NEWS OF THE

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

Commander Booth-Tucker has arrived in Denver to complete the ar rangements for establishing a Salvation Army colony in the Arkansas valley.

In Joseph Hayward's saw mill, near Macon, Mo., a large boiler exploded and killed three workmen, Charles Heator, Walter Fergurson and Albert Yost. The mill was blown to frag-

The graduates of the deaf, dumb and organized a novel society. Its purpose is to influence wealthy people, and, if possible, the federal and state governments, in establishing scholarships for the blind in leading educatioanal insti-

The United States steamship San Francisco, the flagship of the European squadron, has arrived at Tangier, Morocco, in order to investigate and obtain redress, if necessary, for the re-Mogador, and also to enforce the promised settlement of former claims of the United States against Morocco.

The inexorable discrimnating law of China, which condemns a paracide to death by the slicing process, whether he be the perpetrator of a wilful crime or the victim of an accident, is terribly illustrated by a case now vexing the people of Shanghai. A boy of 11 was swinging some article about his head in play, when it happened to strike his six severely burned and bruised by an mother, who died from the effects of the blow. He was condemned to be sliced to death, and, though efforts have is still imprisoned in the shaft, and been made to save him from this fear- was undoubtedly killed instantly. The ful end, so far they have not been successful.

A dispatch from Vienna says that the steamer Ika, with a crew of 10, and carrying 50 Australian passengers, was entering the port at Fihme, on the river Flumara, while the bora was blowing hard, when she collided with the English steamer Tira, which was leaving. The bows of the lka were stove in and she sank in two minutes. Boats hastily put off and saved the captain and seven others, but most of the passengers perished. The casualty took place in full view of thousands who crowded the pier in the greatest excitement and alarm.

According to E. Baldwin, the wellknown anthority on polar expeditions, there are many reasons for believing Andree, the Swedish aeronaut, is now on his return trip from the polar regions, and may soon be heard from.

Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, has, in a very pointed way, warnd the board of education that if it does not keep strictly within the letter of the law in the matter of appropriations it may be onsted from office, as was the board of supervisors.

Port Alma, Ont. The rest of the family escaped from the burning building. The girls were aged 18, 10 and 8 years. One of them had escaped, but met her death in returning to assist her sisters.

Acting upon the request of the secretary of agriculture the treasury department has requested the secretary of state to instruct all the consular officers of the United States to refuse authentication of invoices of hides of mest cattle from districts in which anthrax

The unclaimed jewels and curios to the value of \$150,000 which were found in the ruins after the fire at the charity bazaar in the Rue de Goujon, have been sold at auction. The money realized will remain bonded for 30 years, after which all the money unclaimed goes to the state.

Congress will be asked at its coming session to make a large appropriation for the manufacture of modern highpower guns to be installed for service board auxiliary cruisers of the United States navy in time of war. Captain Charles O'Neil, chief of the bureau of ordnance, proposes to make a recommendation in his fortcoming annual report that at least \$500,000 be appropriated for this purpose. It is estimated that \$3,000,000 will be required to equip with modern batteries the 28 steamers now enrolled in the government service as auxiliary

Fire was discovered in the main slope of mine No. 2, at Stockton, Ala. About 100 men were employed in the mine. At once an alarm was given. A panic followed among the workmen and hundreds gatnered at the main entrance of the smoking mine, while rescue parties were at once formed to relieve the miners. More than 50 were gotten out from the various entrances without harm. Others were overcome by smoke and fell by the wayside. Five men, who were working about the sloves beyond where the fire originated, could not be reached, and it has been regarded as certain that they are dead. It is thought three or four others may be in the mine.

Arthur Jordan, a Scotch explorer, who claims to be familiar with the country between Spekane and the Klondike, will leave Spokane with six men, October 10, for the Yukon country. J. J. Browne is at the head of the syndicate which is outfitting the party to prospect on Stewart river. Browne's son, Guy, will be a member of the party. They will go via Ashcroft taking the Hudson bay trail there to Lake Teslin, down the lake to the Hootalingua river, down that stream to

the Yukon, thence to Stewart river. The Japanese government has taken up 2,000 out of the remaining 30,000 shares of the Formosan railway, and has persuaded Formesans to take up the remainder. Locomotives and cars are expected from America. The work

will be proceeded with immediately. The government survey boats have about commpleted the work of establishing a series of lines of true magnetic bearings along the coast and in the principal harbors between Paget sound and San Diego, for the purpose of affording means for masters of vessels to adjust the compasses of their Yeasels in a convenient manner.

