## EUGENE CITY.....OREGON

## Interesting Collection of Current Events

In Condensed Form From Both Continents.

The president has signed the deficiency appropriation bill. Miss Jean Ingelow, the distinguished

poetess and novelist, died in London. She was in her 77th year. The formation of a safemakers' com-

bine, which will include almost every manufacturer in this country, is now under consideration in New York. The new light draught gunboat An-

napolis has been placed in commission at the navy yard in Brooklyn. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of spectators and many naval officers.

John A. Creighton was held up at the gate of his home in Omaha, Neb., and severely beaten about the head and robbed of a valuable diamond stud and a considerable sum of money. John Schenck, Creighton's brother-in-law, who answered his cries for help, was also robbed of a valuable diamond. Creighton's injuries are very severe.

Senator Pritchard announces that the civil service investigations by the senate committee on civil service reform will be discontinued until fall. This committee will visit Omaha in October and take testimony in the case of some alleged violations of the civil service law there and upon their return may resume their hearings in Washington.

Yellow Hair and Sam Crow, the two Chevenne Indians who were arrested as accessories with Eugene Standing Elk for the murder of John Hoover, over whose death the late trouble on the Rosebud reservation occurred, broke jail at Miles City, Mont., by digging through an 18-inch wall. A posse is out scouring the country for them, but with little hope of catching them.

President McKinley has received the resolution adopted by the Pittsburg miners asking him to use his good offices in the settlement of the coal strike, but has not yet sent a reply. He has also received many communications

The freight department of the Northin a movement to allow the transpor-Pacific passengers having first-class tickets to the Pacific coast and reduced fare order for the ocean passage. The request will likely be granted.

Col. C. F. Crocker, vice-president of the Southern Pacific railroad, died at his home in San Francisco.

The miners' strike in the I states is assuming a desperate aspect. The miners have appealed to the railwaymen for help.

C. M. Shultz, of Chicago, has bought the Tacoma Ledger and has placed J. M. Bradley in editorial management. The price paid was \$18,000.

There is a great rush from Seattle and the Sound to the gold fields at great gold nuggets. Clondyke. One miner says that many will go there who will never return.

John Durbin, one of Oregon's oblest pioneers and citizens, died at the home of his grandson, Duncan Ross, near Salem. He was nearly 103 years old. The pioneer jubilee has been ushered

in at Salt Lake, and this week will be witnessed one of the grandest celebrations ever seen in the inter-mountain

is probable that the Japanese government will agree to the proposal of Hawaii and submit the dispute between the two countries to arbitration.

The famous Broadmoor Casino, \$100,000 pleasure resort at Colorado

Two masked men robbed the Sac and Fox postoffice, 50 miles from Guthrie, O. T., and secured a quantity of registered letters, stamps and a small sum of money. They were after \$20,000 being paid the Indians.

W. A. Beltwood, a well-known Philadelphia merchant, has been arrested for obtaining jewelry under false pretense. He pawned the jewelry to get money to bet on horse races, and in this way lost \$13,000.

The Central Labor Union of New York, after a long wrangle, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the appointment of T. V. Powderly as commissioner of immigration is the greatest offical insult ever offered by the federal government to organized la-

Edhem Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in Thessalv, was the recipient of an infernal machine, which exploded while it was being opened.

The tariff bill makes a new conces sion to American vessels in the foreign trade or trade between the Atlantic and Pacific, by exempting from international revenue taxes distilled and fermented liquors, tobacco and cigars used as supplies on such vessels.

Forest fires have been raging for two days in the mountains east of Oroville, Cal. Four or five houses and barns have been burned. A big fire started near Whitewash Trees and ran six or seven miles south to Palmero, Fifty men were engaged in fighting it. Another fire broke out near Robinson's mill, and burned over a distance eight by twelve miles. Two hundred men were fighting it for two nights and It is believed that these fires are

proposed coercive measures against quality they have been supproposed the government at that figure.

