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## TELEGRAPH NEWS

**San Francisco's Protectors.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—The battery of dynamite guns, which stretches along the bluffs south of Fort Point for nearly a mile, is now ready to deal out destruction to any invading navy that may appear within three miles of the Golden Gate. The great guns stare up at the blue sky from behind steep bulwarks. They look not unlike great frogs ready to spring into the ocean.

Lieutenant Miley, who has charge of the battery, says that this battery which defends the chief harbor of the Pacific coast is the largest battery in the world. There is another located at Sandy Hook, near the entrance to New York harbor, but it contains only one eight-inch and two 15-inch guns.

During the past two days experiments have been made with the guns. No shells have been fired, and only a limited amount of powder used, in order to test the air-compressing plant by which the projectiles are hurled from the guns. During the first week in December an official test will be made of the guns before General Graham and all the officers stationed at the Presidio and neighboring military posts. Shells will be used and the guns will be tested as if in actual warfare.

### Decrease in Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The internal revenue commissioner's annual reports, issued today, gives the receipts of the last fiscal year as \$143,346,077, a decrease of \$3,992,371 from the previous year.

### Released From Custody.

DENVER, Nov. 21.—A special to the Times, from Cheyenne, says: Judge Rines, in the federal court, today, released Race Horse, a Bannock Indian, arrested for violating the Wyoming game laws, upon a writ of habeas corpus. The court decided that Indians have the right to hunt in Wyoming under their treaty.

### Result of the Storm.

CASVILLE, Mich., Nov. 21.—The barge Superior is ashore three miles from Casville, and the scow Tycoon is stranded six miles beyond. Both crews are safe. The tug Sagatuck had in tow the Mikado, Superior, Tycoon and Lilly May, bound for St. Ignace. Half way across Saginaw bay, during the severe northeast gale, the line of the Tycoon parted and left the Tycoon, Superior and Lilly May adrift. The Sagatuck and Mikado reached Alpena and the Lilly May was towed to An Sable.

### From Spanish Sources.

HAVANA, Nov. 21.—There have been several skirmishes in the province of Santiago de Cuba, during which the insurgents had 115 killed, four wounded and lost one prisoner. The troops lost one killed and 13 wounded.

### Gomez Victorious.

HAVANA, Nov. 21.—General Maximo Gomez, the insurgent leader, has captured Fort Palyeo, on the river Zaza, in the province of Santa Clara.

While the train conveying General Suarez Valdez was nearing Santa Rita, in the province of Santa Clara, today, insurgents fired a dynamite shell at it, blowing up four wagons and the engine. Two soldiers were seriously injured, and 12 slightly wounded. The car in which the general was riding was not injured. He went on horseback to Esperanza.

### Rivalling the Turks.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 21.—Colonel Fernando Fergado, the Cuban leader of this city, is in receipt of a letter from Havana giving details of atrocities committed by Spaniards in Matanzas province.

Colonel Melino, who commands a Spanish regiment, recently encountered the advance guard of Gomez' army in Matanzas and was defeated. While the soldiers under Melino were in retreat, they met a group of women and children near a little town called Cayopino. As the soldiers passed one of the women made a sneering remark about the Spaniards. The remark was overheard by the soldiers, and so enraged them that they fell upon the women and children and butchered every one of them.

There were 10 women and about 12 children. The letter says the Spaniards, after shooting down their victims, stabbed them with bayonets, inflicting most horrible wounds. One baby was killed at its mother's breast and the bullet that passed through the infant also killed the mother.

Colonel Melino made no report of the butchery, but it happened that the women were wives of Spaniards engaged in the sawmill business in Matanzas. When the husbands learned how their

families had been butchered, they went to De Campos, informing him of the affair, and asked that Colonel Melino be punished. It is said that Campos ordered Melino court-martialed, and it is thought the butcher will be sentenced to death, as the massacre is condemned as bitterly by the Spaniards as by the Cubans.

### Property in Jeopardy.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—A special to the World, from Havana, says:

American-owned sugar property in Cuba worth \$20,000,000, is jeopardized by General Maximo Gomez' recent order to destroy every estate whose owner tries to make sugar this winter. Consul-General Williams, who has been in the sugar business in Cuba, or in close touch with it for more than 40 years, thinks that the estimate is not too high.