FIREMEN TO THE RESCUE.

An Attempt to Eurn a New Orleans School Frustrated.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.-Efficient work by the fire department in the face of the attack of a mob enabled the department to save the main portion of the Beauregard school building, which was fired last night by rioters, who objected to having the structure converted into a yellow fever hospital. Only the annex and one end of the structure were reduced to ashes.

After the mass meeting of citizens held last night a riotous crowd gathered around the building and openly threatened at the first opportunity that they would fire it.

Throughout yesterday evening Sister Agnes and a number of other Sisters of hospital, had been putting the building in order for the reception of yellow

fever patients. At nightfall Surgeon Bloom, of the hospital, the sisters and others had been warned that they had better leave blind asylum at Berkley, Cal., have the building. They did so, and made their way through a dense crowd of panic-stricken citizens. Then a small force of police was ordered to the scene. While the police were engaged in attempting to quell the riotous crowd in front of the building, two incendiaries tee suggested. The announcement of half the bridges on the Skaguay river the front of the building, two incendiaries the decision may be looked for at an have been washed out and the river is with a five-gallon can of oil proceeded to the rear and quickly had the build-

ing in flames. An alarm was turned in, but the first neighboring engine had scarcely arrived ported flogging of American citizens at when the hose was cut. When other engines arrived their hose was also destroyed by the mob. Chief Gaster. finally arrived with a squad of officers, which beat the mob back

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

One Man Killed, Three Fatally and Six Severely Injured.

Marion, Ill., Sept. 27.-One man was killed, three fatally injured, and explosion of gas in the Williams county coal mine today. An unknown miner dead man is Frank Farrar, an Italian

miner, asphyxiated. The injured are: G. Grieti, burned by the explosion, will die; Peter Casper, burned internally, will die; Joe Barlow, driver boy, crushed about the

A shift of 45 men went down the main shaft in the cage at 7 o'clock this morning. They had proceeded only a short distance up the main gangway when the lamp on the leader's cap ignited a large body of gas. A terrible explosion resulted. Farrar and the unknown miner were knocked down, the latter being buried under a mass of broken timbers and rocks. Those who were able to crawl back to the foot of the shaft signalled for the cage, which had been blown to the surface by the force of the explosion.

Rescuers descended, and soon all the injured men were brought to the surface. Afterdamp followed the explosion, and put a stop to the search for the body of the unknown miner.

All Quiet at Hazleton.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 27 .- The coroner's jury investigating the death of the Three daughters of Preston Howard additional testimony. Nothing new Hughitt and Oliver Ames. The cap- before have such heavy rains been ex were burned to death in their home at was adduced. After a half dozen wit- italization of the new company under sses had been examined. Coroner McKee closed the inquest and the jury 000, 4 per cent bonds, \$75,000,000 of retired. They will meet tomorrow to preferred stock and \$61,000,000 of com- ing from Skaguay pass, verifies the deliberate and decide upon a verdict. It was the intention of General Gobin to order the withdrawal of part of the militis, but the rain interfered. Battery C, of the artillery, broke camp today and returned to Phoenixville, where tomorrow, weather permitting. the 11th and 12th regiments will leave. The governor's troop toured the region today. The city troop of Philadelphia will return home next week. All was quiet in the region today.

Suicide of a Disgraced Seaman San Francisco, Sept. 27.-The steam-Moana, from Sydney, via Honolulu, arrived this morning with the following Hawaiian advices, under date of

tember 16: Woolf, a seaman on board of the Philadelphia, disrated and confined in the brig on a serious charge, committed snicide on the 14th by hanging himself with the hammock lashings. was ashore last Saturday night drinking heavily. Captain Dver found Woolf was guilty of disorderly conduct and bringing disgrace upon the ship, and sentenced him to five days' solitary confinement on bread and water, at the same time reducing his rating from first to fourth class. The captain believes the man was insane.