THE YOUNGSTOWN STORM

Death and Disaster Followed in Its

Youngstown, O., July 26. - The storm which struck this city and vicinity at 7 o'clock last night was very disastrous. Cartheny Mayer was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

The Mahoning river rose two feet in an hour and washed away several bridges. Crab creek, an insignificant stream rose 15 feet in an incredibly short space of time, doing great damage in the lower portions of the city. Houses were washed away from their foundations and men, women and children were rescued from second-story windows, a bathtub being used in lieu of a better craft. Squaw creek Park, near the city, was practically wiped out of existence.

Trains are beginning to move after 12 hours' delay.

The estimated loss to this city alone approaches \$100,000. The storm was local, in many respects resembling a cloudburst, the people being given little

warning. Great loss of life was narrowly averted at Spring Common foot bridge. Men, women and children insisted on remaining to watch the angry waters below in spite of the fact that the tsructure was unsafe. Finally two policemen with drawn clubs cleared the oridge, and a few seconds later the bridge was swept away.

Reports from rural districts show that furmers suffered greatly. Trumbull county 15 barns were struck by lightning and burned. Crops were destroyed and buildings generally damaged, but no loss of life is yet reported.

#### A RAILROAD CHANGE

McNeill, of the O. R. & N., May Be President of the N. P.

Spokane, Wash., July 26 .- A St. Paul special to the Spokesman Review

Upon good authority it is reported here that the efforts of President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, to acquire ontrol of the Northern Pacific are still short of consummation. According to the latest story in railroad circles, a three-cornered fight is now in progress for the control of the great property. Mr. Hill stands at one point of the triangle, the present management at an other, and McNeill, of the O. R. & N., at the third.

If the present management should obtain control by defeating the efforts of Hill, it is understood that Julius and suggestions on the subject, but it Hannaford, at present traffic manager, is improbable that he will take any will be made president of the company. action in the matter in the absence of Mr. Hannaford has been called to New some definite plan for the settlement of York, and it is believed his mission has to do with this interesting struggle.

Mr. McNeill, former president and ern Pacific has issued a special joint general manager of the O. R. &, N., is tariff of 60 cents on flour and wheat leading the third movement. He has manna, in carload lots, minimum the backing of the Russell Sage interweight 24,000 pounds, effect August, 5, est. It is known that Mr. McNeill has from points in Idaho and Washington strong hopes of success. President Hill to points in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas was instrumental in having Mr. Mohler and Missouri. The trunk lines have appointed to McNeill's place as manaasked the Western roads to join them ger of the O. R. & N., and it is thought the reorganizer of the Oregon tation of 350 pounds of baggage to trans- road is out for revenge as well as power.

A Colorado Cloudyke.

Silver Cliff, Colo., July 26 .- If a find which has just been made here turns out as expected, Colorado may have a Clondyke of its own, and this old Custer county camp will take on a new life. The discovery was made yesterday by Joseph Foulk, a well-known Custer county man, who has been looking over the ground about half a mile southwest of town and near the water works. Foulk got out some quartz heavily charged with sylvanite. The rock showed some free gold. It was brought to town and tested. Some of the sylvanite was roasted, and brought out

The news of the discovery quickly spread, and within a few hours there was a great rush to the new diggings. A dozen claims were taken up, and before night and today the whole of Silver Cliff seems to be going to the scene of the find The new camp is directly between the Zoo and Rattlesnake mountain camps.

A Convict's Sensational Confession. Indianapolis, Ind., July 26 .- Noah The Japan official press states that it Baney, a convict at Michigan City state prison, has written a confession which, if proved true, will have the effect of giving Rev. W. E. Hinshaw his liberty. Hinshaw was convictedd two years ago and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife. Springs, Colo., was burned to the The trial of Hinshaw was one of the The entire loss will be double most sensational in the history of the that amount. There was scarcely any state. According to Baney, the real murderers of Mrs. Hinshaw are John Whitney and Guy Van Tassel, Indianapolis men. Baney's statement recites the details of the crime as told him by Whitney and Van Tassel, who drove from Indianapolis to Bellevue in his buggy. Baney says the purpose of the visit to the Hinshaw home was robbery, and Mrs. Hinshaw was shot by Van Tassel, who shot to frighten her back into the yard.

