

Eugene City Guard.

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EUGENE CITY.....OREGON.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An interesting collection of items from the two Hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

There is a big stampede of miners from Dawson to Cape Nome.

The first Washington volunteers have arrived at San Francisco.

The medical department of the army considers Vancouver a desirable place for a sanitary hospital.

Reports to the marine hospital service say there were 28 new cases of yellow fever and three deaths at Key West.

The United States transport Newport has arrived at San Francisco, 33 days from Manila. She has 465 members of the volunteer signal corps aboard and 18 civilians.

A cablegram to the war department from General Otis states that the transport Indiana sailed from Manila with 43 officers and 619 men of the Tennessee regiment. The regiment left no sick.

The steamer Cottage City, from the North, has among its passengers Senator Shoup, who has spent several weeks in Alaska, visiting various points for the purpose of obtaining information relative to future legislation for Alaska.

President Calloway, of the New York Central railway, was before the industrial commission to give testimony relative to the question of railroad transportation. He favored a pooling law, and advocated the prohibition of the present brokerage system.

A riot prevailed in the barracks of company L, of the Eighth infantry, at Fort Snelling. With only a dozen exceptions, the company was locked in the guardhouse. The trouble arose from a charge of robbery preferred by Corporal Fanner against Privates Stout, Kelly and Brazile. They had been in St. Paul on a spree.

Captain Cope, of the steamer America Maru, which left Yokohama, September 27, reports the transport Tatar, with the Kansas boys aboard, sailed two days ahead of him, and should reach here tomorrow. He thinks he passed the Tatar Saturday night in the fog, but he is not sure.

The Maxim-Nordenfeldt Gun & Ammunition Company, Ltd., of London, has shipped two six-gun batteries of mountain guns to Manila. They were inspected here prior to shipment by Captain George W. Vandusen, First United States artillery, who will follow the guns Thursday. The ordnance is of the latest pattern.

Oberlin M. Carter, the disgraced army officer, has paid the fine of \$5,000 imposed by the court-martial. His check for that amount was sent to the United States District Attorney Burnett. Mr. Rose, of Carter's counsel, has been called to Savannah, and Judge Lucombe has, therefore, extended the time for submission of briefs in the habeas corpus proceedings.

Admiral Dewey will receive a \$1,000 watch from the municipality of Boston. The city will spend \$12,500 giving the admiral a welcome.

The Marquette Club, of Chicago, entertained President McKinley at a banquet in the Auditorium Saturday night. Thirty-five hundred guests were present.

According to the Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Graphic, the Russian naval credit for 1900 amounts to the enormous total of 87,500,000 rubles.

The Thirtieth Minnesota regiment, returning home from the Philippines, was royally entertained in Portland. The regiment remained over night and attended the exposition.

The Spanish government has sold the Havana floating dock for \$600,000 to a syndicate of Vera Cruz merchants. Several New York firms have been asked for terms for conveying the dock to Vera Cruz.

Admiral Dewey has chosen J. W. Crawford as his official secretary. Mr. Crawford is an employe in the office of the judge-advocate-general of the navy. He will hold the rank of lieutenant in the navy.

Near Chicago five persons were injured in a collision between a Hawthorne race track train on the Illinois Central, and a freight engine which stood upon a siding, the switch of which had been left open.

Don Emanuel Aspuros, Mexican ambassador to the United States, and the first of the distinguished guests whom Chicago has arranged to entertain during the fall festival, has arrived in the windy city from Washington.

The third attempt to sail the first race between the Columbia and Shamrock, which took place Saturday, proved a failure, the wind giving out when the yachts were five miles from the finish. When the race was abandoned the Columbia was slightly in the lead.

Ten thousand carpenters have struck in New York.

While a typhoon was raging a train was blown from a bridge into the river near Utsunomiya, Japan. Six persons were killed and many injured. Great damage was done to property and crops. Chief of Police Conrade, of Alameda, Cal., shot and killed one of three burglars who were attempting to rob the jewelry store of A. O. Gott. Chief Conrade was shot through the neck, but not seriously.