Street Car Strike Threatened. Chicago, Sept. 27.—Developments of the last 12 hours point to a general strike of all street car conductors, motormen and gripmen in the employ of the Chicago City Railway Company. From the present outlook, the only block to a return on the vessels which brought general walkout would be the surrender of General Manager Bowen and the reinstatement of 29 discharged men, together with the recognition of the new union by the company. A general mass meeting of all the street car men of the city has been called to take final action. This course was decided upon of the most prominent labor leaders in a very serious matter, and in his judgof the local street car men's union.

Cubans Need Quinine.

Washington, Sept. 27.-Colonel Augierra, a Cuban, has received a dispatch from President Cisneros which states that the latter has been ill from the prevailing malarial fever. He says that the army is in need of quinine and medicine.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 27 .- Every business house in the town of Afton, 15 miles from here, was burned this The loss is stated to be

Reservation Timber Sold.

Washington, Sept. 27 .- The departnent of the interior has accepted the hid of Frederick L. Gilbert for all the timber on Red Cliff, Chippewa Indian reservation, in Wisconsin. It is estimated that the timber amounts to 100,-000,000 feet, and Mr. Gilbert's bid was \$461,000. The conditions of the sale provide that Mr. Gilbert shall establish nills on the reservation to manufacture there the lumber to be made from the timber; that he shall cut not less than 10,000,000 feet, nor more than 20,000, 000 feet a year, and that he shall employ Indian labor, if practicable.

DECISION BY M'KINLEY

Mortgage on the Union Pacific to Be Foreclosed.

THE COMPANY WILL REORGANIZE

The Government Will Lose Something Like Twenty-Pive Million in the Transaction.

Chicago, Sept. 27 .- A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

The Union Pacific reorganization committee proposition for the settle-Charity, together with help from the ment of the company's debt to the United States will be accepted, the lieve the story, as it is very early in the government mortgage will be fore-closed, the road sold and the company reorganized. This statement is made on the highest authority.

For several days past the president has had conferences with the representatives of the company and with the attorney-general, and before he left Washington he agreed to the sale of the road and its reorganization upon the basis which the reorganization commitearly date. It will come in an order for foreclosure issued by the president to the secretary of the treasury.

The agreement to which President McKinley has agreed to give his sanc- the Pioneer. tion is the same which was submitted to congress by President Cleveland last January. Under this agreement the reorganization committee will bid for the road under a foreclosure sale, the sum of \$45,000,000.

In order to give an intelligible statement of what this bid will mean to the United States, it is necessary to enter briefly into the history of the Union Pacific obligation to the government.

Pacific to the United States was \$35,- Pioneer, corroborates the story of the 539,512. A portion of this has not yet been advanced by the United States. slide, in the neighborhood of Sheep The interest paid by the government Camp. Captain Nelson says: amounts to \$36,954,893. The whole fund of the Union Pacific in the hands o'clock a peculiar sound from the souththe same day was \$17,738,209. After deducting the sinking fund, which is the United States for the puprose of paying the debt of the Union Pacific That is the only sum which the Fitzgerald reorganization committee, as it

The loss to the government is the diference between \$53,000,000, which is the net amount due the government in the mountain missed Sheep Camp round numbers, and the \$28,000,000. making a loss of nearly \$25,000,000 in round numbers, according to the figuring of the opponents of the agreement.

The agreement for the foreclosure reorganization of the Union Pacific Dick, etc. Railroad Company and its Kansas Pacific branch. The reorganization committee consists of Louis Fitzgerald, Jacob H. Schieff, T. Jefferson Coothe Fitzgerald plan will be \$100,000 .mon stock.

FOOD SHORTAGE INEVITABLE.

Captain Tuttle's Report on Conditions in the North.

