

EUGENE CITY GUARD.

EUGENE CITY, OREGON
NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

Deep mystery surrounds the death of Isaac Hoffman, of a prominent firm of San Francisco clothiers. He was found dead with two bullet holes in his head in his office. Pool play is suspected.

Frank Castle, accused of murdering John Beck at a mask ball at Cleveland, in Klekikat county, Wash., has been acquitted after a trial lasting five days. Self-defense was the plea. The case cost Klekikat county more than \$1,000.

Five children were burned to death in the residence of J. H. White in Welch, W. Va. The ages of the children ranged from 4 to 12 years. The children had retired when the fire was started. White and his wife were away on a visit. Enemies of the family are believed to have fired the house.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury, at the close of business on May 29, 1897, was \$996,684,052, a decrease for the month of \$1,599,090, which is principally accounted for by an increase of over \$2,000,000 in cash in the treasury. The debt, independent of the cash, was increased during the month by \$1,033,215.

The director of the mint has about completed his figures of the gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1896. He finds the production of gold to have been about \$63,000,000, an increase of over \$6,530,000 as compared with 1895. The production of silver is given as \$7,700,000,000 ounces, an increase of 1,700,000 ounces over 1895.

Clara Spinkley has commenced suit in San Francisco to recover \$1,000,000 damages from William R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, for alleged libel. The matter complained of was contained in an article commenting upon the recent visit of John E. Searles to that city, and an alleged deal, by which the Salinas and Watsonville sugar factories passed into the hands of a combine.

Senator Pettigrew has introduced in congress a bill to provide for the submission to a popular vote at the congressional election of 1898 of the following questions: Shall congress at once enact a law providing for the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1? Shall the constitution of the United States be so amended as to provide for the election of United States senators and of the president and vice-president by direct vote of the people? It is made the duty of the secretary of each state to forward the result of the vote to the president, who is required to transmit the statements to congress.

Major-General Nelson A. Miles has arrived at Laonia, visited the Greeks and subsequently lunched with Crown Prince Constantine.

C. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific, is reported to have bought out the entire townsite of Flavel, near the mouth of the Columbia.

The coffee crop of Brazil this year is estimated at 9,000,000 bags. The government will have to give warrants upon the coffee stock for pressing expenses.

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo telegraphs that the chamber has authorized the Colonial railway to issue debenture bonds to the value of \$400,000 for construction expenses.

From a Russian source comes news of a conspiracy against King George far more deeply rooted than was supposed. There is indubitable evidence that Premier Ralli and his colleagues in the cabinet are gravely implicated in a plot to overthrow the dynasty.

The sultan's show of resistance to the powers is generally attributed to German backing, but it is also rumored that negotiations between Turkey and Russia have been proceeding this month relative to the portion of Asia Minor, including Rizeb, in the southeast corner of the Black sea, and the territory up the Joruk river.

Governor Badd, of California, has decided not to interfere in the death sentences of Theodore Durrant and Walter Worden. The former was convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont at Emmanuel Baptist church, and Worden was found guilty of wrecking a train during the A. R. U. strike three years ago, when Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers were killed.

The policy of the postoffice department as to the appointment of minors in the postoffice has been definitely fixed, and they will be debarred from chief clerkships and deputy postmaster positions, except in a few of the third-class offices, where circumstances urge their peculiar fitness. Even then they will not be allowed to become acting postmasters, on account of the legal declaration that contracts made by minors are voidable.

The plague of beri-beri continues to ravage the province of Santiago de Cuba. There are municipal doctors who inhumanly allow hundreds of people to die without offering them the slightest assistance.

The revolt of the striking convicts at San Quentin, Cal., has been finally quelled. While threats of bullets had apparently no effect on the mutineers, a four-inch stream of water from the fire hose had the effect of completely subduing the most refractory.

RIOT IN AN ALASKA TOWN.

Drunken Indians Attempted to Clean Out Sun Dum.