The bulk of the sugar property in Santa Clara is owned by foreign capitalists. The Spanish holders are in the minority. The Cuban owners hold more than the Spaniards. Such great estates as Caracas and Los Hermanos are owned by Cubans. The first-mentioned, the largest in the world, belongs to the Terry heirs. Here are some of the extensive American interests involved:

The Soledad estate, near Aramo, is owned by Edward A. Atkins of Boston; the Hornigero estate is owned by the Brothers Ponvent of New York; the Constancia estate is owned by Perkins and Welsh, of New York; the San Augustine and Le Quietito estates by an American syndicate of which Colonel James S. Murray is the manager. These are in the Cienfuegos district and represent a value in good times of \$7,000,000. In Trinidad there is the great property owned by the Havemeyers of New York; in the Sagua district is the George Thorndike estate, and those of Hemmingway, of Boston; the Santa Ana and the St. George.

The Victoria estate is an American property and Perkins and Welsh of New York control a large sugar estate.

The value of the American interests in Sagua is about \$2,700,000 in good times.

In Puerto Principe province Americans hold sugar estates worth nearly \$1,000,000, and in Matanzas province the Madden, the Terry and the Heydiger properties are extremely valuable.

The owner of one, after a brave struggle, is about to abandon the fields, representing the toil of many years. Many of the American sugar-properties on the island will be forced into bankruptcy if they are not permitted to make a crop the coming winter.

### Five Millions in Gold.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Lazard Freres will ship \$1,250,000 in gold tomorrow; W. H. Crossman & Bros., \$1,000,000; Heikelbach, Ickelheimer & Co., \$750,000; Fuller Schall & Co., \$500,000, and Von Hoffmann & Co., \$500,000, bringing the total for the day up to \$5,000,000. One million five hundred thousand dollars in gold has been withdrawn from the sub-treasury for account of the shippers. This amount includes \$500,000 for Baring, Magoun & Co., and \$1,000,000 for W. H. Crossman & Co. Heikelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. and Lazard Freres will ship gold bars instead of coin.

### Bullion for Export.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The assistant treasurer and superintendent of the assay office has been authorized by the treasury department to sell to gold exporters gold bars at 1-10 of 1 per cent premium. This covers the cost of melting bullion into coin.

### Old Soldiers Win.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 22.—An important decision has been rendered by Judge Hindman in the district court at Marshalltown. The court sustained and makes perpetual the temporary injunction issued last June reinstating the Soldiers' Home management from withholding any part of the pension money of inmates for the support of the institution.

This is the outcome of a case that caused more bitter feeling in the Soldiers' Home, in Grand Army circles and ex-soldiers generally than any other disturbing factor since the home was erected.

There are two classes of capitalists, viz: Those who loan money on gilt edged security, and those who borrow of the former and speculate on the money thus borrowed. The first class takes no chances. The latter take chances, hoping to make their pile in a few years and then enroll in the first-class.

Some political experts in Washington declare that Cleveland will try to put forward something in the way of a vigorous foreign policy in his next message for the purpose of giving Olney a boom as a Presidential candidate.

### NO EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS.

**Contracts of the Western Union Company are Void.**

The long-pending case of the United States against the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company was settled Monday by the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court, announced in an opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Harlan.

The decision is one of the most important that has been made by the Supreme Court affecting the relations of the government and the Pacific railroads, declaring as it does that congress has the right to add to, amend, or alter the acts of 1862-64, granting aid in bonds and land to the company for construction of its line. The proceeding involved in the present decision was brought by the Attorney-General in pursuance of provisions contained in the Anderson act of 1883, which required all companies engaged in operating railroad or telegraph lines which had been aided by the government to maintain and operate, through their own respective corporate offices, telegraph lines for all purposes, and to exercise by themselves all the telegraph franchises conferred upon them.

The suit was brought in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Circuit and originally heard by Associate Justice Brewer, who declared the agreements between the Western Union and the Union Pacific Telegraph Company, by which the former held exclusive rights to operate the telegraph lines along the railroad of the latter, to be null and void and of no effect, and directed the Union Pacific to at once put an end to all relations between it and the telegraph company and to operate its own line of telegraph.

