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PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.
NEWS NUGGETS PICKED UP WEST
OF THE SIERRAS.

Labor Troubles in Idaho - Forty-nine
Freight men from Fresno - A Dangerous
Mania Captured at Pomona - A Sad
Case at San Jose.

The city council of Los Angeles has
adopted a revised city charter, which
will be presented to the legislature for
adoption.

The large Canadian Pacific Cement
works at Vancouver, B. C., have started
up. They have a capacity of 600 barrels
a week.

C. D. Rand, president of the Burrard
Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway company,
denies the truth of the rumor that an
English company has purchased its rights.

While the little daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Williscroft of Skeena River was
playing with a companion, a loaded gun
in the room fell and was discharged,
blowing the top of the child's head off.

Edith Elder of Selma, Cal., shot and
killed Frank Quinn, a young man about
town, at Stockton. Quinn wronged the
girl. She shot herself, but the wound
is not fatal.

The North Pacific steamship Sikh ar-
rived from the Orient at Tacoma the
other day. She brought as part of her
cargo 280 pounds of Hongkong opium,
the first ever imported into Tacoma and
the third consignment which ever paid
duty in that collection district. The
stuff is consigned to Portland.

Critical state of affairs is reported on
the St. Mary's division of the Idaho
state wagon road. The Italian laborers
claim they have not been paid since
August, and have taken possession of
everything and threaten to murder the
foreman if their money is not forthcoming
at once. The men are armed with
rifles and pistols, and have precipitated
a reign of terror.

Seropian Bros., fruit dealers of Fresno
county, recently loaded 10 tons of dried
figs on wagons drawn by mules and
started them for San Francisco over-
land. They claim that it is cheaper to
do this than to pay the existing railroad
rates. They allow 18 days for the round
trip, with 10 mules and one driver. If
this is successful they say they will fol-
low it up on a large scale.

Bank Examiner Wightman has made
his report to the controller of the treas-
ury at Washington on the condition of
the First National bank at San Bernar-
dino. The report has not been made
public, but official sources state the con-
dition of the bank was found to be
favorable, and if justly managed the
bank will not only pay depositors, but
will leave the capital unimpaired.

Three heavy earthquake shocks were
felt at Carson, Nev., the other night.

Seven Italian fishermen were arrested
at San Rafael, Cal., the other day for
violating the game and fish laws. They
used dynamite and small-meshed nets
to take small fish.

It is stated that the Oregon Railway
and Navigation company will re-estab-
lish the steamship line between Port-
land and Puget Sound, touching at Brit-
ish Columbia points. The steamer Elder
on her return from a trip to San Fran-
cisco will probably be put permanently
and regularly on the Portland-Puget
Sound run. Negotiations are also in
progress between the Oregon Railway
and Navigation company and Sutton &
Beebe, owners of the steamer Portland,
the name given to the rechristened Hay-
tian Republic, by which this steamer
may be put on the run between Port-
land and Puget Sound under contract
with the Oregon Railway and Naviga-
tion company.

The public gambling resorts which
have been conducted in Portland for
two years without interference by the
authorities have been completely closed
as the result of a vigorous attack on
some of the authorities. Agitation for
their suppression was begun only a few
days ago, and the city has been pro-
foundly stirred up through the efforts
of the committee of one hundred, which
is the guardian of public morals, and
Rev. George E. Wallace of the First
Congregational church who apparently
seeks to be known as the local Dr. Park-
hurst.

Robert Sterritt, an athletic young
man, became a wild maniac at Pomona
and held the whole town at bay for sev-
eral days. He also kept his aged grand-
mother, Mrs. Mallory, a prisoner during
that time. Young Sterritt drove his
grandfather from the house, and with a
rifle and an ax kept guard at the door
to prevent any one entering. Mrs. Mal-
lory was nearly starved when rescued from
the madman. All manner of stratagem
was tried to capture the maniac, but a
movement on the part of the watchers
outside of the house brought a bullet.
Sterritt was finally captured by a rifle.
A faint attack was made on the front
door, and when his attention was drawn
that way half a dozen men burst in the
rear door and overpowered him.

A pathetic case was heard in the su-
perior court at San Jose recently. K. S.
Thomas and Nancy E. Thomas were
married in the early eighties, and in 1884
a daughter, Pearl, was born to them.
But the happiness of the couple was not
destined to last, and in 1890 Thomas ac-
quired a divorce from his wife on statu-
tory grounds. He was also awarded the
custody of the child, then 7 years old.
The former Mrs. Thomas, now Mrs. H.
Vance, is at the point of death at her
home, and her dying prayer has been
that she may once more see her child.
Mr. Vance at the solicitation of his wife
appeared in court with an application
for an order directing Thomas to grant
the request. Vance stated that he had
married the woman in June last, that
the doctors had given up all hope of
saving her life, and that she begged con-
tinually to see her child. Judge Rey-
nolds upon hearing the statement imme-
diately made an order that the child
should be taken to see her mother.

