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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Current Week.

The lumbering town of Austin, Pa., was nearly wiped off the map by fire. Only five dwellings remain. Fully 500 persons are homeless.

The Hotel Lafayette, at Minnetonka, Minn., the largest summer resort in the West, was totally destroyed by fire. It was owned by the Great Northern railway.

For the month of September, the attendance at the Nashville exposition was 253,734, and the total attendance since the opening up October 1 amounted to 1,196,855.

The emperor of China has forbidden all sorts of banquets and junketing because an eclipse will occur on January 23, 1898. An eclipse of the sun is said by the Chinese to be proof of the wrath of heaven at the lack of virtue in a ruler.

A \$2,000,000 power plant is to be established near Butte, Mont. While the plant will furnish electricity for Butte and power for general purposes, it is being built chiefly to supply power to several large copper mines, which are located near Butte.

Five hundred thousand acres of fine land along the Big Piney, Lebergo, Fontanelle creeks and Green river, which have recently been surveyed, will be thrown open to settlement under the United States land laws after November 1, when plats of the land will be filed in the local land office. The lands comprise eight townships, all in Uintah county, Wyoming.

A vessel carrying supplies of medicine, clothing, arms and ammunition for the Cuban army has left Montreal for Cuba. The scheme was not authorized by the Cuban junta in New York, but was undertaken on behalf of two gentlemen, one a Canadian, who decided on running an expedition to the coast of Cuba, and, if successful, identifying themselves with the cause.

Neal Dow, the great temperance advocate, died at his home in Portland, Me. It was through his efforts that in 1884 an amendment to the constitution of Maine was adopted by a popular vote of nearly three to one, in which it was declared that the manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating beverages was forever forbidden, and commanding the legislature to enact suitable laws for the enforcement of the prohibition.

The topic of the day in Paris has been the refusal of M. Loze, French ambassador at Vienna, to accept the appointment of ambassador general to Algeria on the ground that he does not desire to leave his aged parents. He declares that he will remain in Vienna, but the Marquis d'Evreux has already been appointed to replace him, and the cabinet has decided that this appointment must stand. M. Loze, therefore, will have to make an ignominious retreat.

The Orange-Judd farmer, in his final estimate of the year's crop, says that figures, based on actual threshing returns, indicate a total yield of 589,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which 373,000,000 bushels in winter, and 216,400,000 bushels in spring wheat. The report says the corn crop is exceedingly disappointing, and an outside estimate is 1,750,000,000 bushels. Drought during the past two months reduced the average condition from 82.3 a month ago to 78.9 on October 1. An average oats yield of 28.7 bushels per acre suggests a crop of 814,000,000 bushels, 100,000,000 more than last year.

Three persons were killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks near Chester, Pa., by a passenger train crashing into a wagon.

The Daily Mail laughs at the report of the Canadian expedition in Hudson's bay hoisting the British flag over Baffin's Land, to get ahead of the Americans, and declares that the territory has long been a British possession.

The first of the sealing fleet to return to Victoria was the Casco. She brought 1,064 skins, taken off the Japanese coast and Copper islands. She reports that the Galotta, with 1,400 skins, and the Director, with 1,000 skins, are close behind her.

Five men met a horrible death from black damp, the after-accumulation of a fire in the Jermyn mine near Rendham, Pa. The bodies were discovered by a gang of men who went down into the mine with supplies for combating the fire. No body knew of their deaths until the discovery of the lifeless bodies.

During the past month nearly \$5,000,000 worth of grain has left the Pacific ports for Europe. Besides this, 23 lumber vessels have sailed for foreign ports with cargoes valued at over \$200,000. As the month of August nearly equaled September, the export of grain and flour alone for the two months would easily run into the ten-million figures.

Commissioner Evans estimates that the payments for pensions for the fiscal year will foot up \$147,500,000. The appropriation was \$141,263,850. The high-water mark for pensions was in 1893 when the payments amounted to \$159,357,557, since which time they have been kept down to the figure of this year's appropriation. The payments for pensions this year will be within \$50,000,000 of as much as the entire receipts of the government from customs last year, and more than equal to the entire internal revenue tax.

SUNK OFF THE RIVER.

Schooner Orion Cut Down by the Ship Peru.

Astoria, Oct. 6.—Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon, just as she was completing one of the fastest trans-Pacific sailing trips on record, the big four-masted German ship Peru crashed into the little coasting schooner Orion, cutting her in two, and sending her to the bottom immediately.

