current year. The craze of the Klondike region should not obscure the great facts as they exist. Klondike's total yield for 1897 seems roughly to be about \$8,000,000. That is a comfortable sum, but it is a mere nothing when compared with the wonderful output of the yellow metal in the United States."

The Times-Herald, estimating the total output for 1897 of California, Colorado, the Black hills, Arizona, Montana, Idaho and Oregon, places the figures at \$71,300,000, and says: "Washington, Wyoming, New Mexico and Nevada will also be heavy producers, and their yield will be enormously increased. Counting this with the Klondike estimated production of \$8,000,000, the yield of the United States for 1897 will exceed \$80,000,000, one-third of the world's estimated output for the year."

Riot at Rome.

Rome, Oct. 13.—A large procession of tradesmen, headed by the pro-syndica of Rome and president of the chamber of commerce, marched to the office of the minister of the interior this morning to protest and confer with the government regarding increased taxation. Premier Rudini received the committee and promise that everything possible would be done to promote friendly relations and greater equity between the tax collectors and the taxpayers.

A large crowd of people collected around the ministry, angry shouts were heard and some of those present assumed a threatening attitude. The police attempted to disperse the violent portion of the crowd, and in the conflict six policemen were injured and one rioter killed. Revolvers were freely used, and many persons in the crowd injured. Twenty leaders of the disturbance were arrested. The condition of the three wounded policemen is serious.

The Story Growing Rapidly.

Denver, Oct. 13.—E. Guibault, formerly a Colorado mining man, has just returned from Alaska. He says the country about Cook's inlet is as rich as Klondike, and that the miners there are taking out \$25 to \$100 a day.

Galtee-More Reported Sold.

Vienna, Oct. 13.—It is asserted that the government has purchased the race-horse Galtee-More, the Derby winner, for \$20,000.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A new shingle mill has been started at Coburg.

A wingless lark is the latest Lane county freak.

A sneak thief stole 100 jars of fruit from a house in Eugene.

A golden eagle measuring 7 feet 4 inches was killed near Astoria.

Three thousand lambs were recently sold in Grant county at \$1.50 per head.

A band of 3,000 2-year-old wethers was sold in Wallowa county last week.

The cannery in Marshfield is receiving on an average of 500 salmon a day.

A drive of 2,000,000 feet of logs is being made down the McKenzie river to Coburg.

It is reported that a rich placer strike has been made on Bear creek, 20 miles from Wallowa.

The lumber mill at Rainier, which has been idle for a long time, has resumed operations.

According to the returns of the assessor the total of the taxable property of Jackson county is \$4,523,821.

There have been 13 houses built in Toledo during the past summer, and several more will be built this fall.

A buck, two does and three fawn, killed with two shots from a shotgun, is the record made by a Gates Creek hunter.

A shipment of 600 fine head of cattle, making a trainload of 22 cars, was recently made from Baker City to Omaha.

It is estimated that a pasture near Monroe contains 4,000 bushels of acorns. The nuts will be utilized to fatten hogs.

County warrants in Jacksonville are selling at 2 per cent premium. This is said to be the highest paid for Jackson county warrants in 20 years.

An Ashland paper says that the free-picture-and-you-buy-the-frame racket was worked in Ashland last week, the workers cleaning up about \$400.

Since the late rains on Camas prairie, grass is coming up nicely. Many of the farmers are plowing and others are putting in their fall grain.

About 22,000 tons of rock has been dumped on the Coquille jetty this season, and a few thousand more will be necessary to complete the work for the year.

The Western Union Telegraph company is putting in another arm and wire on its lines between Portland and Tacoma. It is said the company was unable to get men in Portland to do the work and was obliged to bring a crew of men from Minneapolis.

Sheriff Kilburn and posse, of Baker county, had a hot fight with two cattle thieves on Lower Powder river. Forty shots were exchanged. Fred Hull was shot through the arm, but escaped to Baker City. Earl Wheeler was not captured. Hull called a doctor to his lodging-house and was caught there. The thieves had 80 cattle, which they were driving to Idaho across Snake river, expecting to exchange them and bring back strange cattle to the butcher. The gang is suspected of having operated for a long time.

A six-inch refracting telescope has been received in Tacoma by the Puget sound university.

Captain L. H. Coon has assumed the duties of collector of the port at Everett, succeeding W. R. Stockbridge.

Union City is the name of the new town just started in the vicinity of the new gold finds in Whatcom county.

Kitsap county has sued Snohomish county for \$600, alleged to have been paid improperly by Kitsap on the supreme judge's salary.

James A. Roberts, a logger and woodsman, about 50 years of age, dropped dead in a saloon in Whatcom, probably of heart disease.

The dead body of a man found near the Indian reservation school, near Tacoma, with a bullet through his brain, was identified as that of Charles Ley.

H. S. Ballou, a well-known real estate dealer, dropped dead in Port Angeles on the eve of his departure for California, the cause being hemorrhage of the lungs.

There is an estimated shortage in the oat crop around La Conner of 2,600 sacks or 60,000 bushels. Every farmer on the flat reports his shortage at from 300 to 1,200 sacks.