London, July 26 .- A dispatch from Singapore says the Chinese steamer Chiengann, bound from Singapore for Mailtaoita with 150 passengers, was wrecked off Malacca yesterday. hundred and twenty persons, including the captain, were drowned. The remainder of the ship's company were

#### rescued by a passing steamer. Japan Backs Down

Yokohama, July 26.-The Japanese cabinet today agreed to the proposal of the Hawaiian government to submit the severely wounding Edhem questions at issue before the two govern-

ments to arbitration.

A Fatal Boiler Explosion Bridgeport, Conn., July 26 .- The boiler of the steamer Nutmeg State exploded while she was lying at the wharf here this evening. Three men were killed and five injured as a result of the explosion.

Armor Companies Decline to Bid. Washington, July 26. - Secretary Long today received replies from the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies to his invitation to submit bids for sup plying armor for the three battle-ships Illinois, Wisconsin and Alabama, in accordance with the limitations placed by congress upon the price to be paid for armor. Both of the companies declined formally to bid within the \$300 limit, on the ground that it is not pos-It is said in Athens that Italy has sible for them to produce armor of the quality they have been supplying to

### TROUBLE IS EXPECTED

Striking Miners in Pittsburg District Are Desperate.

THE COAL FAMINE IN CHICAGO

Mine Foreman Fires on Strikers, but No. One Was Hurt-News From Other Districts.

Pittsburg, July 26.-Excitement was at fever heat in local mining circles today. The operators were apparently prepared for any demonstration, and before nightfall they were convinced that matters had taken a serious turn. Early in the morning about 500 miners from the Finleyville district marched on the Bunola mines, on the river, and succeeded in bringing out the men at work. Sheriff Lowry, of this county, has a force of deputies ready for duty at a moment's notice, and trouble is looked for at any time. The deputies are in readiness to go to the mines of the New York & Cleveland Company. A march on the Turtle creek, Plum creek and Sandy creek mines is expected at any time.

At Canonsburg it was reported that 1,000 men would march to the Cook mines tonight and stay there until the diggers came out. Sheriff Clark of Washington county, is on hand with a large number of deputies, and trouble is expected if the strikers attempt to force the men to quit work. The new state law to compel operators to weigh the coal before it is screened and to pay the miners on its basis, is to be tested to its fullest extent, and the of a drowning sailor under the most whole uniformity agreement hinges on this test. A large number of operators are putting in scales, so as to weigh the coal according to the new law, but others are preparing to fight it. A member of the arbitration commission said tonight that the new anti-screening law would cut a figure in the new agreement, and the law would be thoroughly tested before it is incorporated in the

agreement. The arbitrators were at work among the Pittsburg operators today, and they are trying every means to bring about a meeting of the operators. So far they have been unsuccessful in arranging for a meeting, but it is hoped they will accomplish this shortly.

### Nearing a Crisis.

Fairmount, W. Va., July 26,-An army of deputy sheriffs now guards the Hite mine, at Kings, three miles above here, on the Tygart's Valley river. The sheriff was called there this afternoon as the operators feared an outbreak, but no arrests were made Early this morning the drivers at the mine joined the strikers. The operators secured new drivers in an hour. and at noon over half of the miners came out. Then the second lot of drivers threw up their positions, and some of the men began stoning the miners, who were forced to leave their

Ralph Hite, the foreman, soon had his Winchester rifle in his hand, and three shots quickly checked the enthusiasm of all the strikers but one, who made for Hite with a pick, but he was driven back at the point of a revolver. The operators, however, feared another outbreak, and called on the county off cials for aid. Tonight organizers are The Present a Bad Time to Start for there, and they say all the men will join the strikers, but Hite stated that all or most of the men would be at work tomorrow.

Stopped by an Injunction.

Andrew Savage. After some parleying earth is covered with snow, the ground the men marched back a few hundred is frozen, and the rivers closed with yards and camped in the open field.