Port Townsend, Wash., June 7.—The steamer Al Ki arrived from Alaska last night. She brings news of a riot at Sun Dum, a small town 160 miles south of Juneau, last Monday morning. The Indians managed to procure enough whisky to get the whole tribe drunk, and their murderous proclivities were forthwith made manifest as they proceeded to clean out the village, smashing windows and breaking down doors. Captain Howes' store particularly being the object of their fun.

Jack McDougall and Jack Arvey, of Juneau, were there by chance, and as the row grew furious with one or two others secured stout clubs and in a short time had a number of very sore-headed savages tamed down to a state of repentant docility. Three of the leaders were tied hand and foot and locked up in a cabin near at hand until sobered up, and no further trouble is apprehended. The white man who no doubt furnished the whisky was ordered away from the village and peace is again restored.

The Germania saloon at Juneau was entered by thieves and robbed of \$86 in cash Saturday night.

Memorial day was appropriately observed at Juneau, all business being suspended for the day. Seventeen old soldiers are buried in Juneau cemetery.

A rich mineral strike has been made at Yankee Cove. Assays have been made of 50-pound samples taken from a dozen different places, which show splendid results, the rock ranging from \$5 to \$164 in gold to the ton and averaging \$130 to the ton of selected quartz.

The steamer Bertha, which arrived at Juneau from Cook's Inlet the day before the Al-Ki sailed for the Sound, reports that a party of three, George Bottcher, Charles Blackstone and J. W. Molinque, who crossed the portage to catch the first dog, remain unheard from, though numerous parties have prosecuted a vigorous search for the missing men. Molinque has a family residing somewhere in Washington. Blackstone leaves a wife at Sonoma City, and his 10-year-old daughter, who is attending school at Seattle. The men had been missing for seven weeks when the Bertha left the inlet.

Currency Reform Next.

Chicago, June 7.—A Chronicle special from Washington says: It is announced semi-officially that congress will not immediately adjourn after the passage of the tariff bill. The Republican managers have decided in accordance with the wishes of the administration that they will attempt to pass a currency reform measure as soon as the tariff question is out of the way. It is contended that the statement recently made by Secretary Gage that something would be done by the present congress for the improvement of our finances was not an idle suggestion, but one which embodied the views of the administration and leading Republicans of congress.

It is also stated, however, that all the president desired from the present session of congress is authority to appoint a currency commission, whose members shall be directed to report at the regular session in December a feasible plan for placing the national finances on a sound substantial and enduring basis.

Upset in Breakers.

Astoria, Or., June 7.—Early this morning four fishing boats, some reports say six, were upset in the breakers at the mouth of the river and one man, John Marjanting, is known to have been drowned, while at least two others are missing. Lifesaving crews from Fort Stevens and Fort Canby went to the rescue and the Fort Stevens crew rescued Fred Lemon, Al McBee, Emil Bloomer, Pete Keim and E. Wolgeman.

The fishermen, evidently in their eagerness to get fish, became careless of the turn of the tide and were caught in a choppy sea. It was not stormy at the time. The details are not yet known, the wires to Canby and Fort Stevens being down.

Fired on a Steamer.

Havana, June 7.—The Ward line steamer Valencia, which arrived at Cienfuegos, reports an exciting experience while off Guantanamo bay. The Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes signaled to the Valencia to display her colors. As the Valencia did not immediately reply, the Reina Mercedes fired a blank shot, which was followed almost immediately by a solid shot, falling out of range. The Valencia then displayed her colors.

It is understood that the United States vice-consul at Santiago de Cuba has lodged a formal protest against the act of the cruiser. Captain Quensada left yesterday by the steamer Mexico to investigate the affair, which has assumed serious aspects.

Brooklyn Sails For Europe.

New York, June 7.—At floodtide this morning the cruiser Brooklyn sailed for Southampton. Her speed across the ocean will be about 18 or 14 knots, there being no wish or need to press her. She will reach her destination in about 10 days, and will then clean up and by the time the naval review comes off the Brooklyn will have few if any rivals as a model of discipline, cleanliness and beauty.

Waterspout in South Dakota.

RESPITE FOR DURRANT

His Case Carried to the Supreme Court.

