

Eugene City Guard.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

A terrible railroad accident has occurred in Warsaw. While a passenger train was stationary at the terminus, a heavy freight train ran into it, owing to the error of a pointman. Eleven persons were killed and 22 others were seriously injured.

The receipts of the customs so far this fiscal year undoubtedly will fall considerably short of estimates made by the managers of the new tariff bill during its pendency in congress. At that time it was estimated that the customs would yield about \$180,000,000 during the first year. The indications are now said to be that the receipts from this source will not aggregate more than \$165,000,000.

A plateau of armor, representing a lot of 500 tons for the turrets of the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, was tested at the Indian Head proving grounds Tuesday. For testing purposes, two eight-inch shells, one a Carpenter projectile and the other a Wheeler sterling, were fired at the plate, one at a high and the other at a low velocity. Neither penetrated nor cracked the plate, but both partially welded themselves into it.

Word comes of a wreck on the Santa Fee near Williams, Ariz., in which three men lost their lives and much valuable property was destroyed. After the first section of freight train No. 33 had pulled out of Williams the air that controls the brakes gave out and the train dashed down the steep grade with rapidly increasing velocity. The hand brakes were unavailing to check the speed, and when a point about 10 miles west was reached the train left the track. Two engines were coupled to the train, which was a very heavy one. Engineers Newton and Watson and Fireman Berry were pinned under their respective engines and lost their lives, it is said, by being burned to death.

The celebration in honor of Oregon's martyred missionary, Dr. Marcus Whitman, was begun in Walla Walla, Wash., Monday. Large crowds were in attendance. The opening address was made by Rev. L. H. Hallack. A monument is to be erected over the grave of Dr. Whitman.

Senator Lodge, of the committee on foreign relations, was at the state department early in the week. He would say nothing about the Cuban situation except that the committee had accomplished a great deal. The first business would be to confirm the annexation of Hawaii, which would be done by ratifying the treaty, or by legislation.

Asphyxiation caused the death of three men in the Grand Trunk railway tunnel at Fort Haron, Mich. The train which was being hauled through to the Canadian side, broke in two. The engine backed down to get the detached portion of the train, but for hours nothing was heard of the crew. Finally a searching party found the dead bodies, and also rescued two brakemen, in an unconscious condition. Three members of the searching party were also overcome, but were rescued by another party. The tunnel gas arises from the hard coal used by the locomotives.

Colonel Domville, M. P., who went north in the interest of the Klondike-Yukon Stewart Company, of London, says his company will build a wagon road through White pass, placing steel bridges over the canyons. Work is to commence immediately, and the road is to be ready by February. They will build steamers to run from Lake Bennett to White Horse rapids, around which they will have a tramway. From the end of this tramway they will have steamers to run direct to Dawson. These steamers, he says, will be ready when the river opens. The wagon road through White pass is to be followed immediately by a railway.

One of the bills that will be pushed in the coming session of congress is that introduced by Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, which provides for changing the time when congress shall meet. It is a very sensible bill, and ought to be passed. The first session of congress after an election would be in the January following the election in November. This session could last as long as would be necessary. The congress elected in November could legislate before another election was on hand. The second session could meet in December previous to the coming congressional election, and the congress would expire before the election took place. As the matter now stands the first session of congress is given over to politics by representatives who wish to be re-elected. The short session is often a discredited and defeated congress and oftentimes enacts very bad legislation because it will not be called to account before the people. Possibly Mr. Shafroth's bill will get a hearing, though such reforms as this move very slowly.

Emperor William opened the session of the German reichstag in person for the first time since 1894. The ceremony took place in White hall, in the royal castle. His majesty read the speech from the throne.

The steamer San Blas has arrived in San Francisco from Panama and way ports. She brings the news that the Salvador coffee crop for this season will be one-third larger than ever before, and will do much toward making up the loss occasioned by the revolution.

The London papers assert that China has practically agreed to cede England a strip of territory near Hong Kong, and all the surrounding islands in order to enable England to fortify them securely and to increase the garrison.

TO BE A SEAT OF WAR.

The Struggle for Supremacy in Asia Is Waxing Warm.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The Call says: The report that the Russian government is buying large quantities of army supplies in the United States has been verified. Cable messages from Vladivostok asking merchants to bid on large lots are frequently received. Yesterday Dodge, Sweeney & Co., of this city, received a Vladivostok cable to figure on 1,200 tons of supplies.

