

## NEIGHBORING TOWNS

### PROGRESS AND DOINGS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

A Budget of Interesting and Spicy News From All the Cities and Towns on the Coast—Thrill and Industry in Every Quarter—Oregon.

Elgin has shipped 85,000 railroad ties this spring.

The state selected 200 acres of school land at The Dalles land office last week.

A number of young lambs were killed in Grass valley by the recent cold weather.

Wasco county's roadgrader has begun work for the season, starting in on Tygh ridge.

The Homer took a cargo of wood for a San Francisco market factory on its last trip from Coos bay.

An Oakland firm shipped 1,500 pounds of chickens and dressed turkeys to San Francisco last week and 650 dozen eggs to Portland.

A. J. Davis, the Montana millionaire, whose estate is involved in litigation, an alleged wife having appeared unexpectedly on the scene, used to live in Coos county, where, as elsewhere, he passed for an old bachelor.

The Clatskanie council has bought the water system owned by Mrs. Amanda Merrill, with a sufficient plat of ground to insure permanent possession of the spring that supplies the water and enough ground on which to erect tanks or fencing for protection.

The lumber manufacturing industry in the Blue mountains is rapidly reviving. The Grand Ronde Lumber Company's mill at Perry was started up Saturday, and the big mill of the Hilgard Lumbering Company at Five Points began cutting for the season's run a few days later.

The semi-annual statement of the treasurer of Josephine county on March 31 last showed: Paid into the general fund, \$8,350.17, of which \$3,583.42 was for the cancellation of warrants and \$408.22 for interest thereon, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,358.53. The school and other funds show a balance of \$415.87.

The Schutz dramatic company, whose name and fame is common in the smaller towns of the state, met with a catastrophe in Curry county last week. The rig that was transporting them fell through a defective bridge, and several members of the party were injured. The circuit will be resumed when everybody has recovered, dates being moved back.

The annual financial exhibit of Gold Hill shows a prosperous state of affairs in that little town. The total receipts during the past year were \$1,301.55, of which \$1,200 came from liquor licenses, and the expenditures were \$646.82. The outstanding liabilities amount to \$35.21, which leaves a balance in the town treasury of \$623.68. No tax levy has yet been made.

Agent Borie of the O. R. & N., at Pendleton has received from the headquarters of the company in Portland payments of the claims of Pendleton houses on account of supplies and board furnished during the great flood of June, 1894. The O. R. & N. pays the business men and takes assignments of their claims, and will adjust the matter with the Union Pacific through the courts.

The Dalles is having a building boom. Max Voight is rebuilding his brick block that was destroyed by fire several years ago. Mr. Voight's building will cost \$65,000. A. M. Williams is putting up an additional store adjoining his property, to cost \$30,000. Besides these, there are a number of private residences going up, while other buildings are being raised and improved.

The Corvallis Times confirms the report of a new flouring mill for Monroe. Orders for \$600 worth of new machinery for the mill were placed last week in Portland. The mill is to be located on the farm of E. Maude, one and one-half miles north of Monroe. It is to be roller process, with steam power, and the capacity to be fifty or sixty barrels per day. Work is to begin in a short time.

The Rochester quarry, near Elk City, Yaquina bay, is getting ready to begin operations at an early date. A complete quarry plant has been ordered and shipped from St. Paul, Minn., and is expected to arrive in about three weeks. The plant will consist of a big double-hoisting engine, a chandeling machine, steam drill and all the necessary hoisting apparatus for two derricks. The plant will be first-class in respect, and will cost about \$10,000.

Washington. Dr. Edmund W. Fall has disappeared from Seattle, leaving behind many creditors. The doctor was at one time a resident of Salem, Or.

Farmers around Oakesdale are taking a great interest in fruitgrowing and an unusual number of fruit trees are being planted this spring.

A Pennsylvania syndicate, owning

5,000 acres of timber land in Sakgit county, has had it surveyed, and established a camp for the purpose of logging the land off.

The oldest farmers in the Walla Walla valley are all agreed that the present spring brings brighter prospects for a heavier harvest than any other year in their long experience.

The penitentiary commissioners have awarded contracts for furnishing supplies to the following firms: Tobacco, Rosenfeld-Smith Co.; groceries, Gus Winkler and the Schwabacher Co.; butter, Maxon & Ferguson; beef, the Washington Dressed Meat Company.

Victor Paul, the clerk in the Blaine hotel, has this winter shot and taken over 800 wild ducks and brant in Semiahmoo bay, besides over 300 wild pigeons and other birds in the woods. With the exception of liberal presents to friends, the fowls were consumed at the hotel.

The Cornwall mill, Bellingham bay, shipped last month five cargoes; four coastwise and one foreign. The total cargoes equalled 2,110,000 feet of lumber, and 350,000 lath. The Pacific Coast Milling Company, 300,000 feet of finishing lumber, and 2,500,000 shingles. Woodin's mill, 170,000 feet of finishing lumber, 200,000 feet of unclassified lumber, and 1,000,000 shingles.