WORDEN WAS ALSO RESPITED

At Least Six Months More of Life for Trainwrecker and Murderer of Blanche Lamont.

San Francisco, June 7.—While he blesses his good fortune and section 706 of the United States revised statutes, Theodore Durrant may look forward with some assurance to at least seven more months of life. Today, with the end of his life five days away, the simple act of an appeal to the United States supreme court arrested the process of the state courts and set him far outside the shadow of the waiting scaffold. His execution is now stayed until after the supreme court of the United States meets again, which will not be until next October, and passes upon the appeal from the circuit court, which was allowed today. Even if the appeal should be dismissed early in the term, the 30 days allowed by the state law for execution would carry the matter pretty well toward the end of the year. The possibilities for further delay are so numerous that practically he has an insurable loss of life into the new year.

The attorneys for Durrant appeared before Judge Gilbert, in the United States circuit court, today, and applied for a writ of supersedeas for the purpose of staying execution of the sentence; but this was denied. Application for leave to appeal from this decision to the supreme court of the United States was then made and granted.

No formal stay of execution, however, has been given. Attorney-General Fitzgerald has not yet advised Warden Hale not to proceed with the execution on the 11th, but he has given such advice to Warden Aull, of Folsom, in the Worden case, and the Durrant case stands on precisely the same footing. Durrant's attorneys regard their immediate labors on his behalf as at an end, and are preparing for their next effort, which will be before the United States supreme court.

Worden Also Respited.

Sacramento, Cal., June 7.—Warden Aull, of Folsom prison, telephoned this evening that he had received a telegraphic message from the attorney-general, advising him not to proceed with the hanging of Worden. Worden had been found guilty of trainwrecking.

The attorney-general said that his written opinion would reach Folsom tomorrow by mail. Acting upon this advice, the execution will not take place as intended. Warden Aull says that he has notified Worden, and has had the gallows taken down. The law under which Worden is permitted thus to extend his lease of life, the warden says, was passed by congress during the reconstruction days, in order to make it possible in certain cases to reach the federal supreme court over the head of the state courts in the South. If it were a matter, he says, in which the issue did not involve human life, he would probably test its legality, but in this case, as a state official, he will be governed by the action of the attorney-general. As the United States supreme court will not meet until October, Worden will have at least several months longer on earth.

Salter Worden was delirious with joy when he learned this evening that he was not to be hanged tomorrow. At first the announcement dazed him, and then he rose on his trembling legs and thanked Warden Aull for the good news. The condemned man said that while he was prepared to go bravely to the gallows, he felt all along that something would be done to save him. The announcement of the stay, he said, made him more nervous than if he would have been standing on the gallows. All the preparations for his hanging had been completed. Worden has been returned to his cell in murderers' row.

Water Tanks Filled.

New York, June 7.—Five enormous tanks, each containing 18,000 gallons of water, fell five stories through the new building of David S. Brown & Co., soap manufacturers, at Twenty-fifth street, this morning, burying two men under tons of debris. The body of William Fraser, 49 years old, a surveyor in the employ of the Otis Elevator Company, was taken from the mine. Jacob Jacobson, a carpenter, is missing. The contractor and architect of the tanks were arrested, charged with homicide. It was claimed by an expert that the mortar used was 12 inches more than mud. There were 12 men in the building at the time.

Confessed and Disappeared.

Dover, Del., June 7.—While the directors of the First National bank were examining the accounts of William B. Boggs, the paying teller, they received a letter from him saying he was \$18,000 short and had left town. He gave the details of his irregularities, which had extended over 10 years.

Attempt to Abduct a Child.

Oakland, Cal., June 7.—A daring attempt was made this afternoon to abduct the 12-year-old child of Attorney J. B. Randolph, by a man whose name the father says he knows, but whose name he refused to divulge. The would-be abductor had carried his captive several blocks, when a passing bicyclist, attracted by the child's struggles, intervened and the man took to his heels. Randolph senior says he knows the motive, but will not explain it.

High-Hat Ordinance Approved.