Travelers arriving from Asia report that the garrison at Vladivostok has been largely reinforced by the arrival of troops on steamers and sailing vessels from the Black sea.

The concentration of Russian troops at that point and the haste that Japan is making to increase her power on the sea leads some of our merchants to predict that the impending conflict between Russia and Japan may open as early as next summer. The recent heavy orders for army supplies to be forwarded to Vladivostok are regarded as significant of important movements in the Orient.

It is believed the completion of the trans-Siberian railroad with its terminus at Vladivostok will largely increase the trade of San Francisco, and there is talk of establishing a line of steamers to that place, touching at Alaskan ports. A local subsidy of \$35,000 a month has already been subscribed for an Alaskan line.

WORK ON PANAMA CANAL.

The Ditch Is Said to Be One-Third Finished.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Consul-General Gudgeon, at Panama, has made a report to the state department on the condition of the Panama canal. He says it is whispered that England is doing all in her power to obtain control of the canal. France may not push the work forward, but some other nation or some other company will surely do so if those in charge forfeit their rights.

The canal, when completed, will extend from Colon, on the Atlantic, to Panama, on the Pacific, 54 miles. All along the route are sheds full of new and costly machinery. It is estimated the latter has cost \$100,000,000, and there has been expended on the canal a total of \$375,000,000. A conservative estimate is that the canal is about one-third finished, but with the new machinery on hand, it is said the remainder of the work can be completed for \$170,000,000.

Wreck in Minnesota.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Dec. 6.—A coast train on the Great Northern, west bound, was wrecked near Barnesville last night. A switch engine at Barnesville was pushing a couple of carsloads of coal up a chute. In some way the engine refused to stop and the cars began to go over the trestle, dropping 25 feet. The engine was reversed and the engineer and fireman jumped, and just as the engine reached the dropping-off place the coupling broke and it backed down onto the track. It then went west at a furious speed for two miles, where it struck the coast train, whose engineer Fred Griswold, and Fireman Carter jumped, and were badly injured. The engines came together with terrific force, demolishing both and throwing five cars off the track. The damage will reach \$15,000.

Lutetiger Juror Under Suspicion.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—One of the four men selected as jurors in the Lutetiger trial is under suspicion. Reports have come to Mr. Deenen which imply that the man is interested in the defense, as he has for 20 years been a friend of the sausage-maker, and has declared his belief that Lutetiger is innocent. Tonight Mr. Deenen had two of Inspector Schanack's trusted men assigned to him and placed the investigation in their hands. A report is expected tomorrow, and it may result in the discharge of the juror and proceedings against him. No additional jurors were secured today.

The Alaska Boundary.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Hon. Clifton Sifton, minister of the interior, has returned from an extended trip to the Klondike. Speaking of the Alaska boundary question, he said: "There are certain phases which have to be looked carefully over, and Mr. King, our chief astronomer, went out with me for that purpose. As to whether there will be a commission to settle the question appointed by the United States and ourselves, I do not know. The subject is a very grave one."

Sifton will cause the mounted police force in the district to be increased.

China Declines to Yield.

London, Dec. 6.—A special dispatch from Shanghai announces that the emperor of China has declared he would rather forfeit his crown than agree to the conditions demanded by Germany as redress for the murder of the two German missionaries, Nees and Henle, and the destruction of German property in the province of Shan Tung.

Admiral Doidrach, the German commander of Kiao Chou Bay, the dispatch further states, has proclaimed martial law in the district around Kiao Chou, China, the dispatch concludes, asks that her dispute with Germany be submitted to arbitrators appointed by Holland and Belgium.

Russia on Her Guard.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Great reticence is observed in official circles regarding the political situation in the far East. The opinion prevails that Germany will not permanently occupy Kaio Chuan Bay. Russian newspapers protest against the occupation, as being calculated to injure the interests of the Russians in the far East, and they say that the Russian government ought to demand its evacuation or else its evacuation.

S. H. H. Clark Out of It.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Mr. S. H. H. Clark, one of the receivers of the Union Pacific, today announced that he had been offered the presidency of that company by the reorganization committee, but owing to ill-health had refused the position.

France's Vintage Decreasing.

Paris, Dec. 6.—According to the official returns, the last vintage amount to 20,000,000 hectoliters, a falling off of 12,000,000 hectoliters from 1898, and about 25,000 hectoliters under the average of the previous 10 years.

NOT ENOUGH FOR ALL.

Jack Dalton Says Many Klondikers Will Be Disappointed.