Washington, Sept. 27. - Captain Tuttle, in command of the cutter Bear, of the Behring sea patrol, in a report to the secretary of the treasury, gives tiors who are to determine the Britishan official account of the rescue of Caytain Whitesides, his wife and a number arbitrator, or umpire, who is to act condition of affairs at St.

rival Captain Tuttle received requests ereign. The umpire is an European, from the Alaska Commercial Company but this is said to be without signifipany to remain with his command at den influx of people were many had court. characters, and previous to the arrival of the Bear, open threats had been made as to what they would do if the transportation company failed to get them up the Yukon. This was impos-

sible with the means at hand. Captain Tuttle says that navigation would close in a few days and that 12 vessels were then on the way to St. Michaels, the most of them with passengers, and he thought if they did not

them, much suffering must result. The captain decided to comply with the requests which had been made until Captain Hooper, of the command of the Behring sea fleet, could be com-

municated with. In concluding his report Captain Tutlte says that in his opinion the situ-

Tacoma, Sept. 27.-The steamship Willamette sailed from Tacoma tonight for Skaguay and way ports. She will carry to the north all the freight that lore-Mysore railroad near Maddur. An can be stored in her hold and piled engine and five cars filled with passenprises 300,000 feet of lumber. cargo will amount to 2,900 tons. The steamer has 80 head of live stock, comprising cattle, hogs and sheep. The passenger list from the Sound will fatally burned and six others persons number 100 people, most of whom are injured last night by an explosion of a traders or speculators.

Fire and Explosion

Chillicothe, O., Sept. 27.-The village of Bainbirdge was the scene of a most disastrous conflagration this even An entire square containing most of the prominent business houses several handsome residences and the Methodist church, was entirely destroyed, and two prominent business nen lost their lives in an explosion which occurred in the drug store,

Nine Mure in Edwards.

Edwards, Miss., Sept. 27 .- Nine new cases of yellow fever have been report. Greenland preparatory to his new expeed since 8 p. m. last night.

DEATH IN DYEA PASS.

Eighteen Packers Buried Under a Mon ster Avalanche.

Port Townsend, Sept. 27. - The steam. er Pioneer, which left the Sound September 12 with the bark Shirley in tow for Skaguay, returned at 1 o'clock this morning, having made the run down in 96 hours.

The Pioneer brings down a story of a snow or landslide between Sheep Camp and Chilkoot pass last Sunday morning in which 18 men are supposed to have lost thier lives; only one body had been found, that of a man named Choynski, cousin of Joe Choynski, the prizefighter. The 15 or 18 men supposed to be last were packers on the Dyea trail, and they had upwards of \$30,000 in their роввениют.

There are many here who do not beseason for snow slides. Officers of the Pioneer say the story was brought to Skaguay Sunday evening by three men. who told it in such a thrilling manner as to leave no doubt as to its truthfulness. They described the avalanche as consisting of rocks, ice and dirt, the mass having been loosened by the recent unprecedented hard rain which has been fallling continuously for the past month.

a raging torrent. W. W. Sprague, of Tacoma, who started eight weeks ago with a threeyears' outfit, returned from Skaguay on

The steamer Al-Ki, a week overlue from Alaska, arrived this morning at 4 o'clock. She carried a large list of men returning from Skaguay, who were unable to cross the pass. The snow is six inches deep at Lake Bennett, and three inches fell on the summit of Chilkoot pass last Saturday.

The Story Corroborated.

Port Townsend, Wash., Sept. 27.-The principal debt of the Union Captain Neilson, master of the tog snowslide, or more appropriately, land-

"Three men came to Skaguay beach indebtedness on the 1st day of July, Sunday night with a story that at 1897, was \$70,494,405. The sinking Sheep Camp that morning at 3:30 of the treasurer of the United States on west side of the mountain was heard, and before the residents of the camp could fully dress they found themselves an asset of the company in the hands of being rapidly borne down the canyon on a mass of moving debris from the mountain side. The majority of the mpany to the government, the sum residents of Sheep Camp escaped, al-\$28,015,850 remains to be paid though the entire town was almost wholly destroyed.