THE TURN OF THE TIDE.

The Coming of Prosperity Shown by Increase in Failures.

New York, June 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The statement of failures in May in all branches of business gives much encouragement. In defaulted liabilities, the month was the smallest since September, 1895; in manufacturing liabilities, the smallest since September, 1894, except in the last month of 1894.

Failures of general stores have not been as small in any month in three years as in May, 1897; in only two months out of 36 have there been smaller failures in books and hats; in only five have there been smaller failures in groceries and but one trading class in that month has reported failures larger than in any of the preceding months. Furniture, in which failures were rather numerous. Nobody can mistake the meaning of such returns.

The statement that, except for the temporary depression in prices, the volume of business transacted is now larger than it was in 1892—the year of greatest prosperity—has been questioned by some. But a comparison of prices this week in the leading branches of manufacture not only confirms that view, but shows a remarkable similarity to the course of prices in the earlier months of 1879, when the most wonderful advance in production and prices ever known in this or any other country was close at hand.

The key of the situation is the excessive production of some goods in anticipation of an expected increase in the demand. So, in 1879, consumption gradually gained, month by month, until suddenly it was found that the demand was greater than the possible supply. All know how prices then advanced, and the most marvelous progress in the history of any country resulted within two years.

Reports from all parts of the country now show that the retail distribution of products is unusually large and increasing. There is no improvement in the market for farm products. The iron industry is apparently expanding in production, and it is certainly getting larger contracts, because of very low prices, one cent being quoted for beans. Bessemer pig is stronger, and gray forge a shade weaker under pressure of Southern anxiety to sell. The rail mills are all working full time.

Failures for the week have been 241 in the United States, against 234 last year and 32 in Canada, against 29 last year.

HIS PLANS FOR ESCAPE.

A Folsom Convict's Clever Scheme Is Nipped in the Bud.

Sacramento, June 7.—A notorious young footpad, known as "Sly Kid" Wilson, serving a term of 40 years in the Folsom penitentiary for highway robbery committed in Los Angeles, tried to escape yesterday. Being recognized as a man who would probably make a break for liberty at first opportunity, the prison rules required that he be especially marked so that he would make a good target for the guards if he attempted to break away. A strip of bright red cloth was fastened about his hat crown, and he was compelled to wear a red flannel shirt. Wilson managed to hide behind some rocks yesterday afternoon, and there got rid of the red cloth. He had procured a long piece of garden hose to help him in his escape. He had planned to plunge in the great canal and then float down to the end of it, keeping his head and body under water and breathing through the rubber hose. He was caught just as he was about to jump into the water.

The Gunboat Princeton Launched.

Cambon, N. J., June 7.—The United States composite steam gunboat Princeton has been successfully launched from the yards at Kaignan's point, Miss Margaret Uplike, the daughter of Major Uplike, of Princeton, christened the vessel, breaking the bottle of wine over the prow as the craft glided gracefully down the ways.

The Princeton is one of a fleet of six boats of her class and will probably be stationed in South American waters. Her cost, not including the electric lighting plant and interior fittings, is \$250,000. She is 204 feet long over all, 36 feet beam, with 1,000 tons displacement at normal draught. The armament will consist of six 4-inch rapid-fire guns, four 6-pounders and two 1-pounders.

Run Down by a Searcher.

Kansas City, June 7.—Madison Staley, a wealthy stockman aged 55 years, died last night from injuries received in being run down by a bicycle ridden by Nelson J. Steven, an insurance agent. Steven lost control of his wheel in attempting to ride down a steep grade on Eighth street from Walnut to Main, striking Mr. Staley and hurling him to the granite pavement, fracturing his skull. Mr. Steven surrendered to the police but was released.

Will Pay Suicide Claims.

Dubuque, Ia., June 7.—Today's session of the Modern Woodmen was devoted to the consideration of the laws of the order. The most important action was the decision to pay suicide claims, if death does not occur earlier than three years after the date of the certificate.

THE SUGAR INQUIRY

Tillman Desired to Continue the Investigation.