Spokane, Dec. 6.—Jack Dalton and his partner, J. M. Maloney, arrived here today. They are making a business trip to New York.

"The statement that Klondike miners will starve is much overdrawn," Dalton said. "The food supply is short, but men will not die from hunger. They will suffer from short rations, and are sadly in need of relief."

"How should relief be sent in?" "I would not care to say. Many foolish schemes are talked about. Supplies should be sent to Dawson City, but inexperienced men cannot land them there."

"Do you expect much of a rush over your trail?"

"There will be a rush on every trail. Far too great. Most of them will go straight to Dawson City, and then start for home again. Unless a man has money to buy claims, he stands a poor show of getting anything in that vicinity."

"Where is the most promising country for prospecting?"

"It is hard to say. There were reports of strikes on tributaries of the Stewart river, but nothing remarkably rich. Almost every story that has been told of Klondike has been exaggerated. There is much gold up there, but not enough for the thousands who are planning to go."

Mr. Dalton said that he did not believe there are over 2,000 men all told now in the Klondike region.

"There is no trouble," he said, "in getting down from the head of Teslin lake to Dawson City. I have been over that portion of the route."

Experienced miners are gathering here to go over the inland route in the spring. Dr. Hodgins, who is at Teslin lake, writes that the country there is excited over reports of rich strikes on the Hootalinga. This stream is the outlet of Teslin lake.

ADVICES FROM THE NORTH.

Dyen Landowners Refused the Railroad the Right of Way.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 6.—The following Alaskan advice were brought down on the steamer Corvina, which arrived today from Juneau, Dyne and Skagway: The Chilkoot Railroad & Transportation Company endeavored to build through the townsite of Dyne. They were resisted by a large force of men acting in the interest of Healy & Wilson, the original locators of the townsite, who forced them to withdraw. In the melee a man named Peterson accidentally shot himself, inflicting a serious wound. In connection with the disputes over the ownership of the townsite of Dyne and Skagway, United States Commissioner Smith has decided that an improved land hold it if he shows a bona fide intention to improve it.

Steps have been taken for the organization of a municipal government at Skagway.

When Lake Bennett froze up, a number of loaded boats were caught in the ice.

Brooks' pack train made its way over the White pass, last month, with the thermometer 23 below zero. Brooks says now that the trail is broken he will keep it open all winter.

Captain A. F. Pendleton, of Boston, was a passenger on the Corvina. He claims to have located a large deposit of garnets on the Stickeen, near Fort Wrangel.

A Fatal Wreck.

Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—A wreck occurred on the Great Northern railway this morning, near Durham, Mont., on the Blackfoot reservation. The train was the eastbound passenger, and was being pulled by two engines, on account of drifting snow. When nearing a cut, the engine suddenly left the track and fell upon their sides. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail. Engineer William Clark, of Kalispell, was instantly killed, and Engineer Nelson, of Havre, had both legs broken above the knee, and was otherwise badly injured. The firemen were both hurt, but not seriously. Three cars left the track, but the passengers escaped with a shaking up.

Utes Preparing for Trouble.

Denver, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Meeker, Colo., says: Mailcarrier Hulsey came in from Range lick, in the western part of this county, and reports the Utes are gathering about the place. About 40 Utes and 800 horses are on a grassy creek. They are sullen and say they came to hunt, and that game wardens will not stop them this time. If the wardens attempt to arrest them, the Indians will make trouble.

On the Free List.

New York, Dec. 6.—The United States board of general appraisers today decided that under the Dingley tariff act, imported calkskins, raw, are not to be classified as uncured hides of cattle, which are subject to a duty of 15 percent ad valorem, but are wholly exempt from duty, and come under the head of raw skins included in the free list. The decision is important to the shoe and leather manufacturers.

More German Troops for China.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The naval department has sent instructions to Kiel to dispatch 600 artillerymen with field guns and 1,000 marines to China.

Counterfeit Silver Certificate.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The discovery of a new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate of the series of 1891, with the portrait of Grant, is announced by the treasury secret service. The note is neither as long nor as wide as the genuine. Apparently it is printed from plates made by the photo-mechanical process, and is well executed, especially the lettering, seal and entire back of the note. General Grant's portrait is different from that in the genuine.

Automatic Gun Tested.

Washington, Dec. 6.—By direction of the secretary of the navy, a special board of officers at Indian Head made a final test and inspection of the new six-pounder automatic gun. This weapon has been fired at the rate of 41 rounds per minute, and in use dispensed with the service of a man at each gun.