"The slide struck the town in the is known, will be required to pay the northern part, where nearly all the packers were quar; ered in tents and sleeping the sleep of hard, overworked men. The main part of the slide from proper, although from the report very little of the town remains. Packers' camp was wholly carried away, and it is impossible to learn the full names of the unfortunates, as they were all sale also contains a provision for the known by surnames such as Jack, Jim,

"The cause of the slide was reported to be the action of heavy rains on the hills where a sort of reservoir was formed, which boty of water forced the Lattimer victims met again and heard lidge, jr., Chauncey M. Depew, Marvin land down into the basin below. Never perienced by old Indians in the neighborhood of Chilkoot pass.

> W. W. Sprague, of Tacoma, returnabove report.

THE UMPIRE CHOSEN.

Fifth Arbitrator of the British-Vene-

Washington, Sept. 27 .- A final cision has been reached by the arbitra-Venezuela boundary line as to the fifth of the crew of the steamer Nevarch, with him. His name is for the present and said he had received a cablegram the harbor defenses are now sufficientwhich was caught in the ice pack off withheld. It is not Baron Courcel, Icy Cape, July 30, and also reports as whose name has been mentioned in this lister to the United States, to the same connection, nor King Oscar of Sweden, effect, and denying the existence of an who was to name the umpire only in ultimatum. The Bear reached St. Michaels Au- case the arbitrators failed to agree. An gust 28, where about 300 miners were agreement was reached without the found camping on the beach. On ar- necessity of calling on the Swedish sovand the North American Trading Com. cance, since no question involving the Monroe doctrine is to be submitted to St. Michaels until some means could be the tribunal. The arbitrators on behalf ixto Garcia major-general, General devised to maintain law and order, of Venezuela are Chief Justice Fuller Gomez remaining commander in-chief He was informed that among the snd- and Justice Brewer, of the supreme of the army of liberation.

Washington, Sept 24.—Assistant Attorney-General Boyd, of the department of justice, in charge of the case against the South Omaha Livestock Omaha exchange was organized on lines similar to those of the Kansas The engineer, Pedro Milones, son of ago declared a trust by Judge Foster of the United States district court.

The suits against Wetsern livestock exchanges begun under Attorney-Gen- importation of American refrigerated eral Harmon, of the Cleveland administration, but the present administration is prosecuting them with all possible vigor.

Killed by a Landslide.

London, Sept. 27 .- A private distonight at a conference attended by 25 ation on the Yukon this winter will be patch from Rome says that about 40 persons were killed and many others Chicago and the executive committee ment the limited supply of food will injured by an earth slip at the sulphur mines near Girgentt.

> Train Flunged Into a River. Madras, Sept. 27. - Floods have washed away a bridge on the Benga-

upon her deck. The deckload com- gers were precipitated into the river, The causing great loss of life, Gasoline Stove Exploded. Chicago, Sept. 27.-One man was

gasoline stove on West Adams street.

Greely Relies Discovered. Philadelpiha, Sept. 27.-Lieutenant R. E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, arrived in this city last night. He stated this morning that what he considered the most important discovery was the finding of the relics of the Greely expedition. These were found in Cape

scribe them for the present. The party, Lieutenant Peary said. had succeeded in establishing headquarters and a base of supplies in dition next spring.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Report That War Is Inevitable Scouted at Madrid.

NEGOTIATIONS HAVE OPENED

Circumstances Seem to Justify the Assumption That Europe Would Sustain Us in Interference.

Madrid, Sept. 27.—The Correspondencia de Espana asserts that negotiations are proceeding between the United States and Spain for a friendly settlement of affairs in Cuba. El Epoca, after denouncing as "sen-

sational" the story of an ultimatum, points out that the Cubans have not been at war with Spain without the moral and material co-operation of the American people. There is a great deal of comment as to the origin of the ultimatum canard.

It has been attributed to a foreign ambassador, but all the ambassadors deny responsibility for it. The people do not think that war is inevitable. It is asserted that the liberals will

soon form a cabinet, and that on the return of the queen from San Sebastian to Madrid Captain-General Weyler will be recalled from Cuba and autonomy established in the island, thus leaving no pretext for the intervention of the United States.

Would Europe Sustain Us.