Still Working at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 26,-The Virginia. It is not likely Ratchford will be able to do anything which Debs could not do. Debs, Ratchford and other organizers held a conference tominers in their homes.

Coal Shortage in Chicago. Chicago, July 26 .- A shortage of coal has begun to be felt here. The Chicago refinery, which uses 500 tons daily, has suspended operations in view of the high prices. Local coal men beheve that the sugar refinery's suspension is a forerunner of a number of similar cases, when similar large con-duty by the end of the week.

Trouble Is Expected.

Canonsburg, Pa., July 26.-About 500 strikers came in from Bridgeville and reported that from 700 to 1,000 would be here tonight. The McGovern mine has been running since Tuesday. Ing 45 employes of the Hamburg en-Trouble is looked for if the miners do ot come out.

Marched on Roanoke.

Peoria, Ill., July 26.-About 400 land marched to Roanoke this morning. Their coming was learned in advance and none of the miners went to work. went away.

Cotton Mills Close.

Aurora, Ill., July 26 .- The Aurora 600 hands.

Rich Find in Nevada

Carson, Nev., July 26 .- The dis overy of a quartz belt is reported from Alum creek, 10 miles from Hawthorns The ledge assays \$16 to the ton. The ground is covered with boulders, an samples from them assay \$6 to the ton. There is enough of this grade ore on the surface to keep 100 stamps going years. S. A. Knapp and J. A. Yerrington, the principal owners, are making a mill test of several tons to ascertain the importance of the find.

Water pipes of paper are a success in

Admiral Cherardi Performs & Gallant Rescue.

New York, July 26 .- An accident on board the battle-ship Texas while lying at the Cobb dock in the navy yard came very nearly resulting fatally to two of the crew and also led to another act of bravery on the part of Ensign W. R. Gherardi, son of Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi.

The second whalehoat of the Texas was cast away shortly before 2 o'clock. Two men were in the boat, which was hoisted to the davits on the port side at the time. John Avapian, a landsman, and a sailor named Speers were getting ready to lower the boat, when the former, it is said, accidentally struck the detaching lever, releasing the boat, which fell about 20 feet to the water. The two men fell overboard and the boat filled with water. The shock was so great that the men were stunned and unable to keep affoat. The cry of man overboard" was raised on the

Ensign Gherardi rushed on deck, and, throwing off his coat, plunged over the ship's side. Three seamen followed him. Avapian, who sank almost instantly, was just down for a second when the gallant ensign rescued him. Speers was rescued by the other men. Avapian and Speers soon recovered from the shock. The gallant rescue, which was wit-

nessed by officers and men of the ship in the vicinity, elicited hearty cheers and praise for the rescuers. Ensign Gherardi, who is an exceedingly modest young officer, came in for a special share of commendation. When attached to the Maine last

February, in a storm off the Carolina coast, Ensign Gherardi saved the life perilous circumstances.

ALASKAN TOWNS DESERTED.

Cloudyke Rush Is Fast Depopulating the Coast Settlements

San Francisco, July 26 .- Among the arrivals from Alaska on the steamer Bertha was Dr. C. F. Dickinson, of Kodiak island, which lies just at the head of Cook inlet. He says the gold excitement all over the territory of Alaska is something unprecedented, and that people are flocking to the Clondyke in a way that threatens to depopplate many of the trading posts and coast towns.

'When I left Kodiak, two weeks ago," said Dr. Dickinson, "the people were leaving all that section and flocking in the direction of the Clondyke. In a way, the situation is appalling, for many of the industries are left practically without the means of operation. Mines that are paying handsomely at

Cook inlet bave been deserted. "In my opinion there are just as good placer diggings to be found at Cook inlet as in the Clondyke region, There is not a foot of ground in all that country that does not contain gold in more or less appreciable quantities. The great trouble has been that people have not had either the courage or opportunity, I do not know which, to thoroughly prospect the country, I think that in another month the country will be practically deserted. There is room about Cook inlet for thousands of men, and there is certainly no better place in the world for a poor man."

### BETTER WAIT TILL SPRING.

the Clondyke.