When the little vessel was struck by the big steel ship, the captain was thrown across the deck, badly bruised, and every one of his four men were knocked about and more or less seriously injured. They succeeded in grasping ropes of the German bark, and climbed aboard, and thus made their escape. Captain Nelson was loath to say who he thought was to blame for the collision. He avers that his schooner was on her course for Shoalwater bay. The weather was perfectly clear and the sea smooth. The accident occurred north of the lightship, some 12 or 15 miles off the mouth of the river.

The tug Relief was towing the German bark, and the captain declined to make a statement. The captain of the schooner laid his case before the British vice-consul here tonight, and the matter will be thoroughly investigated. The shipwrecked crew are now at a hotel in Astoria, without a cent of money or clothes other than what was on their backs at the time of the collision.

The Orion was en route from San Francisco for Willapa harbor in ballast, and at the time of the accident was on the starboard tack, steering by the wind. While the reticence of the men in charge of the vessel makes it difficult to get at the exact cause of the disaster, it is apparent from what little information they volunteer that there was a miscalculation as to the speed of the vessels, which prevented their having seen room until it was too late to avoid a collision.

The Peru being a heavy steel ship could not be much damaged by the encounter with the smaller wooden vessel, but she came out on her way to Portland. The Orion was a small three-masted schooner, of 117 tons register.

The Peru is a steel ship of 2,033 tons net register, 275 feet long, 33.5 feet beam, 23.9 feet hold.

New Yukon Railroads.

New York, Oct. 4.—A dispatch from Montreal says: Application will be made to the Dominion parliament next session for a bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway from a point near the head of Chilkoot inlet, on the Lynn canal, to the rapids on the Yukon river, following as closely as practicable Dalton's trail, with power to construct and operate branch lines, bridges, wharves, telegraph and telephone lines, steamboats and other craft on the lakes and tributaries of the Yukon river. The promoters are a syndicate of wealthy men.

Latest reports received at Ottawa of the progress of the Crow's Nest pass railway construction are to the effect that work on the first 100 miles is very far advanced, and that there is no question but the company will be able to realize its purpose of completing this section before the close of the present season.

Six People Killed.

Willow Springs, Mo., Oct. 6.—A prairie schooner containing seven persons was run down in Dead Man's cut today by a train on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road. Six persons were instantly killed and seven others fatally injured. Those killed were: Philip L. Wooten, Philip Wooten, Jr., Amanda Wooten, Dora Wooten, Mrs. Frances Malberry and infant child 4 months old. Philip Wooten's wife is so badly hurt that she cannot live. The train was stopped and the remains of the dead and injured were brought here. Conductor Hallaway says the proper signals for crossings were given, but were not heard. The persons killed in Texas county, Mo., and were on their way to Arkansas to pick cotton.

Sagasta's Ultimatum.

London, Oct. 6.—A special dispatch from Madrid, published here this afternoon, gives the substance of an interview with a newspaper correspondent and an unnamed member of the new Spanish cabinet. The latter is quoted as saying that Senor Sagasta will carry out the Cuban reforms proposed by Martinez de Campos 10 years ago, but would not consent to a customs union between the United States and Cuba, and if the former was not satisfied, Spain was prepared to fight, as the Spanish navy is regarded equal in strength to the navy of the United States.

Seals Are Plentiful.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 6.—Captain Cox, of the sealing schooner Triumph, which has returned from Behring sea with 1,150 skins, says skins are plentiful in the sea; there is as many there this season as there ever were. But for some cause or other they are very scarce. In the Triumph's catch were four or five skins from which the hair had been burned off the back. They were not branded, but there is an iron mark from which the fur was burned, seemingly by electricity.

Dead of a Fool.

Denver, Oct. 6.—About 10 o'clock last night Thomas H. Burch shot and instantly killed Thomas Martin. The shooting occurred on a ranch owned by Burch, about four miles north of here. Burch was watching for thieves who had been stealing apples from his orchard, and thinking Martin was one of them, he fired at him with a double-barreled shotgun. Burch is a prominent man and is well to do. He gave himself up.

FREEDOM OR NOTHING

Cubans Willing to Purchase Their Independence.

WILL NOT ACCEPT AUTONOMY

Acarraga Could Not Bluff the Queen—Premier Sagasta Says What He Will and Will Not Do.

New York, Oct. 5.—The Herald prints a number of interviews with leading Cubans here on the situation in the island.