The case went to the Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Caldwell and Judge Thayer reversed Judge Brewer in a modified decree, but holding generally that the end sought by the government could be secured only by other legal means, and dismissing the bill for want of jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court by its decision today reversed the decree of the Court of Appeals, and affirmed that of Judge Brewer. Justice Brewer took no part in the consideration of the case before the Supreme Court. In his opinion, Mr. Justice Harlan said, in reference to the object and scope of the Pacific railroads acts, that the first eight sections of the acts of 1862-64 are wholly inconsistent with the idea that the Union Pacific railroad Company could have fulfilled its obligations to the government by simply constructing a railroad without making any provision whatever for the construction or operation of a telegraph line, thereby leaving all communication by telegraph along its route to the absolute control of private corporations deriving no authority from the National Government, and whose operations would not ordinarily be subjected to national supervision. As to the power of congress to alter or amend the acts of 1862-64, after discussing their provisions at length, Justice Harlan said:

"We perceive no escape from the conclusion that it is entirely competent for congress to add to, alter or amend those acts so as to require the Union Pacific Railroad Company (having the rights and exerting powers of its constituent companies), to maintain and operate by and through its own officers and employes telegraph lines for railroad and other purposes, and to exercise itself and alone all the telegraph franchises conferred upon it. It is enjoying the bounty of the government, subject to the condition, among others, that it would perform those duties whenever so required by congress."

The opinion further holds that since the passage of the act of 1868, no telegraph company can, by contract with a railroad company (operating one of the powerful roads of the United States, over which interstate commerce is conducted, acquire an exclusive right to such railroad for telegraph purposes.

The case was remanded to the Circuit Court, with instructions to make a supplemental decree enlarging the period in which the railroad and telegraph companies may make such arrangements, adjustments and changes as shall become necessary by reason of the annulling of the contracts between them to carry out the provisions of the final decree of that court.

When Harrison retired from the presidency the interest-bearing debt of the United States was \$585,034,260. Under Cleveland's administration to July 1st, 1895 it was \$716,202,000, thus having increased the national interest bearing debt \$131,167,800. At the present average rate of increase, about five million dollars a month, the debt at the end of his term will be not less than \$800,000,000.

### MASQUERADE BALL.

**Prizes Awarded by Business Firms of Roseburg.**

Below we give a list of the prizes to be competed for at the grand masquerade ball, given by the Roseburg orchestra on Thanksgiving night:

Best dressed lady, set of fruit knives, donated by Churchill, Woolley & McKenzie.

Best dressed gentleman, pair dancing pumps, by Jay Brooks.

Best sustained character, by lady, a lamp, by J. F. Barker.

Best sustained character, by gentleman, gold pen, by Novelty Store.

These handsome prizes are on exhibition at the stores of the respective donors. Call and see them, and then resolve to secure one of them for yourself.

### From Friday's Daily.

John Hartin of Looking Glass is in the city today.

J. H. Anderson of Portland is stopping at the McClallen.

J. L. Chenoweth of Wilbur was in town yesterday on business.

M. Lemmer of Edenhower made us a pleasant business call today.

J. A. Reid and C. W. Scherr of Portland are guests at the Van Houten.

James Velin of Civil Bend, one of the zealous populists is in the city today.

H. L. Engles, postmaster of Peel, was registered yesterday at the McClallen.

W. F. Crow of Tacoma and S. J. Sutherland of Oakland are at the Van Houten.

S. M. Seelysohn of Philadelphia and W. D. Shattuck of Boston are registered at the McClallen.

Judge Fullerton returned last night from Corvallis, where he has been holding court for the last week.

Wm. Thiel of Yoncalla, a practical surveyor, is doing business before his honor, Judge Stearns today.

Mr. O. S. Goodnow of Cow creek mines was in the city yesterday shopping for her winter's supplies.

Lawrence Dyer of Bandon, M. A. Boh-trez of Leland and J. C. Brown of Grave creek are registered at the Van Houten.

Married, at the residence of E. M. Law, November 19, John Paquet and Miss Priscilla Plourd, Rev. J. L. Stratford officiating.

Married, at the residence of William Hoval, November 13, John Morris and Miss Ada Thompson, P. W. Rhodes, justice of the peace, officiating.

Sheriff Cathcart has gone to Portland as a witness in the case of Pool and Case, on trial for robbing the U. S. mail last July on the S. P. railroad in Cow creek canyon.

Artie Benson of Grants Pass is visiting his uncle, F. W. Benson, of this city. It is his first visit to Roseburg since 1883. He left here a kid and now he is a fine, well-developed young man.