An attempt will be shortly made to connect Havana and Key West by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy. It is claimed that if this is successful it will reduce the expense of cabling to New York more than one-half.

When the eight vessels recently ordered to Manila reach Admiral Watson, he will have under his command one battleship, two monitors, one armored cruiser, seven protected and auxiliary cruisers, and 27 gunboats. The United States will then be superior in naval strength in the Pacific to Russia, which stands next to Great Britain.

LATER NEWS.

The Washington regiment is being feasted and entertained in San Francisco.

Diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the Transvaal government have been broken.

The first steamship of the Portland-Manila line will leave the latter port about December 1st.

Peace negotiations in Venezuela have failed. A decisive battle between the government troops and insurgents is expected this week.

The Twentieth Kansas regiment has arrived at San Francisco. The occasion was celebrated in Topeka, Kan., by a big demonstration.

Preparations for receiving the First Washington volunteers at Seattle have been completed. An entertainment fund of \$12,000 has been provided.

With a detonation that was felt in towns many miles distant, two of the powder mills of the Aetna company's works near Millers, Ind., blew up. Two employes are missing.

One of the most serious car famines ever recorded exists among the big railroad terminals in Chicago. Several of the roads report that the congestion of business has assumed the proportions of a blockade.

The forest fire which has raged for two days on Mount Tamalpais, Cal., threatening the towns of Mill Valley and Larkspur, and many costly country residences, has been extinguished by a timely rain.

The Transvaal Official Gazette contains a proclamation calling upon all burghers domiciled outside the republic to present themselves forthwith for service, failing which they will be fined, imprisoned, and their property confiscated.

In the event of war between Great Britain and the Transvaal, as a result of the Boer ultimatum, orders have been cabled to the cruiser Montgomery, which was last reported at Pernambuco, directing her to proceed to Delagoa bay and co-operate with the consul at Pretoria in the protection of American interests.

Dispatches from Manila announce that Captain Woodruff Geary, of the Thirtieth infantry, was killed in action. Captain Geary was an Oregon boy, and went to West Point from Corvallis. He served throughout the Puer Rican campaign, and last spring was transferred to the Thirtieth and sent to Manila.

Major George O. Webster, U. S. A., retired, is dead at Fort Sheridan, from the effects of a fever contracted in the Philippines a few months ago, while commanding one battalion of the Fourth infantry. Major Webster was an old Indian fighter, and saw active service with the Fourth infantry in Cuba and Luzon.

The executive committee of the people's party has endorsed the platform adopted at the recent democratic state convention in Massachusetts.

When the cruiser New Orleans reached the New York navy-yard, it was found that she was so dilapidated that it will require several months' work to put her in a seaworthy condition.

It is learned that United States Minister Loomis has been officially informed that the negotiations for peace in Venezuela are progressing, and that the government troops have been ordered backward.

At the Lennox Athletic Club, New York, Eddie Santry, of Chicago, knocked out Ben Jordan, featherweight champion of England, after a little less than two minutes in the 16th round of a very brisk fight.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip has issued an order anticipating the November interest, without the discount of two-tenths of 1 per cent per month. If this offer is taken it will release about \$30,000,000.

Ex-City Treasurer C. L. Funk, of Pueblo, Col., was shot and killed by a highwayman while going to the depot to take a train for Cripple Creek. His pocketbook was taken, but contained only a small amount of money.

The Canadian government has surveyors in the field re-surveying the old Russian-American telegraph line from near Ashcroft, B. C., to the Yukon country, with a view of establishing telegraphic communication with Dawson.

It is reported that at the coming session of parliament the formal announcement will be made of the cession of Delagoa bay and surrounding territory in Portuguese East Africa to Great Britain. The price is said to be \$40,000,000.

The Standard Shoe Machinery Company, has filed articles of incorporation at Trenton N. J. It is being organized for the purpose of consolidating practically all of the important makers of shoe manufacturing machinery in the country. Its object is to control the shoe trade of the world.