Estrala Palma, representative of the Cuban provisional government, said: "The Cubans are more firmly determined than ever to push the fight until absolute independence of Cuba is acknowledged. I believe the Cubans are willing to pay a reasonable indemnity to Spain, provided she withdraw her troops from Cuba before the island is totally ruined."

Enrique Devarona said: "The only practical solution of the Cuban problem is absolute independence."

Colonel F. Lopez de Queralt, formerly of the United States army, and a veteran of the 10 years' war in Cuba, said:

"To avoid further shedding of blood of innocent people I would, although painfully, sign and give my consent to a compensation to Spain for the sake of getting rid of the Spanish."

E. Trujillo, editor of El Porvenir, said: "Cubans are fighting for absolute independence, and will accept no other solution."

Regarding the proposition for the purchase of Cuba from Spain, General Emilio Nunez, who has been in consultation with the junta leaders in New York, said: "I cannot see how the plans for the freedom of Cuba on the basis of a guarantee by the United States of an indemnity of \$200,000,000 in cash can be displeasing to any of the parties, except that the amount is greatly in excess of the true value of the relics left by Weyler. The United States could afford to back up the proposition, because it would have the revenue of Cuba to guarantee reimbursement, and would gain immediate improvements in its trade relations."

SAGASTA'S POLICY.

Immediate Recall of Weyler and the Granting of Promised Reforms.

New York, Oct. 6.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

The World correspondent called today on Premier Sagasta, who said, in response to inquiries: "You ask me if the liberal party would assent to mediation by the United States, with a view to hastening the pacification of Cuba and inducing the rebels in arms and the exiles to accept autonomy. Why should we need mediation, when our intentions—long and often expressed by the liberal party—aim at realizing all that America could suggest?"

"No Spanish party, certainly not the liberals, could assent to foreign interference in our domestic affairs, or with our colonies. No government could hope to induce the nation to accept such interference. If America, as we firmly believe and hope, is disposed to be friendly with us, let her observe the rules of international law, and stop the flow of mortal and material aid, without which the insurgents could not last five months."

"We shall reverse the policy in Cuba, beginning, naturally, with the recall of Weyler. I informed the queen yesterday that the liberal party would accept the responsibility of office most willingly if her majesty honored the party with her confidence; that the liberal party had plans for all pending questions of the day in Spain, and certainly would grant to Cuba autonomy along the lines traced in the program of the Cuban autonomists themselves. I said so in my manifesto in June, and I have repeated the same promise during the government holidays. The liberal party is prepared to grant to Cuba all possible government, a broad tariff and every concession compatible with the inflexible defense of Spain's rule and sovereignty in the West Indies. We believe this will satisfy the majority of Cubans and we will act thus spontaneously."

Tortured by Tibetans.

Bombay, Oct. 5.—Henry Savage Landon, a well-known artist, traveler and writer, and the grandson of the celebrated Walter Savage Landon, has just returned from India, after a terrible experience. He had undertaken an exploring tour in Thibet, but he was abandoned by all the members of his company, except two coolies. Finally, the Tibetans arrested him by an act of treachery, sentenced him to death, and, after torturing him with hot irons, actually carried him to the execution grounds. At almost the last minute, the execution was stopped by the grand lama, who commuted the sentence to torture by the "stroe-ching-log," a species of rack which greatly injured Mr. Landon's spine and limbs. After being chained for eight days, he was released. Mr. Landon has no fewer than 22 wounds as the result of his torture.

Hamilton, Ala., Oct. 5.—While returning from a party near here late last night six people were thrown from a boat into the Battahachie river and four of the occupants drowned. Those drowned were Misses Lizzie Smith, Belle Key, Mary T. Weazing and Ella Phillips. Their escorts, Robert and John Wright, brothers, who caused the boat to capsize by rocking it, saved their own lives. The feeling is, so they say, against the two men that they have left town.

DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT.

Turning Point in the Guatemala War at Hand.

New York, Oct. 6.—A dispatch to the Herald from Guatemala says: The government is still mobilizing its forces at Tolonicapan, and is preparing to make an attack on the rebels, who have taken a position on the heights of Coxon, near Tolonicapan. It is believed that there will be a big battle there which will mark the turning point of the war.

The rebels, safely placed in the hills, opened fire on the city at an early hour on the morning of September 29. The fire proved ineffective, owing to the great distance. The government forces did not return the fire.

Dictator Barrios has issued a decree granting amnesty to rebels who will lay down their arms inside of ten days.