BUT MET WITH OPPOSITION

The Senate Making Good Progress With the Tariff Bill—The House Not Doing Much.

Washington, June 7.—The senate again made good progress on the tariff bill today, covering 10 weeks in the mental scheme and almost completing it. The formal contest against the bill was maintained, but all measures were voted down and the bill amendments tending to change the bill as represented were voted down. The debate committee sustained. The debate committee sustained.

Before the tariff bill was taken up, Tillman gave the senate another hour of exciting controversy over the proposed sugar investigation. He defended himself from published charges relative to his administration of the governorship of South Carolina, and then moved that the committee having charge of the sugar consolidation of 3, thus bringing the matter directly before the senate.

Gallinger, in behalf of the committee, made a spirited protest against this course and also urged that the senate should not turn aside from its principal work to investigate charges affecting the private character of senators. There were frequent lively exchanges between Tillman, Gallinger and Jones of Nevada, but in the end Tillman withdrew his motion.

A bill was passed for a public building at San Angelo, Texas, to cost \$100,000.

Voted a resolution, which was adopted, reciting that the skeletons of the American soldiers killed at Buena Vista in 1871, were now exhumed, and asking the state department to investigate the subjects and report the facts to congress. A letter was read in this connection from Consul-General Crittenden, saying the matter should receive the attention of the authorities at Washington. A clipping was enclosed stating that the bones of American soldiers were bleaching in the sun.

The house proceedings today were enlivened by a single incident, the attempt of Terry to secure consideration, as a privileged matter, of a resolution for the immediate appointment of the committee on foreign affairs. It was ruled out of order and an appeal taken from the decision of the chair was laid on the table by a strict party vote.

Extension of Trade.

Philadelphia, June 7.—At the commercial conference today, Mr. Robertson, of Mexico, said, in the course of an address, that the reason her majesty's United Kingdom controls so much of the trade of the various countries is because she subsidizes steamship lines and sends her emissaries to the remotest parts of the earth and says: "I want to buy what you have to sell and want to sell you something." Continuing, Mr. Robertson said:

"The products of the Central and South American states will never be brought here until you provide some way to transport that which you wish to sell, and provide some way to bring the South have to sell. They want to buy from you and they want to interchange their products."

Captain Garcia, of Rio Janeiro, stated that at the banquet last night he had presented a somewhat lengthy letter to President McKinley, and that distinguished gentleman had informed him he would forward a reply as early as possible. The letter asks the American government to develop, by means of congressional action, a system of navigation between Brazil and the United States. Captain Garcia said it was also his intention to propose a plan for the establishment of an international banking system between the countries, "which will enable us to do business with each other without being compelled to pay a commission to England, as is the case at present."

Tried to Jump a Claim.

Beema, Idaho, June 7.—Two men tried claim-jumping near here yesterday. Fifty settlers organized and it looked for a while as if lynching would result. The young men were finally driven out of Nez Perce county. The people of this vicinity are determined not to permit any claim-jumping.

Outrages in Budapest.

London, June 7.—The Vienna correspondent of the Telegraph says great excitement has been caused there by the act of a number of Hungarian Chauvinist agitators at Budapest, who succeeded in driving from the new Comedy theater a company from the Burg theater at Vienna. The agitators laid dynamite cartridges around the theater and exploded them. One person was killed and one seriously injured.

Great Falls, Mont., June 7.—Old man Vance, aged 71, who has for years been a pauper, has just received word that the supreme court of North Carolina has rendered a decision in a suit brought by his mother (now dead) 10 years ago in favor of Mrs. Vance, handing down to him as next of kin an estate valued at about \$4,000,000. During a recent illness he was cared for by Miss Alice Crossman, the 16-year-old daughter of a Montana section boss. Upon receipt of the news she proposed marriage to the girl, who accepted and tomorrow they will be married.

LYNCHED BY A MOB.

Mitchell, the Urbana Fiend, Suffers Death for His Crime.

