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OCCIDENTAL NEWS.

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PORTLAND OPIUM-SEIZURE CASES

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Much Discussion and Alarm Among Southern California Beemen Over a Bee Disease.

Astoria capital will erect a salmon cannery at Point Roberts in time for next season's run.

No damage was done to the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia by the recent storm.

The work of raising the San Pedro, wrecked off Victoria three years ago, has been definitely abandoned.

Operations in the West Consolidated Virginia and California mine were begun recently through the Consolidated Virginia shaft.

There is only one woman among the 363 convicts at the Oregon penitentiary. She was sent from Morrow county for cutting a harness to pieces.

At Portavel, Idaho, an edict has gone forth that henceforth no married woman or unmarried man shall be employed in the public schools as a teacher.

A man named Agilar deliberately threw blazing kerosene on his wife at Los Angeles. She was frightfully burned, and is not expected to live.

A test is to be made of the legacy of Sacramento's new charter. It is believed a decision can be secured from the supreme court by the first of the year.

The party in search of Mr. Winston, who is thought to be lost in the Sierra Madre, has returned to Pasadena. A search of the Arroyo Seco Canyon is now to be made.

The statement of the Southern Pacific railroad freight office shows that the total fruit shipments to the East from San Jose for the season up to December 2 was 65,432,700 pounds.

An active volcano on the American side of the straits was one of the scenes witnessed by the passengers on the steamer Manu which returned from Alhambra to Victoria, B. C., recently.

A break in the main water pipe in a street in Tomlinstone, A. T., last week was found to have been caused by the roots of a tree, which had grown around the pipe and crushed it so that it burst.

It is understood the government intends to return another indictment containing more specific charges against the defendants in the opium seizure cases at Portland, and also that several other persons will be included.

The Canadian Pacific railroad will take the business of the Canadian Navigation Company the first of the year, and will place a new side-wheeler with speed of eighteen knots an hour on the route between Victoria and Vancouver.

A woman at Spokane, Wash., was fined \$20 a few days ago for practical joking. She had exceeded the exceedingly humorous, though not exactly new, joke of mixing the sugar and salt on the table at a public dining room. The court called it disorderly conduct.

President Dwight Brannan of the San Diego Land and Town Company has announced that the company has decided to extend the National City and Day railroad from La Pressa into the Upper Sweetwater through the Jamacha country into the eastern end of Cajon Valley.

H. E. Connen has been appointed general agent for the Puget Sound and British Columbia for the Oceanic Steamship Company at San Francisco. It is said that vigorous competition will be inaugurated with the Canadian Australasian Steamship Company.

The Detroit Steamship Company, which proposes running the new weekly back season from the Puget Sound and San Francisco, announces that it has closed a contract with the American Steel Barge Company for two more wharves to run between Portland and San Francisco.

There is much discussion and alarm among prominent localities in Los Angeles county, Cal., over a disease, commonly called the "nameless disease," that has played havoc among bees in the East and has crossed the Rockies into Southern California. Some apiculturists have lost as many as fifty to seventy-five hives. The ravages have ruined one or two apiaries in Ontario, and the beemen are puzzled to know how to check it.

Since the waters of the Couville have increased it is learned that the damage to the Coos Bay and Roseburg railroad is found to have been overestimated, but as it was nearly all backwater with no current, the receding floods leave the track only slightly damaged. There was a heavy wash at Cedar Point, which twisted and shifted two small span bridges, which were only temporary structures. No rails or ties were damaged, and there was not a particle of damage to any of the bridges built on piling. The greatest damage was done to the ballasting, which had just been completed before the rainy season opened. The total damage will not exceed \$5,000.

Samuel P. Morse, formerly a wealthy merchant of Omaha, came to San Francisco last September with high indorsements. While at the Palace he presented several checks of money, the checks being drawn on Omaha banks. These checks were sent back for collection, and have been returned as worthless, with the additional information that the signatures to them are forgeries. The Keeley Company denies that Morse holds any stock in that corporation, and the Omaha banks state that the S. P. Morse Company has been out of existence for two years. Meanwhile Morse has left the Palace Hotel. Parties who have lost by him are of the opinion that he is mentally unbalanced.

Prof. Wilcox of the California State University recently made an examination of reclaimed tule lands near the mouth of the San Joaquin river, with the view of selecting a site for the sugar culture experiment station. This was in accordance with an appropriation made by the last Congress. The professor does not feel at liberty to make public his selection. He has reported to the proper officials at Washington. If the selection is approved by the Washington authorities, the experimental culture of sugar cane under the present direction will probably begin in California during the coming season. It is probable that the station will be established on one of the islands at the head of Suisun Bay.

BUSINESS BRIEVITIES.