A dispatch to the Herald from Rio de Janeiro says: The French minister has demanded an immediate settlement of the Amapa question and an explanation of Brazil's delay in the matter. It is asserted that the French minister has received practically an ultimatum from his government for presentation to Brazil, but has not thus far presented it because of his belief that the question would be speedily settled. France is now, however, to occupy the disputed territory.

The French cruiser Debordie has arrived here to look out for French interests.

A dispatch from Lima says the committee of deputies which was recently appointed to agree upon a plan to settle the affairs of the Peruvian Corporation have not been able to reach an agreement. Several members of the committee advocate a plan to authorize the government by special act of congress to negotiate with the corporation's creditors on a basis decided upon by congress. Other members want the committee to have full authority to make any terms with the creditors and the corporation, and have authority to alter the terms of the cancellation of the foreign debt, which debt the corporation assumed.

A dispatch from Valparaiso says it is stated there that a powerful syndicate of German bankers has offered to the Chilean government a loan of \$1,000,000 in gold at 2 per cent and 2 per cent amortization for the completion of public works and railways.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

Columbus, O., Oct. 6.—A special from Piqua to the Dispatch says: A Panhandle passenger train was wrecked two and a half miles east of this city this morning. The train was coming down grade at the rate of 40 miles an hour, and in crossing the frog of a switch at Jordan left the track. For 570 feet the engine bumped over the ties and then went into the ditch. The tender went in the opposite direction while the baggage car was thrown across the track. Two day coaches were crushed together. El Carroll, the engineer, was hurled 50 feet and fell on a portion of his cab. Fireman John Baird was pitched 75 feet over into a field. The engineer sustained a terrible scalp wound, remaining unconscious for some time. The fireman was hurt internally. C. S. McCowan, the baggage-master, was bruised by being pinned in by the trucks.

A Trainload of Gold.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 6.—A novel scheme for handling the gold output of the Cripple Creek mines of that district. The plan is to set aside the output for one month, take the bullion therefrom and ship it to the United States mint in Philadelphia in a single consignment. A special train will be secured for the purpose of transporting it, the bullion will be placed in charge of some express company which can guarantee its safety, and all necessary precautions will be taken to prevent accident while the consignment is in transit.

As the present output of Cripple Creek is about \$1,000,000 per month, this will be one of the largest shipments of gold bullion that ever crossed the continent.

Fight With Cattle Thieves.

Baker City, Or., Oct. 6.—Sheriff Kilburn and posse had a hot fight last night at 9 o'clock with two cattle thieves on Lower Powder river. Forty shots were exchanged. Fred Hill was shot through the arm, but escaped to this city. Earl Wheeler was not captured. Hull called a doctor to his lodging-house and was caught there today.

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.

Fatal Prairie Fire.

Miller, S. D., Oct. 6.—Persons from 20 miles north state that as a result of the big prairie fire, one man has died and others may die. Seven or eight were badly burned, one family named Preston all being in a dangerous condition. Hundreds of tons of hay and grain were destroyed. The fire was caused by men making a fire break.

Four Fishermen Drowned.

New York, Oct. 6.—Four poor fishermen of North Long Branch, N.J., were drowned today while about their work, about 100 yards off shore.

Money for Weyler.

Havana, Oct. 6.—The steamer Reina Crista, which arrived today, brought to Captain-General Weyler, \$2,000,000, it is asserted, to be applied in military expenses. Tomorrow, 100 Spanish soldiers sick or otherwise incapacitated, will return to Spain.

St. Paul, Oct. 6.—Samuel P. J. McMillan, United States senator from 1876 to 1888, died at his home in this city last night of anemia. He had been ill for nearly a year.

TRAMWAY OVER PASS

Electric Power on the Summit of Chilkoot Trail.

PORTLAND-JUNEAU ENTERPRISE

A Company Organized to Transport Freight and Passengers Over the Worst Mile.

Portland, Or., Oct. 4.—Ample facilities for the transportation of freight and passengers over Chilkoot pass will be provided by a Portland-Juneau company, in time for the rush to the Yukon next season.

Articles incorporating the Dyea-Klondike Transportation Company were filed here. The objects of the corporation are announced as follows:

"To conduct a general transportation business from the headwaters of Lynn canal, Alaska, to all points in Alaska, and in British North America, and to carry freight and passengers."

"To acquire, build, locate and operate tramways, bridges, wagon roads, sawmills, etc.; to navigate the Yukon river and its tributaries from St. Michaels to Dawson City, and to purchase, build and operate all manner of vessels between Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Juneau, Dyea, Skagway and St. Michaels. Capital stock, \$250,000."