The courthouse in Spokane is to be lighted with gas. Heretofore electric lights have been used. In the courthouse and jail 108 gas burners will be placed. The county will pay \$2.25 apiece for them. They will give 6480 candle power. The county will pay \$55 per month for the gas from now until October 1. Heretofore about \$90 per month has been paid to the electric light company.

In the federal court in Tacoma Judge Hanford issued an order directing Receiver Andrew F. Burleigh, of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, to pay the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company the judgment recently awarded for excessive freight charges paid for hauling sawlogs to the mill. This judgment is for \$5,903.87, and was awarded by a board of arbitration, consisting of Philip Tillinghast and C. D. Stimson.

A. H. Kellogg has just completed planting 1,400 cherry trees and now has perhaps the most carefully planted orchard in Island county. The trees were planted on what is known as the circular system, in rectangles 16x18 feet. By planting in this form about one-seventh more trees can be put upon an acre, while the rows, radiating from every point in the orchard, present a very pleasing effect.

In Walla Walla one day last week, a number of boys were fishing in Mill creek. One of the boys felt his hook catch on some object at the bottom of the creek. Giving a jerk he brought out a large pasteboard box, somewhat torn and broken by the water. Opening the box the boy and his companions, who had gathered around him, were horrified to see the tiny form of a babe, entirely nude.

John Kane, who, in the winter of 1891, was sent to the penitentiary from Olympia for breaking into Fred Carlson's jewelry store, has been pardoned by Governor McGraw. Kane is the man who deliberately kicked a window out of a store in broad daylight and took a silver cake basket, expecting to get a few months in jail and thus escape a hard winter. Judge Robinson gave him a sentence of ten years, nearly half of which has been served.

One hundred and twenty Chinamen were landed at Blaine last week for the fishing season, and forty at Friday harbor. The salmon season seems to be fairly on. These Chinamen will be set to work making cans for the canneries at Point Roberts and Semiahmoo. It is said they can be depended upon to do the work through the entire season. The tin for the cans comes from San Francisco and an immense number of cans is required.

The suit brought in Tacoma by the General Electric Company against the receivers of the Tacoma Railway & Motor Company and the Baker-Boyer bank, of Walla Walla, has been compromised and dismissed. The plaintiff company sought to have the receivers of the road restrained from paying to the Walla Walla bank coupons on \$10,000 bonds of the company alleging that interest had been paid on a note on which the bonds were security during the time the coupons matured, and that they should have been canceled.

Idaho. The Boise Basin, since 1862 has shipped \$150,000,000 worth of gold.

Over seventy-five new postoffices have been established in Idaho during the past three years.

Judge Standrod may call a special term of court for Bingham county later on in the season, to wind up the business of the docket of the last term.

The Potlatch country will raise the largest fruit crop this year since fruit trees were planted in the section. It will be almost double that of last year.

Petitions are being circulated in Moscow asking for the pardon of Mrs.

Margaret Hardy, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for murdering a little colored child, and was afterward sent to the asylum for the insane.

Since the fire at the Tiger-Poorman mills all the men are idle, except a few that are needed to work the pumps and do necessary work about the mines. The Poorman boilers have been put in order, and the smokestacks raised again, but little work is being done, except to keep the Tiger from flooding.

The Idaho immigration congress has adjourned after three days' session in Boise. The Idaho Immigration Association was formed, each county being entitled to two members. The officers are: Eugene Buchanan, of Moscow, president; J. M. Haines, of Boise, secretary; J. O. Baker, of Boise, treasurer.

Montana. Work has been resumed on the Idaho mine in the Ground Squirrel district and considerable development work will be done.

The president and stockholders of the Butte & Boston Mining Company, which recently failed, are in Butte making an investigation of the company's affairs.

The successful operation of the Trail smelter in the Rossland district is the beginning of a prosperous era for that section, the importance of which is but little realized by the denizens at this time.

R. M. Davidson, of the Davidson Grocery Company, of Butte, has taken an option on the Drummond coal claims, and has let a contract to sink the shaft several hundred feet deeper. So far the property has given good indications of containing a valuable deposit of lignite coal.

The geological survey has reported to Secretary Smith on the operations of the survey during the field season of last year. Investigations of the mineral resources of the Uncompahgre and Uintah Indian reservations showed deposits of hydro-carbon mounds of the asphalt species covering 13,500 square miles in Utah.