Rome, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from

Canoes, in the province of that name, in Piedmont, south of the Leonine Alps, says that 20 homes in the village of Vigna have been burned. One man was burned to a crisp.

GENERAL PANDO SHOT

Spaniards Discredit It in the Absence of Proofs.

SPANISH DEFEAT AT MATANZAS

Santa Clara the Reported Scene of Pando's Last Fight—Smallpox in San Domingo.

New York, Dec. 6.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: A report that General Pando, who was placed in charge of military operations in Cuba by General Blanco, has been killed in an engagement with insurgents in Santa Clara province, has just reached Havana. This has caused the utmost excitement in palace and social circles, and every effort is being made to get news from General Pando's force to verify the startling news.

No details of the killing of the commander have been received, but the statement is that he was shot in a battle with insurgents while on the march from Sagua la Grande to the southern coast of Santa Clara, where he was to take a ship for Manzanillo.

Officers at the palace declare that the story must be thoroughly confirmed before they will believe it.

General Pando's plan was to march right through the heart of the territory where General Gomez' forces are said to have control. Simultaneously with the report of Pando's death came news of a battle near Matanzas in which the Spanish forces were driven from the field. This engagement was bitterly fought, and it is asserted that the losses of the Spaniards was very heavy.

The same report says the Cubans will not allow any cane grinding, and also that the Spanish towns do not favor grinding, because they hold the zones of cultivation and grow tobacco with cheap labor, which they would lose if the reconcentrados return to work on the estates.

A letter received by a local paper from a correspondent in the East gives news of big fighting last week near Bayamo between the rebel Chief Rabi and General Linares. General Rabi had only 500 men when General Linares had two columns. No details of the fight are at hand, but the Spanish loss is said to have been heavy, one column being nearly destroyed.

A force of 1,000 Spaniards, with artillery, have forced the rebels into the hills of Pinar del Rio. They must remain there or come out and fight, a thing the Spanish commanders think they are not likely to do. Small bands are still moving about with great caution.

Reports of the condition and movements of rebels in the east are most conflicting. It is said that Gomez is coming west with 40,000 men, but it is also said that Gomez is still at the camp where he has been for the last 10 months, and is being attended by Dr. Canales, staff surgeon.

Smallpox in San Domingo.

Havana, Dec. 6.—The deplorable condition of the country grows more and more apparent. Refugees and reconcentrados are growing more and more miserable. According to reports from San Domingo smallpox is making terrible ravages among the reconcentrados. Since April last more than 4,000 have died in the city alone, to say nothing of the suburban towns, which are likewise affected.

The local authorities take no steps whatever to check the mortality. The streets of the city are thronged with famine-stricken wretches, who succumb to disease under perhaps some lonely porch, and sometimes fall dead in the gutter, where they remain.

DUE TO THE KLONDIKE RUSH.

Big War in Passenger Rates to Arrive Soon.

Milwaukee, Dec. 3.—The war in passenger rates between Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul is likely to continue, and railroad men look for the liveliest kind of cutting in rates further west, owing to the big rush to the Klondike.

A well-known railroad man said today that since the rate dropped to \$7, reductions in fares will likely result as far west as Portland. The nominal rate is \$49.70 second-class on the St. Paul road, and \$59.70 first-class. With \$7 from Chicago to St. Paul as a basis, the fare will probably be changed to \$47 second-class and \$57 first-class. He added that this was merely a preliminary for the establishment of an entirely new schedule of rates to the West January 1, which will be much lower. All the roads are preparing to make special rates to the points nearest the Klondike region, and each road is after all there is in it.

Outlaws Were Frustrated.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., says: "Advices were received here this morning of an attempt to hold up and rob a passenger train on the Mexican National railroad near Monterey, Mexico, by nine masked and well-armed Mexicans. The passengers made resistance, and the outlaws were unsuccessful. They are being pursued by soldiers, and if captured will be shot."

Killed Her Babies.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Anna Niggle, the young wife of S. Niggle, a picture frame dealer, living at 738 Jackson street, tonight killed her two babies, one aged 3 months, and one aged 6 months, by smothering them with illuminating gas. The woman attempted to commit suicide in the same manner, and the returning husband found his children dead and his wife in an unconscious condition. She may recover.

The Mexican Murders.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 6.—Because Emilio Ramos refused to buy a drink for Ysabel Molina, an ex-convict, today, the latter waited outside the saloon, and when Ramos appeared, she shot him dead and fled. A large posse has been searching for the murderer. The Mexican population of this city is greatly excited, and many Mexicans are joining in the search for Molina.