PERSONAL.
Brigadier General McCook has been
promoted to be a major general, and
General Miles succeeds to the vacancy
caused by General Howard's retirement.

Rev. Dr. Talmage has formally re-
signed the pastorate of the Brooklyn
tabernacle. He will take a pastorate
elsewhere or do evangelistic work.

Senator Bruce of Ohio prophesies that
Vice President Stevenson will be the
next Democratic nominee for the presi-
dency.

Mrs. Anna B. Williams of Chicago
was rejected for membership in the
Woman's club because she is an octo-
gon.

D. M. Burns, who managed the af-
fairs of the Republican central commit-
tee of California during the campaign,
was very ill for several days after elec-
tion. He is suffering from nervous pros-
tration.

Ivy Baldwin, the well-known aéro-
naut, has joined the United States army
balloon corps. He will have charge of
the balloon equipment at Fort Logan.
Baldwin has had 13 years' experience as
a balloonist and has never met with an
accident.

The members of the national W. C. T.
U. in session at Cleveland, O., are very
angry at Mrs. Grover Cleveland. At the
recent Pennsylvania convention the dele-
gates adopted a resolution petitioning
the wife of the president to use a bottle
of water instead of wine at the christen-
ing of the new steamship St. Louis in
Philadelphia on Nov. 12. Mrs. Cleve-
land ignored the request and broke the
customary cold bottle of champagne.

Rev. G. R. Van Horn of Rockford,
Ill., presiding elder of the Dixon dis-
trict, carried to the Epworth league
meeting recently held at Mount Morris,
for presentation to Congressman R. R.
Hitt, a gavel made from the work bench
used by General Grant when he scraped
hides in his father's tannery at Galena,
Ill. Mr. Van Horn bought the entire
bench, and will present similar gavels to
Colonel Lawler, Governor McKinley
and other prominent men. Bishop Vin-
cent of the Methodist Episcopal church
already has one of these gavels.

M. H. de Young of San Francisco, late
director general of the California Mid-
winter Exposition, has purchased at
New York for the memorial museum a
collection of relics of the Napoleonic
dynasty. The collection consists of over
800 medals and coins in gold, silver,
bronze and copper, and memorizes the
leading events of the Napoleonic period.

Among the curios that were secured for
the museum is part of the collection of
Alessandro Castellani which was sold at
the Hotel Drouot, Paris, in 1884. These
curios will be shipped to San Francisco
in a few days.

There is some talk of a call being ex-
tended to the Rev. Dr. Talmage by the
consistory of the First Reformed church,
Brooklyn. The pulpit is now occupied
by the Rev. A. W. Mills, who has been
requested by the members of the con-
sistory to resign. The church is one of
the largest in the Eastern district and is
entirely free from debt. Its members
consist of many prominent business men
and residents. The Rev. Mr. Mills was
called as pastor to the church a year ago
last January to fill the pulpit made vac-
ant by the Rev. Dr. Torrance, resigned.

The church had been without a pastor
for 14 months before Mr. Mills was
called. When the call was extended to
him four of the nine members of the
consistory opposed his coming then.

When he came, however, the opponents
both in the consistory and in the con-
gregation sided with him. There has been
some dissatisfaction, however.

Bob Fitzsimmons accidentally killed
his sparring partner, Con Riordan, at
Syracuse, N. Y. During the bout in the
play Fitzsimmons hit Riordan on the
jaw and the latter fell unconscious to
the floor. Every effort was made by
doctors to revive Riordan, but he died
four hours after being hit. He did not
regain consciousness. Fitzsimmons was
arrested. Riordan had been drinking
heavily for some time.

Henry Martin, a 17-year-old boy, de-
liberately shot and killed his mother at
Pittston, Pa. The young murderer had
quarreled with his brother-in-law and
went into the house and returned with
a rifle to kill his brother-in-law. Mrs.
Martin heard the quarrel and went out.
Seeing her boy intended to shoot, she
got in front of him. He told her to get
out of the way or he would shoot her,
and as she did not move he pulled the
trigger. The bullet struck the mother
just behind the ear, killing her almost
instantly. Young Martin expresses no
regret for his act.

THE FASHION PLATE.
English corduroy and Bedford cords
are still very popular fabrics.

There is a great display of flowered
and satin striped moires designed for
elegant winter gowns.

The closely woven but medium
weight wools are the very best fabrics
for utility gowns for the autumn and
winter.

Many ermine trimmed capes of vel-
vet or fine Venetian cloth lined with
satin brocade are exhibited by leading
city importers.

Jet garnitures are used in profusion
both in dress and millinery. They are
conspicuous this season on all sorts of
wraps and gowns.

It is still observed that at full dress
entertainments the low slippers or
French sandals more frequently match
the gloves in color than the gown.

Brading in intricate designs is used
upon natty coats for youthful wearers,
made of Russian green, marine blue,
anubra brown and pale tan cloths sever-
ally.

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capes and jackets, the transition from
autumn to winter will be stylishly and
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hem or overskirt.

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