Captain Hugh McGrath, Fourth cavalry, who is reported to have been seriously wounded in the battle of Novorotza, P. I., was stationed at Vancouver post for some months, in command of troop E, Fourth cavalry, and accompanied it to San Francisco when the regiment was ordered to Manila.

The greatest dividend payer among the Cripple Creek mines, is the Portland. Its latest dividend is \$60,000 for September, and it has paid stockholders to date the sum of \$2,377,080.

Captain Rockwell, at present commandant of the Norfolk navy-yard, has been ordered to command the Chicago, which will be Admiral Schley's flagship on the South Atlantic squadron. The detail was made at Captain Rockwell's request.

Railroad employes may establish co-operative grocery stores.

A model coal mining town is projected for a virgin field 18 miles south-east of Pittsburg.

War risks on consignments to the Transvaal are increased 50 per cent in view of the threatening war.

It is likely that the Dewey memorial arch in New York will be perpetuated. The movement to that end is being encouraged by men of ample means. The cost of reproducing in marble the great triumphal arch will be at least \$500,000.

BOERS SEIZE A TRAIN

Transvaal Troops Advancing to the Front.

GREAT BRITAIN NOT PREPARED

Must Remain on the Defensive Until More Troops Arrive From England.

London, Oct. 13.—If the latest report from South Africa is true, the Boers have not waited for the expiration of the time limit, but have already crossed the border, as they would be entitled to do, both by virtue of the notification contained in the last paragraph of the ultimatum and also of the British acknowledgment, which reached Pretoria so speedily as to justify a belief, amounting almost to certainty, that the war party in Great Britain is in reality delighted that diplomacy has said its last word and that action can now proceed.

All indications go to show that Great Britain is so unprepared as to be compelled to remain on the defensive for some weeks. All aggressiveness must come from the Boers.

It seems highly probable that the tongue of Natal, as far as Newcastle, will be in the hands of the Boers before many hours. From that point, however, in the event of a further advance, they would probably find the British forces at Ladysmith and Dundee capable of repelling their attacks.

At Ladysmith the garrison, which has to guard against attack from the Orange Free State, was reinforced today by the Gordon Highlanders and a strong contingent of the Indian troops, and the authorities are now confident of their ability to deal out an unpleasant surprise to the Boers in the event of an attempt to rush the position.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, alone among the specials received, declares that war has been begun by the Boers on Natal. The correspondent says:

"Free State burghers have seized a train at Harrysmith, which was the property of the Natal government. Last night a mounted patrol was stoned by Boers. The men's orders were not to fire unless they were fired upon."

TO CONTROL SHOE TRADE.

Gigantic Trust of Shoe Manufacturing Machinery Has Been Formed.

New York, Oct. 13.—The Standard Shoe Machinery Company, which has filed articles of incorporation at Trenton, is being organized for the purpose of consolidating practically all of the important makers of shoe manufacturing machinery in the country.

This new company is the creature of interests which were recently successful in forming the American Hide & Leather Company, commonly known as the Upper Leather trust, and is part of a scheme to make a close combination of the shoe manufacturing interests of the country, with a view to controlling not only the domestic trade, but the markets of the world as well.

It is said to be the scheme of the shoe trade interests, who are behind the combination of machinery makers to follow this company with a combination of practically all the boot and shoe manufacturers in New England, about 125 in number, and to consolidate this with the American Hide & Leather and Standard Shoe Machinery companies, making a gigantic trust that will try to control the shoe trade of the world.

The company is capitalized at \$2,000,000, 7 per cent cumulative stock (preferential as to capital as well as to dividend), and \$3,000,000 common stock. There will be retained in the company's treasury for future acquisition, \$500,000 each in preferred and common stock.

For Special Information.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Director Merriam, of the census, has decided to appoint special agents in all of the largest cities for employment not to exceed 30 to 40 days, in gathering information only as to mechanics and manufacturers. This step is intended to meet the requirement that the mechanical and manufacturing industries data be collected within two years from June, 1900.

Boers Well Supplied.