The fastest river in the world is the Sutlej, in British India, with a descent of 12,000 feet in 180 miles.

DECISION BY GAGE.

Dutch Sugars Subject to a Discriminating Duty.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The secretary of the treasury today decided that the Netherlands government pays bounty on raw and refined sugars exported from that country, and hence, under the new tariff act, all sugars from the Netherlands entering the United States are subject to a discriminating duty equal to the export bounty paid.

The exact rate of this countervailing duty has not yet been definitely ascertained, but it is said that it will approximate 48 cents per 100 pounds on raw sugar and a slight advance on those figures on refined.

It is known that the secretary has also come to the conclusion that the Belgian government pays an export bounty on sugar, and a decree to this effect may be expected in a short time. The additional duties will apply from September 23 last.

The amount of raw sugar imported from the Netherlands during the last year was over 88,000,000 pounds, of which about 25,500,000 was not above No. 16 Dutch standard. The sugar imports from Belgium during the last year aggregated over 121,000,000 pounds, of which nearly 132,000,000 was below No. 16.

THE CASE CLOSED.

Consular Agent Clark, at Lima, Peru, Forced to Resign.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary Sherman has closed the case of Emilio Clark, consular agent at Lima, Peru, which attracted much attention some months ago, by calling for the resignation of Clark. April 22 last, Clark was ousted from the quarters used by him as the United States consular office, and above as a residence. It was stated that the consulate had been sacked, the house plundered, and indignity put upon this government through its representative. The state department promptly called on Mr. Clark for particulars, which he said he would furnish.

The Peruvian minister, Senor Eguen, put a different phase on the matter, by submitting a statement that Clark was in arrears to a considerable amount on rent for the building; that only the lower portion was used for consular purposes, although he had placed the United States coat-of-arms on all the doors of the house, thus using the American emblem for ignominious purposes. The courts had given a regular decree against Clark, it was stated, directing him to vacate the premises for non-payment of rent, and in pursuance of this decree he was ejected.

Secretary Sherman waited until recently for Mr. Clark's statement, and as this was not furnished, after five months, the secretary directed our minister at Lima, Mr. Dudley, to call on Clark for his resignation, unless the proofs of the alleged sacking were in hand. Mr. Dudley has evidently not received the proofs, for he has notified the state department that he has called on Clark for his resignation.

GHOST MADE HIM CONFESS.

William Kern Implicates His Sweetheart in the Killing of His Son.

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 6.—William Kern, under arrest for the murder of his father, Jerome Kern, has made a confession in which he implicates his sweetheart, Delilah Falzo. Kern's father opposed his marriage to the woman, and Kern states that she plotted killing both his parents, and prevailed upon him to attempt the carrying out of her plot, that they might acquire possession of the family's farm and live there together.

Jerome was lured by the son into the woods, and there the girl shot him. The dead man's clothing was then saturated with oil and set on fire.

Kern was scared into his confession by detectives, who haunted him in the guise of a ghost of his father. He also confessed that the murder of his mother was to have been accomplished at a later date.

Charcoal-Burner's Crime.

Milford, Del., Dec. 6.—Salvage Bill-eback, a charcoal-burner, attempted to kill his family last night. He said to his wife:

"I have just learned how to use the kind of a sword the Cubans use. Now, I want all of you to stand up."

The mother and four children arose and Bideback tied their hands with a rope, which he fastened to the rafters. Obtaining a corn-knife from an adjoining room, he commenced cutting his family, inflicting some dreadful wounds. Before he could complete his work, his son came in. Bideback seized a musket and disappeared. The villagers threaten to lynch him. The condition of Mrs. Bideback and the children is serious.

An Eccentric Clergyman.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Rev. William Bates, rector of the Anglican church at Thornhill, was arraigned in the police court on a charge of having "shoplifted" two dozen lead pencils, four books, a hairbrush and a quantity of clothing from stores. The clergyman wore a long cloak and the police allege that he was caught secreting articles which he had not bought under this garment. Mr. Bates is a graduate from Cambridge and one of the most scholarly men in the church. His friends state that he has been somewhat eccentric for some years, and if guilty he committed the act in a fit of mental aberration.

Patrolizing Home Industry.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A policy of using, wherever possible, American-made goods in the supply of the postal service is announced in a letter addressed today by First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath to M. Lewis, superintendent of the division of postoffice supplies.