Columbus, O., June 7.—A special to the Dispatch from Urbana, O., says: Click Mitchell, the negro brute, has paid the penalty of his foul crime with his life. An outraged people have taken out the punishment he so richly deserved and obeyed the command and wish of his prostrate, and, as announced, dying victim. The sensational and unfortunate events of the night intensified the feeling against Mitchell, if it were possible, and the determination had been general that the brute should never leave the town alive.

The Crime and Its Results.

Urbana, O., June 7.—Never was there such a tragedy in this city as that enacted at 2:30 this morning. Two men lay dead and six seriously wounded, with one more that may die. Since the deplorable shooting the people are standing around the corners sadly and seriously discussing the awful and appalling tragedy.

When the shooting occurred an attempt was being made by a mob to enter the jail from the rear. The militia were in the hall on the second floor, and standing at the windows. Higgins, of West Liberty, and another man had shone lanterns in their hands and had broken the glass in the door leading to the hall from which the jail is entered. Suddenly the militia opened fire without warning, and Higgins fell with the exclamation: "My God, I am shot!" Then followed the scene of death and destruction that brought others down. The panic-stricken citizens exclaimed: "No one is safe here but Mitchell."

The city of 6,000 inhabitants is an unusually orderly one. With its college it has always had the highest reputation, but pandemonium reigned last night.

Recently Mrs. Eliza Gaumer, the widow of the late publisher of the Urbana Democrat, was criminally assaulted by Charles Mitchell, alias "Click" Mitchell, a notorious negro, who was arraigned last Wednesday, but his victim was too ill to appear in court. The man was taken to her home for identification. As he entered the door she exclaimed: "Hang him! How dare you face me, you brute!"

In default of bail Mitchell was locked up in the city prison, but on account of the feeling was removed to the county jail the same night for safe-keeping. That night the jail was surrounded by a mob that held back by the sheriff's posse and the local company of the Ohio National Guard. Last night the situation was more threatening than ever, and Governor Busrod was called on for assistance, but refused to order the militia from any other place here. The city is only 20 miles from Springfield and 40 miles from Columbus, from which place troops could have been transferred, but it was thought Mitchell could be taken to the penitentiary quietly.

The grand jury was impeached yesterday and Mitchell was indicted for criminal assault. Then the crowd was thrown off the trail by bringing Mitchell into court in a soldier's uniform. Mitchell was accused, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the limit of 20 years.

The trial lasted only a few moments, and Mitchell wanted to get to the penitentiary at Columbus quick, but when the carriage drove up to the jail the crowd rushed in to get Mitchell and lynch him. Another crowd surrounded the depot. The sheriff remained fortified in the jail with his prisoner while the militia patrolled about the ground. The crowds would not disperse, and at 2:30 A. M. they broke through the lines of soldiers and were about entering the jail when the soldiers opened fire.

Hon. Daniel H. Gaumer, publisher of the Zanesville Signal, and Hon. Charles Gaumer, formerly publisher of the Mansfield Herald, are brothers-in-law of the victim. They are here with Mrs. Gaumer, who is still in a critical condition.

Kavaloff on Trial.

Olussa, Russia, June 7.—Foodore Kavaloff, chief actor in the infamous tragedy at Tirozol, has arrived here for trial. On his promises were recently discovered six bodies of persons who had been buried alive, and he confessed that he was in his cell nine living persons, including his wife and two children. They all belonged to a fanatical sect known as Rasko Niki and sought salvation by self-immolation.

Kavaloff declares that all the victims died voluntarily. He drew lots with a co-fanatic to decide who should actually bury the victims. He earnestly desired to be buried alive himself and is still impelled by a fanatical desire to commit suicide.

Wholesale Changes.

Washington, June 7.—The rule announced shortly after the administration assumed power that postmasters would be allowed to serve out their full terms, unless removed for cause, has been modified, and it is expected that wholesale appointments to postoffice will be made soon. It was officially announced today that the president and the postmaster-general would consider as having expired all postoffices which are due to expire between now and July 15.

NORTHWEST BREWERY

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Plans for a new courthouse for Lane county have been submitted to the county court, and taken under consideration.

Judge Eakin has decided the Hinton contested election case against the old council and mayor, and in favor of the officials elected at the last election.