Although the announcement of objects is made to cover a wide field, the company's present attention is directed solely to providing means for the transfer of Klondikers and their outfits over the most difficult portion of their journey, which is from the steamer at Dyea, over the pass to Lake Lindemann. Construction is already begun, a wharf being well under way at Dyea, and the work of putting up a 5,000-foot cable tramway at the pass itself being started. The company announces that it will be ready for business by February 1, by which time it will be in shape to handle, if necessary, the outfits of 20,000 people a month, doing the work at a reasonable figure.

Members of the company make the following statement:

"The trip from Dyea to Lake Lindemann has been made by a man with an ordinary outfit, amply provided with packers. We do not propose to lessen this time very much, but we do propose to take over a very much larger tonnage than could otherwise be taken in the same time. When finished, our cable tramway, which will be quite similar to those used at some of the big mines on mountain sides, will extend from Sheep Camp to the summit, cutting off a distance of four miles as at present traveled. Our immediate attention, however, will be directed to the most difficult part of the ascent, a stretch of about 5,000 feet, over which we shall be ready to operate by February 1. We shall use the water fall of the Dyea river to convey electric power to our plant."

"Though the short period that is allowed our company for preparation gives us time only to overcome the worst difficulty of the trip, yet we have ample means to do more as may be justified by the progress of business. When this route is open it will be possible for any number of people to go from here to Dawson with their outfits at less than half the cost of the trip via St. Michaels, without an outfit, at the same time saving 20 days."

"From Portland to Dawson via Chilkoot Pass the distance is only 1,700 miles; via St. Michaels it is 3,700 miles. It takes five weeks at least to make the trip via St. Michaels, and not over 15 days is required by the pass when the lakes and rivers are open. Another important saving of time is in the fact that one can get over the Chilkoot and land supplies at Dawson two months before the first steamer gets up the Yukon from St. Michaels, which is usually not before the middle of July. The St. Michaels route is open but four months of the year, while the Chilkoot will practically be open all the year around when our line is completed. We do not advise the trip being made before February, however."

Burned to Death.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 5.—A special to the Union from East Longmeadow says that Mrs. George Brownlee and her two sons, Thomas, aged 21, and James, aged 19, were burned to death in their home early this morning, and the house destroyed. The family had all escaped. Mrs. Brownlee, losing her head, rushed back into the house, thinking her sons had not come out. Thomas rushed after her to save her, and James after Thomas. The mother and elder son were overcome, while James got out, but was burned so severely that he died this afternoon.

"A most important part of the work we are doing is the construction of a wharf at Dyea. It will have 200 feet frontage and the approach will be 1,700 feet in length. Any steamer will be able to dock at this wharf, thereby saving the heavy expense and great loss of time to both passengers and steamship people, of lighterage, as at present. Had it not been for work already done by Juneau people it would have been almost impossible to have completed this work in time for the early travel next season."

Indicted for Larceny.

Astoria, Or., Oct. 4.—The grand jury today returned a true bill in the case of B. L. Ward and W. G. Howell, treasurer and deputy treasurer, respectively, of this county. The indictment charges them with the larceny of public money to the amount of \$11,953.

Fond Dead in His Room.

Baker City, Or., Oct. 4.—William F. Hoey, aged 46, was found dead in his room in a lodging-house this evening.

A BROKEN JOURNAL.

Caused a Serious Accident on the Denver & Rio Grande.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 5.—One person killed outright, one so badly injured that he died soon after the accident, another severely injured, and many slightly hurt, is the result of a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande, at Colopaxi, seven miles west of Pueblo, at 2 o'clock this morning, caused by the breaking of a journal on one of the coaches. The train, the first section narrow-gauge, from over Marshall pass, was slowing down to take the siding at Colopaxi. While running at 10 miles an hour, a journal on the rear truck of the first day coach broke. The car pitched over on its side and dragged with it all the cars behind, another coach, two sleepers and the company's paycar. Three tourist cars, the baggage-car and the engine, all ahead of the first coach, remained on the track.

The cars were all crowded with excursionists bound to the Festival of Mountain and Plain at Denver. There was little excitement and not much wreckage, as the train was running very slowly.

Mrs. McIntyre was in a lower berth in the forward sleeper, and was found after the wreck lying dead on the ground near her berth window. She was badly crushed.

Mr. Seyler was standing on the platform between the two coaches when the wreck occurred. He was badly crushed. He was conscious and dictated several telegrams to relatives.