London, Oct. 13.—The Daily Mail this morning publishes a report of an interview with J. B. Robinson, the African millionaire, who declares that the Boers have plenty of food and ammunition, and are quite unlikely to disperse.

"On the contrary," says Mr. Robinson, "they mean to fight, believing they have an easy task. The campaign, however, will be a short one, once General Buller begins his advance."

New York Goes to the Philippines.

New York, Oct. 13.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Acting Secretary Allen has ordered the cruiser Newark to the Philippines. She is now fitting out at Mare Island. Captain B. H. McCalla, who did such good work at Guantano, is in command.

Continental Opinion.

London, Oct. 13.—Continental opinion, so far as it can be ascertained from today's dispatches, remains largely anti-British. Popular sympathy with the Boers is being shown in various ways in Germany, where, however, officialdom remains absolutely neutral. French opinion is well known. The boulevard papers are especially virulent in their attacks upon Great Britain, since the ultimatum was announced, and they gleefully anticipate a long and difficult war.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The steamer City of Peking, from Hong Kong and Yokohama, via Honolulu, has been sighted. On board the Peking is Alfred Vanderbilt, who will be rushed to his home on a special train as soon as he is permitted to land from the steamer.

Indianapolis, Oct. 13.—The city election here today for mayor and other officials is believed to have resulted in a democratic victory, but the republicans claim that only the official count will decide. At a late hour the returns are incomplete.

DOWN IN CAVITE.

General Schwan's Expedition Accomplishes Its Object.

Manila, Oct. 16.—General Schwan's expedition, having accomplished its object, the troops are all returning to their former positions, abandoning the towns taken.

General Schwan is en route from Peres Desmarinas to Imus with the infantry, while the artillery and cavalry and all mule teams are retracing their route from Malabon to Bacoor, with the signal corps removing the wires. General Trias, with the organized bodies of insurgents, retreated to Silang and Indan, at the base of the mountain.

In Cavite province, the scene of the hottest fights and their great successes over the Spaniards, the Filipinos might have been expected to make a resolute stand, if anywhere, but after their whippings at Cavite Viejo and Novleta, their tactics consisted chiefly in a continuous exhibition of their agility and their transformation from warriors to amicos.

The marines, while reconnoitering about the scene of Sunday's encounter, find that the trenches have been already reoccupied, although the enemy manifested more than their usual willingness to retreat before the Americans.

At Malabon, the Americans corralled 200 or 300 natives, supposed to be fighting men. A few of them were caught with arms in their hands, but large numbers were found in hiding, dressed in khaki, like the American uniform. A majority of them were in the garb of amicos, but they are suspected of shooting at the troops from houses, a growing habit, which flourished throughout the advance whenever small parties of Americans strayed from the main body. The prisoners are a white elephant on the hands of the Americans.

SHOT HIS RECREANT WIFE.

Bullet Intended for the Man Who Was in the Room With Her.

Oregon City, Or., Oct. 16.—A. Brooks, of Canemah, who is employed in the paper mills, returned home unexpectedly between 11 and 12 o'clock last night and found Frank Freeman and Mrs. Brooks together in the house. He shot at Freeman with his revolver, but missed the mark and one of the bullets entered Mrs. Brooks' abdomen, perforating the intestines and lodging against the hip bone. Dr. Carl extracted the bullet, but says the woman cannot live. Freeman was arrested this afternoon, charged with assault upon the woman, and was bound over to the circuit court.

Brooks says he found Mrs. Brooks' younger sister in the front room with Pat Freeman, and in the rear room found his wife and Frank Freeman. He fired four shots, two hitting the body of Mrs. Brooks. He further says he has been carrying a pistol for a month, expecting to return home at midnight and find Freeman with his wife, but he did not muster enough courage to return until last night.

Freeman's father and two brothers were drowned nearly two years ago by accidentally going over the falls in a row boat. The Brookses have only resided here a short time.

LED INTO AMBUSH.

German Expedition Massacred by Natives in Southwest Africa.