New York, July 26,-The World says: The Clondyke fever has not abated a particle. The offices of the railorad companines and ticket agencies Canonsburg, Pa., July 26.-The sec- are visited by adventurous spirits eager ond march on the Allison mine was to seek their fortune in the Alaskan made this evening by 600 strikers from gold fields. From information ob-Miller's run and the Millersburg dis- tained by reporters, those seriously contrict. No bloodshed resulted, as the sidering making the trip will do well leaders are cool-headed men and held to postpone their departure for some their men in check. The strikers time. Under the most favorable cirreached the coal tipple about dark, but comstatuces the working days in the were met by a deputy sheriff, who Yukon gold fields cannot exceed 100 in served an injunction on the leader, the year. For the other 265 days the ice. Anybody starting from New York at this season would reach the Yukon river just about the beginning of the long Alaskan winter, and it would be arrival of President Ratchford at Fair- far more comfortable to him to remain mount is the event of the day in West in the states and go to the new Eldoado at a more seasonable time.

He Claims the Clondyke

New York, July 26 .- W. J. Arkell, day at Fairmount to devise plans for of the Arkell Weekly Company, of this future work. They favor commission- city, has announced that he expects to ing all the strikers as missionaries to claim the gold fields in the Clondyke work from man to man among the district, by right of discovery, for the estate of E. J. Glave. Glave was the explorer who headed the expedition to Alaska in 1890-91, organized by W. J. sistencies, and little trouble is antici-Arkell, of Leslie's Weekly.

A Sudden Bustle at the Navy Yard. New York, July 26.-Orders have been received at the Brooklyn navyyard to have all the vessels that are undergoing repairs there ready for sea The yes. sumers attempt to replenish their stock. sels are to join the ships of the North Atlantic squadron and the work of making the necessary repairs to them is being burried.

Six Were Drowned. Hamburg, July 26 .- A boat contain-

gine works capsized in the river Elbe today. Six were drowned.

To Abolish a Useless Office. Chicago, July 26 .- A special to the miners from Minonk, Toluca and Rut- Chronicle from Washington says President McKinley will ask congress at the regular session next winter to abolish the office of commissioner of railroads, After the meeting the visiting miners The president thinks it a useless office. The place is now held by General Wade Hampton.

Emperor Menelek of Abyssinia will Aurora, III., July 26.—The Aurora soon be able to communicate with the false construction upon the efforts of a resident of San Francisco. Lauff reoutside world by telegraph. A line is officials to check the spread of the sided in Bolinas. Both bodies were

Portuguese Sallors Drowned. Lisbon, July 26 .- In the chamber of deputies today the colonial minister announced that the crew of a Portuguese gunboat had been massacred near Chinde on the Zambesi river. He said the government had instructed the local commandant to punish the rebels who are natives.

Currency Comes Next. Washington, July 26 .- It is understood at the capitol today that the president will send in his currency ommission message immediately after the tariff bill is signed.

BRAVE DEED OF NAVAL ENSIGN DEBATE NOT CLOSED

Allison Fails to Have Time tive Stone, of Pennsylvania, today in-Fixed for Final Vote.

SESSION IS BEING DRAWN OUT follows:

The Usual Democratic Objection-Tillman Makes Typical Remarks-Jones Makes a Report.

Washington, July 24,-Shortly before the senate adjourned today Allison, charge of the tariff bill, made a strong effort to have a time fixed for the final vote on the tariff conference report. Failing in this, Allison gave notice that the session tomorrow would be protracted with a view to securing a It was the most definite movement made thus far toward bringing the debate to a close. Allison's first proposition was for a vote at 5 o'clock morrow, but this was objected to by Pettus. Then he proposed a vote some time before adjournment tomorrow, which was objected to by Morgan. Finding that there was no disposition

to reach an agreement, Allison finally gave notice that hereafter, while the report was pending, the senate would not adjourn at 5 o'clock without an aye The debate on the report today was

participated in by Clinton, Jones of Arkansas and Pettigrew in opposition, while Aldrich took frequent occasions to defend the report against the critieism of senators. The credentials of the new senator

from Tennessee, Thomas B. Turley, who succeeds the late Senator Harris, were presented to the senate by his associate, Bate. Turley was then escorted to the vice-president's desk, where the oath of office was duly administered. Tillman offered a resolution to dis-

charge the committee on contingent expenses from further consideration of resolution for an investigation of alleged senatorial sugar speculation. Before anything could be said, Jones of Nevada, presented a report from the committee on the same resolution. Tillman was quickly on his feet, asking that the report be read.