The prospects for a large grain yield in Klamath county are good. The crop there last week was quite general over the county and has relieved the farmers of their anxiety.

The Albany lodge of Elks is preparing to arrange for a grand clam bake for the members of that order at Newport on the 26th of June. If arrangements are made it is expected that 500 or 600 Elks will be in attendance.

An O. R. & N. eastbound train that passed through Pendleton one day last week carried 1,500 crates of strawberries, most of them from Hood river, but a few from Walla Walla. The berries filled two refrigerator cars.

There is already stored in The Dalles about 3,000,000 pounds of wheat. Sales have been made. Both buyers and sellers, says the Times-Herald, are holding off to see what the congress will do with the tariff bill.

The Bandon Recorder says that complaint is being made that persons are catching large numbers of young salmon which are about large enough to go to sea, and that because of the destruction to the small fish, the salmon canning industry will be greatly reduced in the future.

An Astoria city ordinance makes it an offense, punishable by a fine of \$10 or 10 days' imprisonment, for allowing catwalks to nest in trees. Chief Haddock has notified citizens that he will enforce the law. It is reported there are many trees on the hills fested with these pests.

State Treasurer Phil Metschen received \$6,000 from the treasurer of Linn county, on account of state taxes for the year 1896. This is a partial payment and one of several made to that county. There is still a balance due from Linn, as well as from nearly every county in the state, but few have paid their state taxes in full.

F. H. Andrews was badly hurt by a fall that he received while climbing a cliff for duck eggs, near Kellogg, in Douglas county, last week. The rope broke and he fell about 30 feet, among large boulders. His father was with him and promptly went to his assistance, but it will be a long time before he will be able to climb cliffs again.

All owners of good horses in Washington are expecting an era of better prices.

The Waterville creamery is being run daily, 1,000 pounds of milk being received every day.

It is stated that fully \$50,000 has been expended in the vicinity of Sprague so far this year by cat-boggers.

The tax agent of the Northern Pacific last week paid into the Yakima county treasury \$12,000, the amount of the company's taxes in Yakima county.

Two evangelists from the gospel mission in Tacoma preached a quartet of 18 hobo in the Tacoma jail Monday, and during the sermon one of the gang stole \$2 from the pocket of one of the women.

The water, which is over all the lands on the Columbia river bottom has done considerable damage. Mount Coffin entire crops have been washed out. The same state of affairs exists at many other places along the river.

The store and hotel at the Great Northern station agent's office in East Skagit county, burned last week. The three businesses were all contained in one building, and the building was completely destroyed. The railroad warehouse, a short distance away, was saved by hard work. The agent lost about \$75 in money.

The Spokane & British Columbia Telephone Company has set its pole all the way from Spokane to the British Columbia line, between Northport and Rosland, where it will touch the Vernon system. The wire is spanning its way, and will cover the entire route this week. Colville will then be connected by telephone with the outside world.

The Mountain creamery, owned by Frank Martin, on the Nanaim, in Skagit county, burned last week. Martin estimates his loss at \$1,200, which is partly covered by insurance. The fire caught from the firebox and the engine boiler, and before it was discovered had so far advanced that nothing could be saved. Mr. Martin has already commenced work of rebuilding, and expects to be ready for business in a short time.

The rural mail delivery system for Yakima is apparently a success. The cost of delivery per package is 17 cents, the second lowest average in the various experimental districts, California having the lowest.

Seventy-five men are at work at the rock quarry at Mount Coffin. The rocks of the rock are crushed and used for the fortification construction at Scarborough head. Some rock for rip-rap work on the Astoria road is also being gotten out.

News has been received by Lieutenant Cameron, at Fort Walla Walla, from the war department, saying that \$2,000 has been appropriated for improvements at the fort. Those will be of a general character, looking to the comfort of the enlisted men and officers, and the beautifying of the grounds.

The express companies in Walla Walla are handling 10 tons of water berries a day, and the season there is not yet at its height. Cherries are also coming into the market there, but the crop will be light.