Liverpool, Oct. 16.—The steamer Niger, which arrived today from South Africa, brings news of the massacre of Lieutenant Guise, German commissioner, at Rio del Rey, near Old Calabar river, on the right of Biafra, and also of Herr Leemeyer, a German trader, together with 100 native soldiers and carriers, constituting an expedition formed by Lieutenant Guise to quell disturbances near the Cross river, which forms the boundary between British and German territory. A native chief was taken as a guide, but he led the expedition into ambush. He was promptly shot when the Germans received a volley. They fought courageously, but were outnumbered and slain. The natives then looted the neighboring factories and murdered the native employes, after which they crossed into British territory. Two British traders, who were warned, had a narrow escape, managing to get down the river in a canoe and to reach Rio del Rey, where they found only a solitary German official and a half dozen black soldiers.

Great excitement prevailed at Rio del Rey when the Niger left, September 27, as it was thought the natives might come there. News has been sent to the Cameroons, from which point a German relief expedition could be dispatched.

Conemah Arrives.

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—The transport Conemah arrived here today, 33 days from Manila. Fifty-seven soldiers who deserted from the Newport came home on the Conemah. Among them were 15 men of the Fourteenth infantry, 7 of the Third artillery, 13 of the Fourth cavalry, 2 of the Twenty-second infantry, and 1 each of the Thirtieth, Twentieth and Sixteenth infantry.

Civil Rule for French Colonies.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—A special to the Chicago Tribune from Paris says: The cabinet today voted to place all French colonies under civil authority and to abolish all military administration.

Activity at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 16.—The military officers here are active on account of the Transvaal situation. Lord Seymour has issued an order for all the reserve men in and about Halifax to be prepared to shoulder guns and go to the Cape if necessary.

New York for the Perpetuation of the Dewey Victory.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—The committee for the perpetuation of the Dewey victory arch in marble has received pledges of \$100,000 toward carrying out the purpose.

Joined Canadian Pacific Strike.

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—The blacksmiths and boiler-makers of the Canadian Pacific railroad, western division, struck today in sympathy with the machinists. This adds 100 men to the strikers. The company had offered to remedy individual grievances, but would not recognize the union.

Harlem Flat Owners are Talking About Organizing an Association.

Harlem flat owners are talking about organizing an association which shall have for its object the securing of legislation that will give them the right to hold the furniture of a tenant who tries to leave without paying rent.

BOERS DECLARE WAR

A Large Force Has Crossed Into Bechuanaland.

THEY SEIZED A RAILROAD TRAIN

Authorities at Mafeking Expect an Outbreak at Any Moment—Burghers Invade Cape Colony.

Johannesburg, Oct. 14.—War was formally declared at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Boers' Plans.

London, Oct. 14.—When the cabinet meets at noon today, it is evident the Boer advance will be in full swing. Judging from present appearances, the Boers are preparing for a simultaneous invasion at five separate points—Laing's Nek, Kimberley, Vryburg, Mafeking and Lobatse. Therefore it is almost impossible to guess the plan of campaign.

A dispatch from Durban, dated Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, announces that the Boers seized Albertina station and demanded the keys, which were delivered to them by the station-master, who reached Ladysmith on a trolley car. The excitement at Ladysmith is increasing, and the troops are ready to act at a moment's notice.

Crossed Into Cape Colony.

London, Oct. 14.—The Free State burghers, according to a private message just received, have crossed Orange river into Cape Colony and have occupied Philippotown. Their object, it is supposed, is to cut the railway at Deen Junction, which is considered an important strategic point. According to a dispatch from Cape Town, it is asserted there that the Boers have arranged with Chief Linchwe, a prominent chief of the northwestern border to take up arms against Great Britain.

English Moved Too Late.

London, Oct. 14.—A dispatch from Mafeking, under today's date, says Colonel Baden Powell has just sent a strong British force from Mafeking toward the border with field guns and ambulances, presumably with a view of occupying advantageous defensive high ground. The movement at Mafeking this morning is held to indicate that he is not prepared for sharp fighting, but probably expects it at that point.