Gallinger objected, the presiding officer holding that a single objection was sufficient to prevent the reading. Tillman then moved that the report be read. On a viva voce vote the motion was lost, and the resolution went to the calendar.

Allison asked that the tariff conference report be taken up, but was met with several measures, which senators desired to have burried through in anticipation of the adjournment of congress. Without further delay the consideration of the tariff report was resumed:

Chilton took the floor for a speech against the bill as a whole. Concerning sugar, he said it was so cunningly devised as to make it difficult to determine the benefits conferred. The main point was as to the loss suffered by the people, and after a calculation Chilton concluded that the sugar trust would be enabled to charge the people one cent a pound more for sugar than under the present law. He said the agricultural schedule also ought to be taken as a "fraud" schedule, as it was de-

signed to be deceptive. In connection with Chilton's dia sion of the agricultural schedule. Tillman was drawn into a vehement argument on the benefit of an export bounty on agricultural products. The South Carolina senator declared that the imposition of such a bounty was the most effective means of destroying the entire protective system, for if the farmer got one drop of blood in his mouth he would want to "swallow the whole carcass," and it would end in a scramble, overturning the whole system.

FROM OLD TO NEW.

Preparations Made For Putting Tariff Law Into Effect. Washington, July 26 .- The treasury officials have made preparations to put the tariff into operation after its signature by the president. The copies of the bill have been sent to enstoms officers throughout the country in anticipation of its passage, and it is said that all have reached their destination by the time the bill becomes a law. Collectors also have been instructed to make the change from the old law to the new upon receipt of trustworthy information that the bill has received the president's approval. Officials who have given the pending bill careful scrutiny state that it is exceptionally free from ambiguities and inconpated in formulating regulations gov-

orning its administration. Evacuation Commenced. Athens, July 26.-The European military authorities have ordered the surrender of the Volo-Larissa railway eight days. It is stated that the evac- tone taken by the newspapers in refernation of Thessaly has commenced. ring to the affair. Eight regiments of Turkish troops from Domokos passed through Thessalv today en route for Elasona. Several officers have started for Salonica. Edhem Pasha, commander-in-chief of the in the United States, died today. Turkish troops in Thessaly, is expected the evacuation.

Government Will Prosecute Editors. Bombay, July 26 .- The government has decided to prosecute some editors of newspapers in the Poona district. British rule. The articles chiefly

One Thousand Quit Work.

St. Louis, July 26 .- One thousand miners at Belleville, Ill., today at noon decided to join the strike for better wages. No coal will be dug even for Seven Fishermen Missing.

Vancouver, B. C., July 23 .- Lighthouse-Keeper Armour was in from Sand heads at the mouth of Fraser river today and reports that seven fishermen

are missing.

The New York university purposes to establish a station in Bermuda for the study of marine life.

A MONETARY COMMISSION.

Bill Introduced for the Appointment

a Board of Eleven. Washington, July 26 .- Representatroduced in the house a bill to authorize the appointment of a monetary commission, and to provide for its expenses. The text of Stone's bill is as

That the president is hereby authorized to appoint a monetary commission of 11 members, who shall be persons especially fitted by experience, training and study for the consideration of the subjects coming before said commission. Said commission shall investigate and report what changes, if any, are necessary and expedient in our present banking and currency laws, and what further legislation, if any, is desirable relative to our national banking system and our government paper currency of notes and certifioutes, and may, in connection therewith, report a codification of existing laws on these subjects. Said commission may take testimony and listen to arguments in their discretion, and may require and shall be entitled to receive information from any department or officer of the government on any matter within its or his special jurisdiction, and coming within the scope of their investigation.