Lost in a Montana Blizzard.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 6.—The body of Herbert W. Sherman, of Butte, was found in the snow just below his cabin over the range in Madison county today. He was interested in mining claims, and left November 19 to go to search his cabin. He evidently got lost in a blinding snow storm, and, becoming exhausted, laid down and froze.

The Coliseum at Rome was built by Vespaian to accommodate 100,000 spectators.

OREGON STATE NEWS.

Brief Review of the Week Throughout the State.

Salem has at last a chamber of commerce organized and in working order. The government improvement work at Bandon has stopped, the appropriation having been fully expended.

An old-fashioned freight train arrived in Lakeview from the south last week. It consisted of 10 wagons and 32 horses.

The entrance to Coos bay harbor is marked by a new whistling buoy—placed there by the lighthouse tender Manzanita last week.

During the recent heavy storms the oyster beds at Willapa harbor were buried in drifting sands until at least half the crop will be lost.

The Baker-Canyon Telephone Company now has the long-distance line between Baker City and the Grant county town in working order.

Lyons' broomhandle factory, in Coos county, shipped 40,000 of its best product to San Francisco last week. A portion of the consignment will be forwarded to Australia.

Captain Berry, the aged lighthouse keeper at Port Angeles, died in the Sisters' hospital at Port Townsend Sunday. He has been keeper of the light at Angeles for the past 20 years.

The farmers who supply the Coquille creamery received 26½ cents a pound for butter fat, delivered during October. Two thousand dollars was distributed among those who supplied the creamery.

A Polk county farmer has been experimenting with tobacco culture, and has been so successful that cigars made with tobacco grown by him are said to be as good as the average cigar smoked in Oregon.

It is said that the next grand jury in Curry county will not meet until September next. If this is the case, it is apt to be a long time before the Van Felts will have to answer the charge of killing A. Coolidge.

A drove of about 135 fine trim young mules, which had been bought in Lake county, were secured at the low average price of \$15 per head. They will be taken to Huntington and then shipped to the Eastern market.

Joe Silver, who is making a tour of the United States from New York and return on a bicycle, was fined \$10 in Harrisburg for riding on the sidewalk. He was allowed to go on condition of his leaving the city at once.

The checks for the second dividend declared by the cent of the currency in favor of the creditors of The Dallas National bank have been received by Receiver Wilson, and are ready for delivery to the owners.

The Albany iron works is a very busy place these days. The company shipped out 10 tons of machinery last Friday, including a quartz mill manufactured for Southern Oregon mines, and machinery for the state pumping station at Salem.

One hundred and forty-four bales of hops, aggregating over 27,000 pounds, belonging to five growers in the vicinity of Laurel, were sold Monday for 13 cents per pound. Tuesday 43 bales, aggregating over 8,500 pounds, were sold to J. M. Russell & Co., for 11½ cents per pound.

The grain acreage in Jackson county for the coming year will in all likelihood surpass in extent any year in the history of Rogue river valley, and if conditions prove favorable, the greatest number of bushels of grain in the history of the county will be harvested in 1898. This, says the Tidings, is the opinion of well-informed persons.

During the last few months a Crook county firm has purchased 16,000 head of sheep, and are now handling about 22,000 head. They are all in their winter range, and each flock is within convenient distance of big stacks of hay, more than sufficient to carry them through the hardest winter. The sheep are all reported to be in fine condition and thriving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Albert celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Salem Monday. They were married at Wheeling, W. Va., in 1837. Mr. Albert is 82 years old, and Mrs. Albert 81. A reception was held at their home and a large number of friends paid respects to the venerable couple. The guests included seven children, besides grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The controversy between two quarrelsome members of the Vernonia church was submitted to a jury, or committee, of church members. One of the members was expelled. The other was censured and reduced from full membership to six months probation. It was ruled by the committee that no one in the Nehalem valley is entitled to church membership unless he is imbued with love and righteousness.

The Eastern Oregon Sheep Association of Baker City offers a reward of \$1,000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of willfully injuring the sheep or property of any member of the association. And a further reward of \$250 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of robbing sheep camps the property of the members of the association.

Messrs. Rice, Flint & Co. have struck a vein in their Black Republic tunnel, in Michael creek mining district in Southern Oregon, showing very promising ore containing gold and copper. No assays from this lowest level has been made. The third tunnel is 210 feet, and will be pushed some 50 feet further to crosscut this and another parallel vein further in. Promising ledges are being uncovered in the district. A number of placers are running light.