

NEWS OF THE WEEK

NORTHWEST.

Salem will have a press club. Salem is to have a cavalry troop. The smelter looks like a go. Astoria wants the annual encampment of the O. N. G. Hood River postoffice enters the fourth class on July 1. Southern Oregon had a much-needed rain. The Spokane Exchange bank has changed hands. Spokane is getting so good she is fighting the saloons and houses of ill fame. Spokane is horrified with the vulgarity of the play "The Turtle." The Albany postoffice will become a second-class one. The I. R. & N. Co.'s engine is still lying in the bay at Ilwaco. There is said to be plenty of time yet for a flood in the Columbia river. Railroad agents are thick at The Dalles to solicit stock shipments. Oregon Woolgrowers' Association is flourishing. A young man named Fred Baur was shot near Astoria for a boyish prank. A perfect mountain of \$4 ore has been discovered near Prineville. Wet weather is killing the young Chinese pheasants. Prunegrowers in Oregon do not feel so badly since learning that the French crop is an utter failure. Eight carloads of wreckage resulted from the recent wreck at Cow Creek canyon. J. C. Neff, of Hood River, has accepted the principalship of The Dalles high school. The Ellesbury logging railroad, in Washington, has been sold to Eastern capitalists. Almost every town and crossroad in Oregon is talking Fourth of July. And isn't this the year for it? Arrangements are being made to send a colony of Whitman, Wash., farmers to Lower California. The Eugene First National bank was defrauded of \$150 by a man giving the name of Hunt. Forged note. Over 2700 licenses have been issued from the office of the fish commissioner at Astoria. The navy department promises to send a warship to Astoria during the regatta this year.

OREGON.

Yamhill fruit crop a failure. Waterspout in Wasco county. Heavy run of salmon in Astoria Monday. Cattle killed near Marshfield by eating larkspur. Pendleton will soon have a new telephone line. Hood River Strawberries now ripening very slowly. Eight carloads cattle shipped from Eugene Saturday. G. B. Swinehart, of Elgin, has cleaned up \$20,000 in Klondike this season. Weston has bought a 530-pound bell for his fire department. Congress are becoming very numerous in the vicinity of Deer Island, Columbia county. The Jacksonville Times estimates that between 750 and 800 bicycles are owned in Jackson county. The German classes of Albany college are arranging to present a German play in the near future. Robert Veatch, of Forest Grove, has been appointed a government forest ranger for Bohemia district. Morrow county had a heavy rain and hail storm Tuesday. The streams became raging torrents and cellars were flooded. Outside stockmen will find no range in Klamath county this year. Nearly every acre on which grass grows has been fenced. The public school at Pendleton will be called Field school, in honor of Eugene Field, the Chicago poet, who died a few years ago. Bishop Morris laid the corner stone of the new Episcopal church at Heppner on Monday. The church was named All Saints' church. The Albany Ministerial Association protested against the Turn Verein excursion from Portland to Albany which took place last Sunday. The law taxing sheep 2 cents a head and all real and personal property a quarter of a cent to provide a fund for scalp bounty will raise over \$200 in Yamhill county. Coyote-hunting has become a very profitable business in Eastern Oregon since the passage of the new bounty law. A large number of scalps are being brought in now, says the Antelope Herald, and when the summer's hunting and trapping is over, they will come in by the hundreds.

STATE.

Astoria buried Edwin C. Young, a Manila hero, with high honors. Commencement at Eugene this week. A good wagon road will be built from Baker City to the Seven Devils district. Murderer Magers is confident of a new trial. Harry and John Anderson drowned while sailing near Astoria. Sheep selling for \$2.50 after shearing. The Dalles wants a fire alarm system. Supposed remains of Handy, a man lost in February, were discovered on Rock creek. Bond suit at South Bend, Wash., decided against Morris & Whitehead, Portland bankers. McMinnville Woodmen made \$50 on an entertainment for the volunteer monument fund. Oregon postmasters appointed Monday were: James F. Reeber, at Wilson, vice Walter J. Smith, removed, and Melville T. Frishell, at McKinzie Bridge, vice Albert S. Power, removed. The child of W. E. Pike, of Beaver Hill, Coos county, ate a poisoned cookie left on the place by a dog poisoner, and at last accounts was not expected to live. A vigorous fight is on between The Dalles and Moro as to which shall be the terminus of the Prineville route. Moro is making strenuous efforts to secure this convenience, while The Dalles is just as determined to hold it. Arrangements are under way with San Francisco men for the construction of another large vessel at the Marshfield shipyard. Master Builder Heuckendorf has room for three in his yard at once, and can easily handle that many without being inconvenienced. Farmers living south of Pendleton complain that the Russian thistle is gaining great headway and that unless the law recently passed is enforced the thistle will become very annoying. The work of dredging the channel across Hugback bar, off Tongue point, by the United States dredger W. S. Ladd is progressing in good shape under the supervision of Captain George A. Pease. The channel opened will be about half a mile long and 200 feet wide.