The bandit, Jack Brady, who killed Sheriff Bogard, while robbing the Oregon express, has been found guilty. The punishment is imprisonment for life.

Geo. Mack, who was brought to town yesterday by Constable Nels Rydell, has been discharged on a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Stearns yesterday evening at 6 p. m. No sufficient cause was shown to hold him.

A number of Council 22, A. P. A. of this city, went to Looking Glass Tuesday night and assisted in organizing a council there. The charter members numbered. All, says our informant, are quite enthusiastic in the cause.

Holders of policies in the State Insurance Company of Salem, can have them exchanged for policies in the Sun of London, the Continental of New York, and others. So says M. Senders, the agent of those companies. On what terms he does not say.

A sect of religionist styling themselves "Holiness to the Lord Christians" are having a week of prayer in Grange hall, where they importune the Almighty to convert this city to the faith once delivered to the saints. Elder Hudson, the one armed evangelist, is leader assisted by Elder Pae.

Thos. E. Corbett began suit the 18th against the Drain Natural Gas Company of Drain to recover \$1500. It is claimed by plaintiff that the stock-holders had paid up only 50 percent of their stock. They are therefore severally holden for the balance of their stock. There were 800 shares taken. The 800 shares then will be held for the balance not paid, which will be \$1600.

Programme of The Women's Christian Temperance Union mass meeting, to be given Monday evening, November 25th, at the M. E. church: Chorus, White Ribbon Vibrations; prayer and scripture reading; solo, Home of the Soul; recita-

tion; reading; select reading by Mrs. Shambrook; chorus, prohibition music, all around; recitation by Miss Laura Smale; The Oregon Builder, a general rally; music, a selection.

A goodly number of the prominent women of the city met at the residence of Mrs. Child yesterday and took steps to organize a woman's club, for literary and social culture amongst themselves and the young women of the city. This is a good move. There is nothing so humanizing in society as the cultivation of our social nature. This is best done by frequent meeting together and discussing the merits of authors and their works and in social converse amongst themselves.

### From Saturday's Daily.

R. A. Woodruff of Melrose is a guest at the McClallen.

S. W. Lowenthal of Seattle is a guest at the McClallen.

John Hartin of Looking Glass, is in the city on business.

Hon. P. Cooper of Roberts creek is in town today on business.

W. C. Winston, the fruit grower of Winston, is in the city.

G. A. and S. M. Cobb of Dillard are registered at the McClallen.

Stephen Staats has returned from his visit to his old home in Independence.

Stephen Van Houten, the horse fancier and sportsman is in the city today.

W. E. Collis of Wardton and David Fate of Canyonville are registered at the Van Houten.

J. H. Whitsett of Roberts creek and Mr. and Mrs. John Banks of Oak creek are at the McClallen.

R. J. Frader of Portland, F. Webber of Seattle and Wm. Callahan of Medford are guests at the Van Houten.

There are now enrolled in the Roseburg public school 182 male and 209 female pupils, a total to date of 391.

Mrs. La Raut of Garden Home, Mrs. Sprague of Marshfield and J. S. Laird of Sitkum are registered at the McClallen.

M. Sumner and W. E. Cochran of Looking Glass, E. W. Ewart of Winchester, I. J. Monroe of Wilbur and W. B. Shehan of Portland are at the Van Houten.

The city is full of yeomanry today trading. They take advantage of this fine weather to get out to do business at the county seat and trade for the week.

Artie, son of H. L. Benson of Grants Pass, stopped off yesterday to visit his uncle, aunts and cousins here. He went on home this morning on the overland, rejoicing.

The Roseburg Fruit Growers' Association will hold their regular monthly meeting next Saturday, November 30th, at Grange hall. A full attendance is desired.

F. A. McCall, Secy.

There were five corporal punishments in our public school last month, and no action at law has been taken to fine or discharge the teachers who inflicted it. The parents and wards of Roseburg understand that if the rod is spared the child is spoiled.

T. K. Richardson, our enterprising dealer in musical instruments and the famous Crescent bicycle, has leased grounds on the Mosher place in West Roseburg, and will construct a quarter-mile bicycle track thereon for use this winter. This will be good news for riders of the bike.