Washington, Sept. 27,-State-department officials refuse to discuss the statement made in the cable disptach from Madrid, namely, that the countries of Europe, with the ex eption of Austria, justify the interposition of the United States in favor of a termination of the Cuban war. Still, it is recalled that while Mr. Woodford was tarrying in an apparently purposeless manner in London and Paris, instead of proceeding to his post in Spain, it leaked out that the United States ministers at various European courts had been instructed to sound the governments to which they were accredited, with a view to learning how intervention in

favor of Cuba would be regarded. Although it was generally supposed at the time that this effort would not succeed, there is now good reason to accept the statement in the Madrid cable as fully warranted by the facts.

No Ultimatum Was Served.

New York, Sept. 27 .- A special to the Herald from London says: In reference to the sensational telegrams from Madrid about the allegel ultimatum and inevitability of war between the United States and Spain, the Herald correspondent had a conversation with a distinguished American diplomat, who, though not personally concerned in the American-Sp nish negotiations, is in a position to know the exact state of affairs, but who, for obvious reasons would not allow his name to be mentioned. He said:

"I cannot, of course, pledge in advance the government of the United States, but so far as the present is concerned such a step is not in contemplation. The United States has probably intimated through Mr. Woodford that the present state of affairs is most deplorable and that if we could be of any assistance in bringing this condition of things to an end we should be glad to offer our services But you may say ed States engineers in charge of the els of wheat this year with the absolutely that no ultimatum has been

sent to Spain by the United States."

Denied by Tetuan. Madrid, Sept. 27.—The Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, in the course of an interview today with the correspondent of the Associated Press, denies that the government had received an ultimatum from ment. the United States in regard to Cuba,

Election in Cuba. Havana, Sept. 27.-According to advices from Puerto Principe, Senor Bartomoloe Masso has been elected vicepresident of the Cuban republic, General Gomez minister of war, and Cal-

Armed insurgents continue to surand 10 men in Havana province, and dered with nine others.

Three days ago the insurgents dyna-Brava and Las Mangas, Pinar del Rio, City exchange, which was a few days the well-known poet, was seriously caped a similar fate by committing suiwounded.

The beef famine increases. There is no meat in Havana today, and the beef is urged.

It was officially announced today armed insurgent cavalrymen, who belonged to the insurgent force under Trellez, surrendered yesterday to Spanof his followers.

Ammunition Wagon Exploded.

London, Sept. 27 .- A dispatch from of Pilisti, Roumania, 65 miles northously that they have since died. Eight steamer. horses were killed.

Hessel, a wealthy cirizen, was fatally injured by an angry bull.

Whisky on the Willamette

hours were spent here this morning by three having died, 16 having been discustoms officers in searching the steam- charged, and 24 remain under treatship Willamette previous to her de- ment. parture for Alaska. The search was rewarded by the discovery of 100 cases of John Bourne, chief clerk of the Louiswhisky, which were seized. steamer carried a full cargo of freight Sabin, but he said he would not deand 110 passengers.

Decatur, Ind., Sept. 27 .-- William Darwechter, a young man employed at Chicago and Northwestern, and a comthe stone crusher of Caivin Miller & Co., fell into the crusher and was crushed to pieces.

THE MORTGAGE LAW.

sheriffs' sales.

Declared Unconstitutional by the Su preme Court.

Olympia, Wash., Sept. 27.-The sareme court today affirmed judgment in the case of Nathaniel R. Swinburne, respondent, vs. the Sheriff of Pierce county, appellant-a case that involved the legality or application of the act passed by the last legislature relating to the sale of property under execution and decree, and the confirmation of

The case was appealed from the superior court of Pierce county, when a peremptory writ of mandamus was granted against the sheriff, commanding him to proceed with the sale under a special execution and order, issued on June 24, 1897, in the case of Swinburne vs. Delane, and to advertise certain mortgaged property for sale to satisfy the judgment in the said cause, with out appraisement or without requiring either the judgment creditor or debtor to fix a value upon the mortgaged property as a minimum price for sale, and to proceed at once under the old law regarding such sales, without regard to the recent act of the leigslature regulating such matters.