Negotiations are well under way to secure the location of 100 families of Hollanders on the Book ranch, in West Aberdeen, where the land is said to be well located for such a colony.

Governor Rogers has appointed R. C. McCroskey regent of the Washington agricultural college. McCroskey will probably fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Regent Windus.

Since Governor Rogers began signing commissions there have been 143 notarial appointments in Washington. Many of these are reappointments. For each notarial appointment, \$10 goes into the state library fund.

A good many Indians stopped in Ellensburg on their way home from the Yakima hopfields. Most of them are Okanagan, of Chief Moses' band. While there they spent quite a lot of money, and the merchants profited by a brisk cash trade.

ANOTHER BOLD HOLD UP.

Two Men Stop and Rob an Oregon City Car.

Portland, Oct. 12.—The East Side Railway Company's car, Ona, bound for Portland, was held up at Meldrum station, four miles this side of Oregon City, at 6:45 last evening, by two highwaymen, and from the 35 passengers on board \$97 was taken. Both the robbers were armed with revolvers, each had his face blackened, and each acted with perfect calmness during the robbery. Not a single shot was fired by either the robbers or passengers. An absurd civility prevailed, and when the work had been finished the highwaymen bade their victims a courteous adieu and said they would call again when broke. They then backed a short distance into the brush and secreted themselves until the car moved on.

The work of the two men is well in line with the attempt on the O. R. & N. passenger only a short time ago, but the result was more satisfactory to the robbers. Who they are is unknown to the authorities, although some persons on the car asserted that they recognized the voice of one of them. The pursuit was commenced as soon as the car could reach this city and the police could be returned to the scene, but so far no trace of them can be found.

The Ona left Oregon City at 6:20. There were about 35 passengers aboard, the seats nearly all being full. At Meldrum station there is a switch, which necessitates a slowing down for a distance. The track at this point is in a very light cut, and on both sides there is a considerable growth of low underbrush and ferns. When the Ona was passing this place the motorman heard something running through the brush and ferns, which he supposed was cattle fleeing from the car. A moment later, however, he realized that the somethings were coming toward the car, and that their speed was not due to fright.

A medium-sized man stepped on the front step while the car was still going slowly, and, approaching the motorman, peremptorily commanded him to stop the car. The motorman did not grasp the situation at first, but thought a joke was being perpetrated. The highwayman soon disabused his mind by poking a revolver into his face as an additional emphasis, which induced the motorman to act promptly. The robber asked him if he had any money, and, being answered in the negative, patted his pockets to ascertain if the answer was true. He then ordered the motorman inside the car, and started in to "go through" the passengers.

About the same time the man jumped on at the front, a second robber climbed onto the rear platform. He indicated his purpose by pointing a revolver down the aisle of the car to intimidate the passengers. Just as the car was coming to a halt the conductor managed to pass down the aisle to the center of the car, and, reaching the button overhead, turned off the lights. He then stood near that place during the proceedings following.

The man in front found the work of taking the surplus cash possessed by the passengers impeded by the lack of light. He had taken the money from three passengers, when he decided to have the lights turned on again. He ordered the conductor to do this, using an oath each time. "Turn on the lights or I'll blow your brains out," was repeated once or twice, to which the conductor replied that some one outside had pulled the trolley off. At last the robber at the front end called out two or three times for the car to go ahead so that he could have the benefit of the moonlight. Following his order, the car moved on until it turned so that the light shone in fairly well, when he said that was enough, when it stopped again. How the car was moved is not clear, as the motorman says he was taken inside and kept there, and neither of the two robbers in sight went to the front platform.

The robber from the front continued his work when the car came to a halt. He went down the aisle commanding the passengers to stand, and taking from them the money offered, and in some cases feeling of their pockets to see if they had given all. He passed alleged victimisms with general, and kept up a talk the whole time he was in the car.

After the robber from the front had gone through the car, the one standing guard at the rear asked impatiently if he was through. Being told that all was finished, he again asked how much had been gotten. No. 1 said, "Oh, \$15 or \$16," and the two then backed out of the rear door. They kept their pistols pointed at the car after reaching the ground until they had backed about 10 feet, when they squatted in the brush until the car had gone on.

Baker City, Or., Oct. 12.—This afternoon, at 4 o'clock, an explosion of giant powder occurred in the 600-foot level of the Virtue mine, killing J. P. Maddox and injuring several other miners. The cause of the explosion was the dropping of a lighted candle in the powder magazine.

Explosion in a Mine.

Constantinople, Oct. 12.—The sultan has appointed the minister of foreign affairs, Tewfik Pasha, as the plenipotentiary of Turkey to negotiate the peace treaty with Greece.

To Settle It Finally.

Seattle, Oct. 12.—This afternoon an electric car on Third avenue jumped the track and plunged down a 10-foot embankment. The car contained about 25 passengers, but none of them were seriously injured.

Struck by an Electric Car.

Detroit, Oct. 12.—Thomas McGraw, an aged capitalist, was struck by an electric car today, sustaining injuries from which he cannot recover.