### Heard From.

S. J. Risenstein our popular restaurateur, has received a letter from August Niendorf, alias "Mickey," long of this city, from his home at Madison, Wisconsin, stating that he is well and enjoying himself with his family of that city. He sends greetings to his many friends here. Mickey has straightened up and is himself again under more favorable circumstances. His many friends here rejoice in his restoration to health and send him their congratulations.

### Special Prize.

T. K. Richardson offers as a special prize at the Thanksgiving masquerade ball, a due bill of \$5.00 for the best representation of the Crescent bicycle. The due bill is transferable and will be received in part payment for a Crescent wheel.

### For Rent.

A five-room cottage with hydrant and convenient out houses, three blocks from postoffice. Enquire at this office or at 405 Washington street, west side of railroad track.

### Notice.

Grain bags and twine for sale by So Abraham, and the highest market price in cash will be paid by him for grain, delivered at his warehouse at Roseburg.

Subscribe for the PLAINDEALER.

### The Torrens System.

Illinois has adopted a system of simply recording transfer of real estate and dealing away with the old method of copying deeds. It also does away with the need of procuring an abstract of title every time a sale is made, as the state guarantees title.

This law was adopted by the legislature last winter but the change was so radical that it was submitted to the electors of the state at the general election last week. A Chicago paper says of it: "An impression has gained ground that it is hard to be understood, except by lawyers. This is a mistake. The new system is neither intricate nor difficult to know. It is simplicity itself when compared to the present deed recording. The salient features may be presented briefly.

"Instead of registration of deeds there will be registration of titles. After the first registration abstracts of title will be no longer necessary. Having once registered the title of your property—farm, vacant lots or house and lots—you are then able to sell at a moment's notice. The intending purchaser can ascertain by a glance at the register just how the title stands. You make a deed to him and he knows there are no 'clouds' upon his title. He can be sure that he is the absolute owner of what he pays for. He cannot be ousted by the discovery of moth-eaten and ancient grants or deeds, nor will there be the haunting possibility of a long lawsuit with an unexpected claimant.

"If the owner of real estate wishes to make a loan, secured by his property, it will not be necessary to pay a lawyer from \$25 up for a voluminous examination and report on the title. The last record on the county registration office will be final. The apparent owner will be the actual owner. It is all so simple that the wonder is that this country and this city have done without it so long."

### English "Rights" in the United States.

What do British trade-journals mean when they say that "the new tariff in the United States gives England these rights of which she was deprived by the McKinley tariff?" Do they mean that England has any inherent "rights" in the United States, by virtue of which she is entitled to smash capital, to glut markets, to starve workmen and to bring about general bankruptcy and beggary in this republic? If these are the views that underlie recent British utterances concerning tariff and industrial matters in the United States, it will be well for Britons to prepare their slow moving intellects for a regular billion-volt shock in 1896, for our capitalists and laborers are at last awake to the truth that the interests of the United States are slaughtered by the tariff now in destructive operation, and they will move for a change in 1896 and 1897.

Armenia, a small division of Turkey in Asia, lies south of the Black sea and in the eastern part of Asia Minor. It is a small province situated as above on the headwaters of the Euphrates river. It is a country full of interest to historians and readers of Old Bible times. It is perhaps the most noted country in the world except Egypt and Palestine. The troubles there now growing out of the conflict of the two antagonistic religions in Turkey is engaging the attention of all the Christian world.

Francis Schlatter, the Denver Messiah says "my father has taken me." Upon investigation it is found he has taken to the mountains to avoid being taken by the authorities of the law. Christ of Galilee said "I go to my Father." Christ of Denver says: "My father has taken me" and then skips out for a hiding place to escape arrest. Oh, humbug, thy devotees are many.

The Boston Herald, a democratic paper, says Hill, Gorman, Brice and Camden have emasculated the party. Now they are trying to emasculate the president. After they have succeeded in that they ought to emasculate themselves. If they fail the republican party will do the job for them together with the rank and file of the whole outfit.

Congress meets Monday, December 2d. Thos. B. Reed, "Czar Reed," will be elected speaker and democrats will have to toe the mark. Dodging into the cloakroom or saloon will not let them off.

The Review says "everything goes" with republican papers now-a-days. That is so. Even several bourbon democratic states have gone with the republicans lately.

"I cannot tell a lie," said John Sherman; "I wrote my book with a hatchet."