Said commission shall meet for organization in Washington at such time as the president may designate and hold their subsequent sessions at such time and places as they may determine, and shall report to the president for transmission to congress not later than November 10, 1897.

Copies of all bills relating to banking and currency, or to the circulating notes of the government introduced in either house in the 54th congress and the first session of the 55th, shall be furnished by the clerks of said houses to the commission.

TIME BY THE FORELOCK.

Brewers Are Stocking Up With Stamp to Save the Discount.

Washington, July 26.-There has been a heavy run on collectors of internal revenue in all of the larger cities of the country by brewers, who are purchasing beer stamps in large quantities at the 714-cent discount allowed under the existing law, in anticipation of the final passage of the tariff bill, which repeals the discount now allowed. The requisitions received from collectors yesterday were the largest in the history of the bureau, aggregating over \$1,200,000, and today these figures have been largely exceeded, the requisitions aggregating \$1,600,000. The policy of the bureau has been to order stamps of all kinds only as fast as they were required to meet requisitions, and maintain a proper supply in the valuts, and no steps were taken for any such demand as has developed. In consequence, the supply of stamps in the vaults is running very low, and it has been found necessary to cut down the requisition from collectors so that sufficient stamps might be kept on hand to meet the legitimate demands of the trade.

Armor-Plate Price.

New York, July 26,-A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Long has again asked the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies to furnish the government with armor for the battle-ships Wisconsin, Illinois and Alabama at a cost of \$300 a ton. The communications making the proposition have been forwarded to the companies, and the secretary has requested that immediate replies be made. Be fore taking any further steps in the way of carrying out the law he desires to know the intentions of the armor firms.

It is reported that the Carnegie company is considering a proposition for the sale of its plant to the Russian government. This report has been in circulation in ordnance circles for many days, and while the representatives of the Carnegies in this city profess to know nothing about it, some ordnance experts believe there may be some foundation for it. The reply of the Carnegie company to the secretary's communication, it is asserted, will indicate whether or not there is any truth in the report regarding the sale of the establishment.

Her Blood Does Not Boil.

Washington, July 26 .- The insult offered to the Portuguese flag by a party of students in California on the Fourth of July is not expected to lead to any complications. Viscount de Santo-Thryso, the Portuguese minister to the United States, called at the state department today, and had a short talk about the matter. He previously had brought the incident to the attention of the department, which had caused inquiry to be made of the state authorities. The report of the governor of California has not yet been eceived, as the minister was informed. to the Greek railway officials within He expressed great satisfaction at the

An Aged Catholic Priest.

froy, N. Y., July 26,-Rev. Peter Havermans, the oldest Catholic priest He was born in the province of North to arrive in Volo shortly to superintend Brabant, Holland, March 28, 1806, coming to America in a few months.

San Rafael, Cal., July 26.—Charles Buhl, aged 62, and George Lauff, aged 21, were drowned in the surf half a mile from Bolinas about 11 o'clock this which have been most conspicuous in suffered a stroke of paralysis while morning. Buhl is thought to have the publication of seditious articles bathing. Lauff, who heard Buhl's calculated to stir up the natives against ories of distress, met death while bravely trying to save the drowning complained of are those which put man's life. Buhl was unmarried and

To Check Spread of Disease.

Simla, July 26 .- The vice-regal executive council today adopted a bill repealing the cantonments act of 1895. The object of this action is to restore to the governor-general the power to make rules for checking the spread of certain contagious diseases in the cantonments, and to give him the same control in respect to these diseases that has been the case in other diseases and infectious disorders.

The parishioners of a Methodist parson in Caldwell, Kan., turned in and ture. This is the first county to the dug him a cyclone cellar.

# NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States

-Oregon. The Golden Standard quartz mine, near Gold Hill, in Jackson county, was bonded last week for \$125,000.