A Newspaper Man Killed. Wellington, Kan., April 14.—Editor Charles Branscombe, of the South Haven New Era, was mortally wounded in a shooting affray between A. H. Richards, editor of the Wellington Daily Mail, and Robert Simons, editor of the Caldwell News, at South Haven yesterday. He died this afternoon. No arrests have been made. Simons and Richards had been carrying on a bitter newspaper war, and they met by chance at the South Haven depot. Words arose over a recent article in the Mail. Both drew revolvers, and began firing. At the fifth shot Branscombe, who was with Richards, fell, pierced by a ball.

Seal Extirpation. New York, April 14.—A special to the World from London says: Lord Salisbury has at last consented to dispatch three experts in response to urgent appeals from Washington, to inquire into and report upon the matter of the almost total extermination of the Behring sea seals. Mr. Macoun, a leading Canadian authority, has been appointed, but the other two experts are not yet decided upon. The prime minister, however, has promised to act immediately, and even send a warship to convey the experts quickly to points of inquiry.

A Successful Expedition. Key West, Fla., April 14.—News was received here last night of the landing on Cuban soil of the expedition commanded by Colonel Monson A. Guerre, who had 45 men, 800 rifles, 400,000 cartridges and a large amount of dynamite. Although the expedition cost but \$50,000, it is considered as important as those of Garcia and Colasco, because no money was spent on a steamer for it.

Killed by His Hired Man. Xenia, O., April 14.—John Cotton, a farm hand, shot Elsa Bryan, his employer, through the heart yesterday, near Jamestown. Cotton became enraged because Bryan told him to clean the stable better. He gave himself up and claimed Bryan attacked him with a pitchfork.

A Robber and His Roost. Los Angeles, April 14.—The detectives have captured Joseph Edwards, alias White, alias Williams, of San Francisco, an ex-convict. He has been burglarizing here lately, and had a neat little den fixed up under the Macy street bridge.

San Jose Bank Will Reopen.

San Jose, Cal., April 13.—President L. Lion, of the Commercial Savings bank, announced this evening that the bank, which closed its doors six weeks ago, would open for business tomorrow, that institution having over \$300,000 in coin on hand.

Fire in an Arizona Town.

Tempe, Ariz., April 13.—About noon today, fire destroyed the Valley hotel, Dennis block, Peter's hall and Perron's shoe shop. This is about one-fifth of the business portion of town.

## BROUGHT TO A CRISIS.

The President Said to Have Addressed a Note to Spain.

Chicago, April 13.—A dispatch to the Times-Herald from Washington says:

At last President Cleveland has taken action in behalf of Cuba. He has made to Spain a formal proposition that the good offices of the United States be accepted in mediation between that country and her rebellious colony in the West Indies. This proposition was made in a cablegram of instructions to our minister at Madrid, Mr. Hannis Taylor, which was dispatched today. No diplomatic dispatch of equal importance has left this capital since Secretary Olney's note to the British government on the Venezuela boundary question was sent last summer. It brings to a crisis the relations between the United States and Spain, which have been unsettled since the outbreak of the Cuban rebellion.

The note thoroughly explains the attitude of the United States, and the reasons which have led to this action. The principal points of the dispatch are:

First—The president offers the good offices of the United States government in mediation between Spain and the insurgents, with a view to a settlement of the trouble and to bring about peace in Cuba.

Second—The note recalls the correspondence between this government and Spain at the time of the ten years' war, when President Grant and Secretary Fish proposed mediation and the Spanish government, though declining to accept it, proposed certain reforms in Cuba. The fact that the United States was in part instrumental in bringing about that settlement, and the charge that the Spanish government had not kept its promises are given as the reasons why the United States now has a right to be heard in the case.

Third—It is pointed out that the present rebellion in Cuba has assumed a much more serious aspect than any former insurrection the insurgents having apparently taken possession of the island, except Havana, and a small section round about.

Spain is assured of the fact that the United States is actuated by only disinterested motives and by a desire through friendship to bring about a more pacific and satisfactory state of affairs in the island. Spain is urged to accept our good offices in the spirit in which they are tendered, and the hope is expressed that the Spanish government will see its way to granting reform in Cuba.

The president does not ask Spain to grant the independence of Cuba, nor does he suggest that home rule be accorded the people of that island. He leaves all these questions to be discussed after Spain shall have expressed a willingness to accept mediation.

## COUNTERFEITER'S CAVE.

Discovered on a Small Island in Indiana.

Bristol, Ind., April 13.—Two deputy United States marshals are taking turns at watching an island in St. John's river, in the northeastern part of Elkhart county, on which a subterranean counterfeiter's den has been located. The cave was discovered a few days ago by two boys, who, while boating on the river, had landed on the island. The subterranean chamber is about 25 feet square and 18 feet high. It was well ceiled with small saplings and plank. A door on either side opened into two smaller rooms. Immediately under a hollow stump was a sort of furnace, which got its draft through the entranceway. Double benches for eight persons were against one side of the room and on the table were dishes and cooking utensils. A chest with a complete set of counterfeiters' tools was found, and piles of spurious gold and silver coins of various denominations. The coins represented a face value of a little more than \$4,000.