PACIFIC COAST.

Snake river is falling and Columbia is rising. Eighty diplomas will be granted at Seattle university Thursday. Baptist ministers filled all the pulpits in San Francisco churches Sunday. Eighty prospectors on Copper river are missing. Steamer China, from the Orient now at Frisco. Transport Grant has sailed for Manila. Tacoma has 22 miles of bicycle paths. Saloon at Everett, Wash., robbed of \$100. Dr. Kellogg retained as president of California state university. Half million dollar suit of Spreckles against Graham at San Francisco has been settled. Los Angeles wants some of the returning soldiers camped there during the muster-out. Captain Sewell, of the American ship Settlement, arrested at a foreign port for complicity in a murder.

GENERAL.

Colonel Stotsenberg's body viewed by thousands at Lincoln, Neb. McKinley criticised for wearing a Confederate badge by a Boston minister. Nine persons killed in a railway wreck at Waterloo, Ia. Ohio believed to be safe for McKinley in next campaign. Young man named Kretz jumped from Brooklyn bridge Sunday. Not hurt. Storms continue in the East. Senator McBride is in New York. Grand Trunk railway strike is ended. Billings, Montana, railroad will be extended to Butte. Seven train robbers are on trial at Hartsville, Mo. New torpedo-boat launched at Bath, Me., Monday. Wrecking company receives \$75,000 for raising the Reina Mercedes. Washakie military post in Wyoming will not be abandoned, as announced. Great rush on now at Havana, Cubans seem to have just come to their senses and are taking their bounty money rapidly.

FOREIGN.

Lawton wants 100,000 soldiers in the Philippines. Colonel Summers now has full rank as a brigadier-general. Padrewski said to have married secretly. Miller, of Chicago, won second place in international wheel race at Paris. A Frenchman first.

OUR WAR WITH SPAIN.

Ex-Minister Woodford Relates Some of Its Secrets.

WHY DELAY WAS IMPERATIVE.

He Says There Were Not Two Rounds of Ammunition Per Gun on Hand When the Maine Was Blown Up. Sealed Trainload of Ammunition Hurried Across the Continent For Dewey.

General Stewart L. Woodford talked to members of the Army and Navy club and their guests in New York the other night about some of the happenings at Washington and Madrid while he was the United States minister to Spain. The occasion was one of the open meetings, a series of which the club holds every winter. The parlors of the house were crowded, and standing room was at a premium in the halls. Among other things, General Woodford said: "Without introduction I will try to tell you something of each of the happenings at Madrid while he who addresses you was your minister to Spain as the proprietaries of the occasion and the usages of the state department will permit. Your minister carried with him to Madrid instructions from the president to do three things. One was



GENERAL STEWART L. WOODFORD.

to secure justice for Cuba, another was to see that our commercial interests in that island were no longer embarrassed and the third was to demand the withdrawal from Cuba of General Weyler on or before Oct. 31, 1897—or to demand the passports of the American minister. I delivered my instructions to the Duke of Tetan, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, and he promptly told me that under no circumstances would General Weyler be withdrawn from Cuba until the end of the two years for which he had been sent there. "What the Duke of Tetan refused to do and what American diplomacy failed to secure was accomplished by providential means. The conservative government resigned, the Sagasta ministry came into power, and on Oct. 29, I think it was, two days before the set time for General Weyler's recall by the president, Weyler was recalled. "The weeks drifted by and Feb. 15, 1898, came, when our battleship was blown up in the harbor of Havana. Through departments other than the state department your minister received telegraphic information on Feb. 18 that there were not on American ships or in the ordnance depots in the United States two rounds of powder per gun at that time, and I was told to exhaust the arts of peace until April 15, the earliest date at which we could be anywhere near ready for war, and that in any event smokeless powder for both the navy and the army would be another impossibility. "Your minister did the best he could. But let me tell you that had it not been for the unflinching, unchanging and loyal friendship of England and the attitude of her minister at Madrid he might have failed to do the little he did do, because the representatives at Madrid of continental Europe were ready at any time to interfere with the plans of the United States if the British minister would only join them. In the meantime the work of preparation went on at home, and to show you how accurately the time was gauged, I may tell you of the run of a sealed express train across the continent, the contents of which train no man outside of Washington, and only two there, knew. It had the right of way over all other trains. When it reached San Francisco, its cargo was transferred to a waiting steamer, which raced to Honolulu. There the cruiser Baltimore was waiting, no one knew for what. The cargo was shifted to the Baltimore, which carried it to Hongkong, and on April 23 the cargo was distributed among the American warships there, and Dewey had the ammunition he wanted. On April 24 he got his orders to sail for Manila. That ammunition on May day awoke echoes in Manila bay that were heard round the world and took from Spain an empire. "General Woodford hastily sketched the remainder of his stay in Spain and in conclusion said: "The war with Spain has been likened to the hundred days in Italy. Those hundred days changed the map of Europe for 20 years. The days of our war changed the map of the world and changed it forever. You and I may differ as to politics, but upon one thing we cannot differ. We tore down the sovereignty of Spain in the Philippines. We must either establish there a form of government as we know government, or we must guarantee the protection of life and property there until the peoples of those islands show that they can govern themselves. We must do one of these two things. It is our duty, and we cannot shirk it." —New York Sun.