Of the injured, Mrs. Robinson alone is seriously hurt, and her death is feared. She is at the railroad hospital at Salida.

The list of those hurt is complete from her case to those who received only a scratch.

Immediately after the accident a relief train was sent out from Salida, and all were promptly given attention. Railroad officials have been overwhelmed with inquiries all day, and have freely given all the information at their disposal. Wrecking crews were sent from Pueblo, and the track was clear at 5 a. m.

New Railroad Line.

Biggs, Or., Oct. 5.—The Columbia Southern Railway Company ran its first train over the road tonight, connecting with train No. 4 on the O. R. & N. At precisely 8 p. m., Engineer Spear pulled the throttle, and engine No. 1 moved out of Biggs up a heavy grade. The run was made to Wasco in one hour.

D. C. O'Reilly, the general manager, stated that at least three months' business awaited shipment. Two hundred thousand sacks of wheat are stored at the Wasco terminus, and the farmers of Sherman county will haul the bulk of their grain to Wasco and ship it by the Columbia Southern.

It is proposed to extend this road to Prineville, and eventually build on through to Southern Oregon. This will reclaim from the wilderness a vast area of country, and relegate to the past the stage coach which has heretofore been the only means of transportation. E. E. Lytle is president, D. C. O'Reilly is general manager, and Miss May Enright is secretary of the Columbia Southern. They have their own passenger-car and engine equipment, but interchange with the O. R. & N., using the cars of that company for freight transportation.

Strychnine in the Coffee.

Schuyler, Neb., Oct. 5.—A physician summoned hastily to the home of Frank Davis, nine miles northwest of here this morning, found four of the seven Davis children and the mother dead, a fifth child in a dying condition and a sixth victim. Strychnine had been put in the coffee, apparently by the mother, but for what cause is not known.

Mr. Davis and his eldest son left home before breakfast. When the meal was prepared, the rest sat down, and early in its course, the mother made such a remark as: "Eat a good breakfast, and we'll all go together." One of the sons, frightened at the remark, did not partake of the meal.

Washington.

The city council of Spokane has fixed the tax levy for that city at 13 1/2 mills.

The shingle mill at Machias was destroyed by fire; also 1,500,000 shingles.

A 350-pound bear was killed a few miles above Dudley, in Walla Walla county.

A band of 4,000 sheep was recently purchased at North Yakima for shipment to Chicago.

Wm. Orr, of Walla Walla, was almost instantly killed by the breaking of an electric light pole.

There is a regular stampede of gold-seekers to the new discoveries in the vicinity of Mt. Baker.

The Bank of Garfield, having gone into voluntary liquidation, will close its doors January 1, 1898.

A boy named William Hutton, who accidentally shot his arm off recently, died in Bucoda of heart failure.

A new public library has been opened at Walla Walla. The directors purchased \$400 worth of new books.

Since January 1, 274 articles of incorporation, representing a total capital stock of \$258,691,600, have been filed in Seattle.

Farmers' institutes have recently been held at different points in Western Washington, conducted by officials of the state agricultural college.

Thurston county, by a late school census, has an enumeration of 2,173 children of school age, a decrease of 137 from the total of last year. The decrease is in the country districts, and Olympia shows an increase of 83.

A crazy man whose name could not be learned created considerable excitement in Tokas by divesting himself of all his clothing and taking a run down Main street. After the man had been captured by citizens and persuaded to don his clothing, he was allowed to leave town.

The increase in the production of gold has been very rapid during the past twelve years and is proceeding now at a greater rate than ever.

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 48-pound salmon was landed by a Marshfield trawler.

A Yamhill county man picked 339 pounds of hops in one day.

Over 900 acres of flax were cultivated in Lynn county this year.

Seufer's cannery, at The Dalles, is putting up 1,000 cases of salmon a day.

Southwest Oregon Reporter is the name of a new paper at Langlois, Curry county.

An Oregon grizzly bear weighing 800 pounds was killed on Gate creek, in Lane county.

A farm near Pendleton, which was sold four months ago for \$5,000, was last week resold for \$8,360.

A young man named James Neal, a sheepherder, accidentally shot and killed himself near Long Creek.

A peach weighing one and a half pounds, and measuring 13 1/2 inches in circumference, is a Douglass county production.

The completed assessment roll of Clatsop county for 1897 show a total valuation of \$3,098,740, as against \$4,012,505 last year.

Notices have been posted on the cannery at Marshfield notifying fishermen that the prices of salmon had been reduced to 25 and 10 cents.