The agents of the government who have visited the place say the workshop was evidently that of men of means. There was found in the cave the pocketbook of William Crumpacker, a wealthy man living near Bristol, who was murdered a year ago. His murderers have never been discovered.

## To Buy Their Own Wheat.

Milwaukee, April 13.—At a secret meeting of millers belonging to the combine, a compact was formed by which all the higher grade of wheat to be used in the mills of Milwaukee will be purchased from the dealers by one man, who is a joint agent of all the mills in the city. Graindealers allege a discrimination in milling wheat from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 cent a bushel against the Milwaukee market, and in favor of Minneapolis on the basis of the freight differential. The new deal is declared to have paved the way for the Duluth and Gem mills to join the millers' combine, from which they have this far held aloof. It was rumored this afternoon that Faist, Kraus Co. had at last joined the combine of millers, but one member of the firm stated that they had not done so as yet. The firm, however, is connected with the wheat buying scheme.

## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

### ROUTINE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION.

Substance of the Bills and Resolutions Introduced in the Senate and House—Condensed Record of the Doings of the National Lawmakers—Senate.

Washington, April 10.—Senator Turpie's speech on Cuba was the event of the day in the senate, and in many respects it was the most picturesque and vehement utterance heard on the subject. The senator has an inexhaustible vocabulary and a satirical style. While arguing for a radical action on Cuba, even to the extent of sending a fleet to Cuban waters, much of Turpie's speech was given to sarcasm and ridicule of the course of Sherman and Lodge in managing the Cuban resolutions. The senator created much amusement by his portrayal of Senator Lodge as a warrior about to fight a duel with Minister de Lome, of Spain. Most of the day was given to the Indian appropriation bill, which was completed. Unanimous consent was secured for taking up the resolution for a senate inquiry into the recent bond issues next Tuesday.

Washington, April 11.—The senate committee on appropriations today reported the naval appropriation bill. The principal amendments are as follows: For testing the methods of throwing high explosives from guns on board ship with ordinary velocities, \$50,000; for the purchase of additional land adjoining the naval station at Port Royal, S. C., \$5,000; for paving the streets at Annapolis academy, \$13,000, and also a provision directing the board of visitors to the academy to examine and report upon the advisability of purchasing additional land for the academy. The senate today took up the pension cases on the calendar and passed a large number of them.

Washington, April 13.—In the senate today Call stated that inquiries had been made of him by Eugene V. Debs, and other labor leaders, as to whether the senate judiciary committee was taking any action in restriction of the power of federal judges. Hoar, chairman of the judiciary committee, said all the members believed some comprehensive legislation in this line was needed, and several plans were under consideration. Mitchell, of Oregon, reported a resolution providing for the payment of the salaries of Senators Mantle, of Montana, and Clark, of Wyoming, from March 4, 1893, the date when the senatorial seats of those states became vacant. Call presented a joint resolution concerning the imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick, requesting the president to intervene with the British authorities towards securing her release. After considerable debate the resolution went to the judiciary committee.

### House.

Washington, April 10.—The Bartlett racing bill to permit horseracing in the District of Columbia was today favorably acted upon by the District of Columbia committee of the house. The bill is to authorize the incorporation of racing organizations. Under it meetings can be held only between April 30 and November 1, and between sunrise and sunset, and there cannot be more than forty days of racing on any track in a season. A racing commission is to be established to supervise meetings. Amendments have been made to the bill to prevent poolselling and betting. Not only are heavy penalties provided, but bets are to be recovered by civil action. The move to adopt the metric system of weights and measures was sent back to the committee on coinage, weights and measures for further consideration.

Washington, April 11.—The house today after debating the bill to abolish compulsory pilotage on sailing vessels engaged in the coastwise trade, defeated the measure by a large majority—58 to 117. The District of Columbia appropriation bill, which was recommended early in March, after a protracted fight against appropriations for private and sectarian charitable institutions, was brought into the house today with the specific appropriations stricken out, and containing in lieu thereof an appropriation of a lump sum for charities, to be expended under the direction of the District commissioners, with the proviso that no part of the appropriation should go to institutions in ecclesiastical or sectarian control. The feature of the debate was a vigorous attack on the A. P. A. by Fitzgerald.

Washington, April 13.—Hainer reported the fortification appropriation bill. The bill provides for fortifications and other works of defense for their armament and the heavy ordnance for trial service for the fiscal year which begins next July. It recommends specific appropriations amounting to \$5,842,000, and in addition authority is given the secretary of war to make contracts for the further expenditure of \$5,542,000 by the engineer and ordnance departments, making the total authorized expenditure \$11,384,000. The war department estimates, on which the bill is based, amounted to \$5,047,000.