A SONG OF FORGETTING.

The hours as playthings were—ah, met And laughter lived in every word What time that love was young and gleo In every pulsing heart thro' stirred. The wild plum blossomed in the glen. The rabbit raced across the plain, And frightened birdlings hurried when Our hounds and horses tramped the plain. Down in the grove beside the spring We rested when the race was won, And listened to the wood bird sing A lullaby when day was done. But, ah, you wandered from my side And paved the long lone lane of years With memory stones and loss too wide For sob's to soothe with memory tears. And now you come—come back to me To fill, as then, the old time place— Where is the magic of your plea? What change has come upon your face? Oh, friend, to lose and still love on, To live on chaff instead of grain Is better than to feel love gone— Forgetting is the keenest pain. —Atlanta Constitution.

CHARLES STEWART PARNELL

How the Great Irish Leader Came to Enter Politics.

Charles Stewart Parnell was 28 years old before he made his entry into the political arena. How the step was taken is thus described by Mr. R. Barry O'Brien in his biography of the great Irish leader. "One night during the general election of 1874 Parnell dined with his sister, Mrs. Dickinson, in Dublin. After dinner Captain Dickinson said 'Well, Charles, why don't you go into parliament? Why don't you stand for your native county?' "To the surprise of every one at the table, Parnell said quickly 'I will. Whom ought I to see?' "Oh," said Dickinson, 'we will see about that tomorrow. The great thing is you have decided to stand.' "I will see about it at once," said Parnell. 'I have made up my mind, and I won't wait. Whom ought I to see?' "I think Gray of The Freeman's Journal," said John, who was also present. "Very well," said Parnell, rising from the table, 'I shall go to him at once. Do you come with me, John.' "The two brothers then went away together. It was now 11 o'clock, and they found Gray at The Freeman's office. He was amazed when Parnell entered and said, 'I have come to say, Mr. Gray, that I mean to stand for Wicklow as a Home Ruler.' "It was only the year after that, on the death of John Mitchel, Parnell was returned for Meath. At first it is plain that Parnell had few if any followers. The ability of the representative from Meath was questioned. Butt was then the controlling power. It was only in 1880 that Parnell became the leader.

BRUGES.

The chronicles of 1456 speak of 150 vessels in its basins and of German merchants carrying away over 2,000 pieces of cloth to the distant lands of Russia and Poland. It was the exchange of Europe, possessing in the fourteenth century 53 guilds and 150,000 inhabitants, more than three times as many as it now contains. Among its wares we read of leather from Spain, wool from England, silk from Italy and Persia, linen and cloth from Brabant, hemp and flax from Holland, wine from Portugal, Greece and France and hardware from Germany, which included every variety of object in ivory, bone, wood, glass, tin, copper, lead, iron, silver and gold. It had its factories, its carriers, its dyers, and its taxation considerably exceeded that of Ghent. But at the commencement of the fourteenth century its troubles began—troubles from within and from without. The Seine was rendered useless by the invasion of sand as far as Sluis (Ecluse), treachery, slaughter and political jealousies and rivalries completed the fall, and in 1544 its inhabitants had diminished to 7,696. Then came the religious wars and persecutions from 1567 to 1584, the fanatics and the Gueux destroying what remained, leaving little for the French revolutionists.—Good Words.

The Swiss Parliament.

Switzerland differs from other countries in many things, and one of the most remarkable is the way in which its parliamentary debates are conducted. A Swiss member of parliament can express himself in French, German or Italian, and the privilege is freely used. When the president of the federal assembly speaks in German, his remarks are translated by a secretary in close proximity to him. All the laws and resolutions, before being voted upon, are drawn up in French, German and Italian, and every official report is published in these three languages.—Birmingham Post.

Making It Clear.

Somebody has discovered that a Bermuda onion eaten raw will clear the head. A Bermuda onion eaten raw will do more than that. It will clear an entire room. An active Bermuda onion is a complete clearing house all by itself. Take one Bermuda onion—only one—and let the lips of beauty close upon it, and love will turn to hatred and honey to gall and bitterness. Clear the head? Why, a Bermuda onion in fairly good health will clear the head of navigation!—Exchange.

The Germans have introduced what amounts to slave labor in their east African colonies. Each native village must furnish a certain number of inhabitants to labor for the imperial government, on plantations or elsewhere, without pay.

A man who is overshadowed in his business relations is pretty sure to learn in the course of time that the world is shrewd enough to protect itself against him.—Somerville Journal.

Gambling debts are recoverable by law in France, Spain, Venezuela, and in some cases in Germany.

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