The officers of the Mathloma have engaged a crew in Corvallis to work on a wing dam that is to be put in at Black Dog bar. Estimates put on the wheat crop of

Eastern Oregon are that there will be in the neighborhood of 15,000,000 bushels harvested this season. The wagon bridge across the Yam. hill at Sheridan is unsafe, because of decayed piers. Travel over the bridge

will be interrupted for two or three weeks. The Falls City correspondent of the Dallas Independent says that hops in that precinct are looking well, haying has begun in earnest, and fall-sown oats will soon be ready for the binder,

Hon, C. V. Brock says that the crop of wheat in Sherman county is the largest on record. A conservative estimate places the output to be harvested at 3,000,000 bushels, all of excellent quality.

There seems to be some doubt as to whether the fish hatchery at Mapleton will be operated this season or not, the claim being made by some in authority that the results of last year do not justify the expense, The barbers of The Dalles have en-

any of their customers on Sundays. The barber who violates the agreement will have to furnish his fellow shavers with a wine supper. The grasshoppers that were devastating the fields around Olex, in Gilliam county, migrated to the west and south last week. The sun was partly ob-

tered into an agreement not to shave

scured the greater part of the week, while they were flying over. The illustrated commencement number of the University of Oregon Monthly has been completed. Besides containing three orations and two poems recently delivered, and an unusual number of interesting articles, it also has 15 steel engravings of the literary societies, graduating class of '97, editorial staff, board of regents and Presi-

dent Chapman. One of the leading wool buyers estimates that about 2,500,000 pounds of wool have changed hands at The Dalles this season. This week the purchases have been large. One clip of 60,000 pounds was sold at 12 cents. There are 5,000,000 pounds more to be sold, and when all this is turned into money it ought to make a sum large enough to be felt in business.

Washington. The potato bugs have put in their appearance for the first time in the Palouse country. The Pacific soldiers' reunion began in Westport, Chehalis county, last week, and will continue ave longer.

dent of the board of regents of the university of Washington, to succeed Jehn Wiley, deceased. It is reported that the light-draft boat that is to navigate the Okanogan river is about completed at Wenatchee, and

John P. Fay has been elected presi-

will make a trial trip in a few days. As a result of the starting of the ice factory at Aberdeen, a schooner has been fitted out there to fish for halibut off Cape Flattery and further north. Shipments of cattle over the Central Washington from Big Bend points continue, several trains being sent out

each week, loaded with cattle for Eastern points. Havnie, in Whatcom county, is soon have a shingle mill, located where the old Stoops' sawmill stood a few years ago. The machinery for the mill

A convention of superior court judges is being held in Scattle for the purpose of adopting a uniform system of rules and recommending needed changes in the practice act. The Whitman Monument Association

the proposed Whitman monument last week, and the contract was awarded last week to a marble works in Walls Walla. The salmon are said to be running well down the Sound, and the propects are favorable for a good catch. The salmon are most plentiful just now in Bellinghamm channel, gulf of

submitted plans and specifications for

Georgia. The ones running now are sockeres. The first piano brought to the Pacific Northwest is attracting considerable attention at the Ferry museum, in Tocoma, where it has recently been placed The instrument was brought to Oregon City in 1847 or 1849, coming by say of the Horn, and was the property of General McCarver, founder of the city of Tacoma. From Oregon City it was re-

moved to Tacoma in 1869. The sack-shipping season has opened at the Walla Walla penitentiary. ders amounting to 600,000 sacks are be ing filled as rapidly as possible. The jute mill is running with 232 men, and turning out between 7,000 and 8,000 sacks daily. The price obtained present is 514 cents. Eleven care of jute have been received by the penites tiary. This is but a part of a large consignment which is to be received from time to time on a contract let last fall. It is thought that the mill as be kept running throughout the rest.

A proposition is on foot to reorganise the Olympia Collegiate Institute is understood that the trustees of the Puget sound university at Tacoms are willing to turn over their business college and normal departments to the Olympia institution.

Commissioner of Horticulture Bales has received notification that Actis county has taketn steps, through is horticiutural society, to secure a out ty fruit inspector under the provises of the law enacted by the last legisle advantage of the opportunity afortish