An English syndicate has purchased 200 acres of mining lands in South Dakota for \$400,000.

The United States has 686 vessels engaged exclusively in foreign trade. Great Britain has 5,968.

New Zealanders boast of an orange orchard one acre of which yielded \$1,000 worth of oranges.

The Waltham watch-making establishment employs 1,800 women among its 3,000 work people.

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One hundred years ago the United States imports aggregated \$31,000,000; to-day, \$96,361,424.

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Completion of the Tehuantepec railroad will open Mexico's richest coffee section to the United States.

Seven hundred and twenty tons of cardboard are said to be utilized every year in the use of postal cards.

More roses are grown in the pretty New Jersey village of Madison than anywhere else in the United States.

During the last fiscal year the United States smoked up 3,000,000,000 cigarettes and borrowed about half of them.

Until 1859 no pig iron was manufactured in Pittsburgh. In 1862 a total of 1,775,267 gross tons were produced.

The total currency of the United States is about \$380,000,000. Of this amount about \$380,000,000 is in silver dollars.

It is estimated that in more than \$1,200,000,000 worth of railroad property in this country is in the hands of receivers.

Aluminum is beginning to be utilized for roofing, in sheets like tin, the cost of it for that purpose being about the same as copper.

The assets of the life-insurance companies of the United States aggregate \$850,000,000, while the gross income is \$220,000,000.

Something over 7,000 tons of silver were purchased under the act of 1890 by the general government at a cost of about \$150,000,000.

Thirteen years ago the Argentine Republic imported 5,000,000 bushels of wheat. This year it has 40,000,000 bushels for export.

The gold production of the United States for 1893 will be over \$35,000,000—an increase of \$2,000,000 as compared with the previous year.

The lumber export of the United States in 1892 amounted to \$28,000,000. At the present rate of use our supply will be exhausted in 100 years.

The carrying capacity of the cables between Australia and Europe is from 72,000 to 100,000 words a day. The actual traffic is about 5,000 words a day.

Excluding about 62,000 small crafts, the commerce of the world is carried on by 45,000 vessels of 20,500,000 registered tons, with a carrying capacity of 48,000,000.

The American Casualty Insurance Company has got rid of \$1,700,000 in its four years' existence, the company's losses being mainly ascribed to its railroad business.

Upon a recent purchase of 10,000 tons of raw sugar, not more than two weeks' supply, the American Sugar Refining Company will net, it is estimated, a profit of \$240,000.

Mr. Preston, the Director of the Mint, is quoted as saying that the world's production of gold this year will be fully \$145,000,000, to which South Africa will contribute about \$24,000,000.

A statistician finds that the average value of a mile is \$7 more than that of a horse. In Texas the price of a mile is \$100, and that of a horse, and in other Southern States it takes a longer price to buy the long-eared quadruped.

The Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette (London) has a charming climate, but its pest, the mosquito, with no frost to cut short its career.

All Chinese laborers in the United States must register before a Collector of Internal Revenue before May 3 next, or else be subject to deportation.

The total American supply of oranges this year is expected to be 7,000,000 boxes, and the greatest previous yield, that of 1892, was only 5,450,000 boxes.

The National League for the Protection of American Institutions at New York has issued an address to the public in defense of the American free common school system.

A doctor of Allegheny, Pa., kept a prematurely-born infant, which the mother thought dead, in an incubator four months, and surprised the mother by restoring it to her.

A bill prohibiting prize-fighting in South Carolina has passed the General Assembly. The penalty is three years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine for principals and seconds.

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FOREIGN FLASHES.

The betrothal of the Czarowitz of Russia to Princess Helene of Orleans is imminent.

The niece of John Morley has been converted to Catholicism, and will enter a convent.

Influenza is stated to be raging terribly in Birmingham, and smallpox is also prevalent.

The delimitation of the frontier of Ecuador and Peru will be submitted to arbitration.

Friendly negotiations between Honduras and Nicaragua have been temporarily disturbed.

There are indications that the physical party in Ireland intend resuming operations.

Emperor William is said to be negotiating for the purchase of the American sloop yacht Vigilant.

The war office of England has directed all sergeant instructors of volunteers to attend foot-ball matches.

In some parts of England barbed-wire fences are still classed as a nuisance, and their use is forbidden by law.

The new French Ministry had a bare majority of thirty-one in the first engagement with its opponents.

A certain Peruvian heiress paid worth \$24,000 for a gown trimmed with lace. Of this sum \$23,000 was for the lace.

Great swarms of locusts are devastating the country around Bloomfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State.

Instead of using hair cloth an enterprising Parisian dressmaker has stiffened the skirt of a ball gown with aluminium.