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Boers Mined a Bridge.

Lenzo Marquez, Oct. 14.—Information has reached here that the Boers have mined three pieces of the bridge at Komati port, on the Komati river.

Boers Occupy Laing's Nek.

London, Oct. 14.—A special from Ladysmith says: The Boers occupied Laing's Nek the moment the ultimatum expired.

Streaming to the Natal Border.

Volksrust, Oct. 14.—President Kruger's son and grandson, as well as half the members of the Transvaal legislature, are now at the front. Men arriving here report that the Boers are still streaming from the different points to the Natal frontier, many who have been refused by the enlistment officers going on foot.

Murdered His Wife.

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—Ellen Richardson was shot in the head and instantly killed by her husband, Charles Henry, in a saloon conducted by the woman on Howard street late last night during a quarrel between the two. The murderer was caught with the weapon still in his hand and taken to prison.

Americans Burned Alive.

Marquette, Mich., Oct. 14.—Willis Maguire, formerly an attorney at Marquette, now of the mining district of Sonora, Mexico, has written that his two mining partners, Ramsey and Miller, undertook to work and prospect in territory overrun by Yaqui Indians, were captured and burned at the stake.

Charleston, Ill., 14.—Broom corn

has advanced to \$100 ton. This is an advance of \$30 in 10 days, and as three-fourths of this year's crop is already out of the farmers' hands, the price is likely to go higher.

Temporary Alaska Boundary.

London, Oct. 14.—Sir Louis Davies, Canadian minister of fisheries and marine, will confer again tomorrow regarding the Alaskan question with the secretary of state for the colonies. Sir Louis today informed a press representative that the temporary line upon which it is expected an agreement will be reached will be a mere tentative measure for the purpose of preventing local friction while the negotiations on the main question are in progress.

The New Orleans in Bad Shape.

New Orleans, Oct. 14.—The cruise, New Orleans went into drydock at the navy-yard today, and it was said on board that it would take all of two months to put her in good condition, though it is said it is proposed to have her ready for sea within 10 days.

Bank Safe Blown Up.

Reynolds, Ind., Oct. 14.—The safe in the Bank of Reynolds was blown up by dynamite early today, and from \$8,000 to \$10,000 secured. The explosion demolished the bank building. The robbers escaped.

COLORED LAND HOLDERS.

Coming Census Will Show a Large Increase Especially in the South.

The report sent forth by the state officials of Virginia that their records of assessment and taxation show a large increase in ownership of land amongst the colored people, presents gratifying conditions which the census officials know to be common to all the Southern states.

The Virginia report mentions that the records do not show the full, and perhaps not half of the increase in land ownership amongst the colored people for the reason that great numbers of them, having meager capital, are compelled to buy farms on land contracts. These contracts call for deeds when the payment of purchase money, which is made in installments, shall have been completed. While the installments are pending, the title is held in the vendor as a part of his security for the deferred payments. Thus the real possession is not represented in the records, though the case is practically like that of property which is mortgaged.

Chief Statistician Powers, of the division of agriculture in the census, who has made a thorough study of the question of tenure, has prepared a schedule for the twelfth census which is intended to cover the cases mentioned. The enumerator will be instructed to report as owners all homesteaders who have not "proved up" or whose final proofs have not been recorded—in fact all actual occupants of public lands—and persons who have bought land on contracts for deeds; and those who have been foreclosed but are holding over for redemption.

If the enumerators shall carry out these instructions, the twelfth census will present a fuller exhibit of small ownership and of land ownership amongst the colored people than has hitherto been available.

Tenure is to be taken in the census in a manner to show not simply the number of persons who own farms, work farms on shares, or lease farms for a cash or other fixed rental, but to show all the conditions of ownership and tenure according to race and color.

In the case of land bought on contract, the element of duplication will have to be guarded against, as some vendors, still retaining title to land which they have sold but which is not wholly paid for, may report it as still their own.

The intention of the census office is, however, to give such instructions to enumerators previous to beginning field work, that the elements of omission or duplication shall be brought to a minimum.

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