The respondent contended: First-That neither the title nor the

body of the act sustained the contention that the law applies to foreclosure

of mortgages. Second-That it was not the intent of the legislature to make the law retroactive; and

Third-That, if the law does apply to mortgages and it was intended to be retroactive, that portion relating to a year's stay of sale and the provision for year's stay of sale and the provisional, engine was tested and threw ally be fixing a valuation are unconstitutional, engine was tested and threw ally be because obnoxious to section 10 of article I of the constitution of the United States regarding impairment of con-

Regarding the first contention, the supreme court holds that it was evidently the intent to include mortgages as well as mortgages sold under execution. Also, that it was the intention of the legislature to make the provisions of this act retroactive. In holding the act unconstitutional

in its application to contracts made prior to the passage of the act, the court devotes some attention to the principle of the inviolability of contracts, which is founded upon honesty and good faith, supported in ethics as well as law. If the value of a contract is deteriorated or lessened by the passage of an act, the obligation of the act is most certainly impaired. It is a principle of law that the law which is in existence at the time a contract is made becomes a part of the contract. In this case it was expressly stipulated in the mortgage that the law in force yield of 290 bushels, or 48% loss at the time the contract was made per acre. should become a part of the contract, but in the absence of such stipulation the effect would be the same. Under the law, when the contract was made, the mortgagee had a right to the sale of this land at once upon the issuance of his execution, subject only to redemption. This was a valuable right, and was no doubt taken into consideration by the judgment creditor, or in this case the mortgagee. The law now compels him to wait more than a year after judgment before he can have the same made, and, says the court, it seems beyond controversy that, as to antecedent contracts, this provision of

the law is void. Defences at the Golden Gate.

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The Unit. notwithstanding he raised 13,000 to harbor fortifications of San Francsico have directed that a survey be made on the shore line on the south side of the bay, and the Golden Gate, from Black point to Point Lobos. The purpose of the survey, which has just begun and will be completed a week hence, is to accurately locate the forts for the information of the war depart-

Army and navy officers here think from Senor de Lome, the Spanish min- ly well advanced to stand off any fleet that Spain or Japan could put into action here, and they are strong enough with the assistance of the batteries of the Monterey and Monadnock type and with the aid of torpedoes to make a splendid fight against the best fleet

England would be likely to send here.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Sept. 27 .- Drunami, the king of Benin, who has been on trial at Benin City since August last, with a number of his leading chiefs, charged with being concernrender, among them Captain Ojeda ed in the massacre of the unarmed expedition under Birtish Consul Phillips, the local leader, Bias Varela, in the has been condemned to be transported province of Pinar del Rio, who surren. to Calabar, a slave settlement of British West Africa. Three of the king's chiefs were previously sentenced. Two Exchange, says he is satisfied the South mited a pilot train between Punta of them were shot and their bodies displayed hanging in the streets for 24 hours. The third of these chiefs es-

Typhoid Wiping Out a Family.

Greensburg, Ind., Sept. 27.-An unusually peculiar case of family affliction is reported from Forest Hill. Two weeks ago the eldest brother of Mrs. that two insurgent officers and 21 Finley Sanderson died of typhoid fever A few days later her mother passed away from the same disease, and the fever claimed her husband last Saturish authorities at Yagurmas, province day. Yesterday she herself succumbed of Santa Clara. Trellez, it is added, to the malady, and now two of her was killed the previous night by three children are lying at the point of

Wheeling Carries Dispatches.

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The gun-Bucharest says that while a battery of boat Wheeling sailed for Honolulu toartillery was passing through the town night. She was obliged to fill vacancies in her crew by drafting 40 men west of Bucharest, an ammunition from the monitor Monadnock. The wagon exploded. Four men were Wheeling carried dispatches to Honoblown to pieces and 11 injured so seri- luin in advance of the renglar mail

Greensburg, Ind., Sept. 27.-Charles Warshaw, Ind., Sept. 27.-Fred Gallagher, an aged flagman at a Big Four crossing in this city, was struck by an engine and killed.

Mobile, Sept. 27 .- So far there have Port Townsend, Sept. 27.—Four been 38 cases pronounced yellow fever.