In spite of the notoriously bad condition of the Italian finances the civil list of the country is the largest in Europe.

Jerusalem has been modernized by a railroad, and a concession to establish a water works is being demanded.

The Hungarian vintage of the present year has turned out the worst since the appearance of the phylloxera and peronospora.

It is rumored in London that the deficiencies in the Bank of England are about to be brought to the notice of Parliament.

Last year according to the statistics recently compiled 24,000 men and 18,000 women left Japan to find homes for themselves abroad.

All citizens of Ecuador now in Peru have been placed under German protection, owing to the departure of the Ecuadorian Minister.

Iron visiting cards are among the latest novelties in Germany. Forty placed on the other are said to be only one-tenth of an inch in thickness.

A Marseilles (France) cable from a large importer of Russian wheat said: "Wheat very depressed because of large stocks and likely to continue so."

During the last year the property in London insured by fire insurance companies and the underwriters at Lloyds amounted to more than \$400,000,000.

It is reported that Milan, ex-King of Serbia, is preparing a coup to overthrow his son, King Alexander, again ascend the throne and fill his own exhausted purse.

Sir Thomas Emond, M. P., is conducting a crusade against the English language in County Cork, Ireland. The effort is to make the English language unpopu-

The banking house of Du Fresnoy, one of the oldest established banks in Florence, Italy, has suspended payment. Emetz, the manager of the bank, committed suicide.

The Lord Mayor of London is managing a subscription for the benefit of the sufferers from the dynamite explosion at Santander, Spain. Lord Rosebery sent a check for \$125.

Lord Charles Bessford's proposal that within the next four years England shall expend \$18,000,000 upon the navy has been received with friendly criticism by the Liberal press.

The United Press correspondent in Paris has been authorized to contradict flatly and finally the report that the divorced wife of Edward Parker Deacon is about to marry again.

Last year the German Emperor introduced snowshoes into the equipment of his army on the Eastern frontier. This year the troops are to be thoroughly trained in using them.

The Crown Princess of Austria has presented her bridal robes to the Church of Bozen. They have been made up into a beautiful chasuble, which has been worn at mass by the dean.

The railroads in Italy are now using coal cars of American pattern and thirty-ton capacity, and they are said to be giving greater satisfaction than the old type of twelve-ton cars previously used.

Major Gould-Adams at Capetown, Africa, reports that King Lobengula has written asking that the forces under Major Forbes be withdrawn in order that he may come and discuss the position of affairs.

The Inquest on the cause of the death of Prof. Tindall at London resulted in a verdict that the professor died from an overdose of chloral. He had been accustomed to take the drug to alleviate his sufferings.

It is expected that the betrothal of the widowed Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria to Archduke Franz Ferdinand will take place at Christmas. The Princess was born on May 21, 1854, and the Archduke on December 18, 1863.

The following Italian Ministry has been formed: Zanardelli, Premier and Minister of the Interior; Barabieri, Foreign Affairs; Fortis, Public Works; San Marzano, War; Racchia, Marine; Cocceortti, Husbandry; Riscis, Posts and Telegraphs; Vaccelli, Finance; Gallo, Education; Roselli, Treasury.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—Valley, 92c; Walla Walla, 82c per cental.

HOPS—'02s, nominally at 10c per pound; there being none in the market; new crop, '93s, 10c per pound for strictly choice, and nominally at 8c for medium.

WOOL—Fries nominal.

HIDES—Dry selected prime, 5c; green, salted, 60 pounds and over, 5c; under 60 pounds, 2c; sheep pelts, shearings, 10c; medium, 20c; long wool, 30c; tallow, good to choice, 3c per pound.

LIVE AND DRESSED MEAT.

BEFF—Top steers, 2 1/2c per pound; fair to good steers, 2c; No. 1 cows, 2c; fair cows, 1 1/2c; dressed beef, \$3.50 per 100 pounds.

MUTTON—Best sheep, \$2.00; choice mutton, \$1.75 per 100; lamb, \$2.00 per 100.

HOES—Choice heavy, \$4.50 per 100; medium, \$4.00 per 100; light and feeders, \$3.00 per 100; dressed, \$6.50.

VEAL—\$3.00 per 100.

PROVISIONS.

EASTERN SMOKED MEATS AND LARD—Hams, medium, 13c per pound; hams, large, 12c per pound; picnic, 11c; breakfast bacon, 15c per 100; short clear sides, 11c; dry salt sides, 10c; dried beef hams, 12c per 100; lard, compound, in tins, 9c per 100; pure, 10c; tallow, 8c; sial rope, 6 and 9-thread, 1 and 5-16 diam., 8c; sial rope, 7c; sial paper twine, 7c; sial paper twine, 7c; sial paper twine,