Tonight another death was added, The ville & Nashville shops.

Chicago, Sept. 27.-An Irving Park school girl met her death yesterday at the St. Charles avenue crossing of the panion, escaping with injuries, was and steps will be taken to and made temporarily insane by the horror to take out license. of the scene.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Chriving Sister States -Oregon

Patrick Gibson, a farmer, was killed by a train near Oregon City, Vale expects to be lighted by electi-

city by November 15 next. The smoke from burning forests is again obscuring the atmosphere al along the coast.

W. D. Huffman, of Diamond, has just made a sale of 70,000 pounds of wool at 1212 cents. Malheur river farmers are putting to their third crop of alfalfs, and have a

mostly in the stack. The next reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Southern Oregon will be bed in Medford during September, 1895.

The 10th semi-annual meeting of the Oregon State Association of Namer, men will be held in Salem on Wellan day, October 6. Quail have never been known to be

so thick in the vicinity of Ashland is many years, and offer some good sper for local gunners. Junction City has a new fire engine, for which it recently paid \$1,100. The

stream 215 feet, and two 78ton streams 140 feet each. The enrollment at the destant school at Salem is now 30, 01 to number, seven are new pupils. Some

intendent Knight expects a total of a or more within the next few years. The burglar who broke into the jos office at Echo got \$40 in mosey and some postage stamps. The meet all stamps have been recovered. But were rolled up by the burglar is at all stocking.

The Umatilla county court haves

menced legal proceedings to recovera

28 notes thet were turned over to the county court by the receiver of the funct Pendleton National lank in es tlement of the county's claim again the bank. About the largest yield of wheat no reported comes from the old Davies on the Long Tom. It was Deline wheat and was grown by Frank Ba-

Klamath county farmers as her harvesting and threshing, and moss turning out better than was mis pated. Some crops have yieldel as mously. It is reported that Soil Bros. crop of oats in Alkali tale

went 766 bushels to the acre. Five persons were seriously in a collision at Eagle Point in miscreant had picked the switch lot which let a special go in on the sing which held a train of loaded legg trucks. The special had ben es with two doctors to attend P. L Pisin who had been thrown from a bag

and was seriously injured. J. W. Stamper, one of the pieces Umatilla county, of a boy, who worked for his the months only. Mr. Stamper disp his wheat at 76 cents a bushelandis himself in very good shape physical

as well as financially. Mr. Sarge thas resided for 26 years near Albea Washington. The Tacoma schools have along

the vertical system of writing. The diphtheria scare is Oklah over, and the two patients are letter covering. Workmen have commenced to get the telephone wire from The bilst

The policemen of Tacoma are conlating a petition asking thecity and for an increase in pay. During August the Whatcon ery paid \$489.46 for cream mi

Goldendale.

3,246 pounds of butter. The drug store in Ellerton to contains the postoffice, was burgless the safe blown open, and the money and \$200 in stamps taken robbers left no trace.

Sportsmen are shooting Both quail, near Walla Walla, course law, and the gun club of Walla is will try to put a stop to the miss destruction of the birds. Press day in Spokane breeght 30 editors of the Inland Empire

kane, the guests of the Fruit Fr sociation. The Spokane Prest joined in the entertaining of their ors, and showed them the co its glory. Four companies of the Sixes fantry from Fort Sherman, 18 with the regimental headquite band, are soon to take that a practice march. The march sill easy stages from Fort Sherman creek, 15 miles west of Spokant.

turn. Passing through spins troops will go into camp for pe day or two. The North Pacific German conference, which was in Spokane, was presided over C. D. Foss, of Philadelphia was chosen as the place

next year's conference. President S. T. Gates has thorough inspection of all the along the Monte Cristo road sult, another roaster will besides the two now in use building, and other extensive ments will be made at the

The second annual reunion soldiers, sailors and maries bia county will be held on Frid tober 22, 1897, in Dayton.

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C. G Heifner, deputy commissioner, has been the insurance agents of the finds some 200 agents soli surance who have not the law in that they have fa cure license from the insul ment, which is \$20 per at have been in this