

THE PACIFIC STATES

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES FROM VARIOUS PLACES.

The Great Northwest Furnishes Some News of More Than General Interest—Development and Progress in All Industries—Oregon.

William Hunter, an old Linn county pioneer, died at Brownsville last week, at the age of 85.

The La Grande Bicycling Club has decided to build a bicycle track, one-third of a mile in length, to cost \$500.

J. Comie, of Newberg, has sent East for a quantity of peppermint roots, and will experiment with the peppermint plant in Oregon soil.

The contract for building the First Presbyterian church, in Brownsville, has been awarded to Glass & Cox, of that city, for \$1,424.

Morrow county sheepherders found a dead lamb a few days ago that had two bodies, eight legs, one head and three eyes, says the Canyon City News.

Some of the papers in Coos county are quite positive arrangements have been made that will insure the establishment of a beet-sugar factory in that county.

Eight Dalles horses will be taken to Heppner to contest for the purses being hung up by the speed association of that place during the racing season, which begins on the 26th.

Indications are that no jury will be impanelled at this term of court in Grant county to try criminal cases, the civil docket being such that the court will pass upon most of the cases.

The report of the treasurer of The Dalles shows a total cash balance on hand of \$5,729.55. Of this amount \$2,233.85 was received during the month, principally from city taxes.

As the Coburg train on the Natron branch passed Wilkins one night last week, just at dusk, it received a lively shaking up, and was nearly thrown from the track. The cause was the filling of the split switch at that point with rocks, undoubtedly with the intention of causing a wreck.

A larger body of ore is in sight in the Virtue mine today than ever before in the history of that now famous property. In fact they have opened up such a body of ore as to crowd the capacity of the mill. A number of men have been laid off in consequence. It is said that two men can break down as much ore in a day as ten men could formerly.

Oregon has several mining exchanges, the latest being organized in Portland. These institutions are not incorporated for the purpose of selling shares in companies, but for the purpose of dispensing general mining information by reports and maps, and in advertising the mineral wealth of the state. The needs of this kind of work is daily becoming more and more apparent.

Sheriff Henderson's tax collections in Yamhill county for the current year foot up \$31,807.15, or about one-third of the total tax. This will pay all state debts and enable the county to make a call on warrants. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company last week paid tax in Yamhill county amounting to \$3,900. Treasurer John Pennington forwarded \$5,373.80 to the state treasurer, it being the last installment of the 1895 state tax.

A complaint has been made out charging Mrs. May, of the Tillamook academy, with assault in having too severely punished some of the girls at the academy. Of this case the Tillamook Headlight says: "The matter is being stirred up a little too far, and developments may surprise somebody yet. Of course, Mrs. May did not use the best of judgment in chastising the girls, according to our belief, but no doubt she regrets it, and has been sufficiently punished by the unpleasant notoriety of the affair."

It is said that the Greenhorn range will be covered with prospectors and miners during the summer. Its mineral possibilities are great and all it requires is the enlistment of capital to render it one of the greatest mining centers west of Colorado. The business men of Baker City little realize the great undeveloped wealth at the very door of their growing town and the mining fraternity note with pleasure the determination of the Commercial Club to bring to prominent notice this undeveloped wealth.

The people of Port Orford were treated to the unusual sight of a waterspout at sea, May 1. It gathered far out in the bay, and assuming the form of an immense writhing, squirming serpent, rapidly ascended to the black overhanging clouds, and, taking a northeasterly course, and while gyrating with extraordinary velocity, it moved rapidly shoreward, striking the beach about two miles south of Port Orford. Luckily, school had just closed for noon, and the children all had a fine view of the phenomena, in which they took a great interest.

Washington.
R. F. Jordan, of Wallula, put out poison for squirrels, and let his hogs

run in the same field. They ate the poisoned wheat and fifty-two died.

Fairfield's cheese factory has started up.

Two bears were killed near Sealand last week.

Work is to begin at once upon a speed track for Port Townsend.

Waitsburg expects the largest strawberry crop this year in its history.

Hog cholera in a mild form is prevalent in the west side of the Kittitas valley.

E. G. Grindrod, of Kittitas county, is experimenting in the cultivation of the Australian salt bush plant.

Mandamus proceedings have been begun against the city treasurer of Port Townsend to compel him to use the cash on hand to pay old warrants outstanding.

The Auburn Argus says it is safe to say that not one-quarter of the hop acreage will be cultivated this year in the Green river district, as compared with former years.

Mrs. Dulcinea Ridgeway died in Buckley May 12, at the age of 76. She came to Oregon with her husband in 1852, and settled near Lebanon, where most of her life was spent.

C. Staser, chairman of the Adams County Immigration Association, has opened a correspondence with a view to securing for that county a colony of Dunkards, who contemplate coming to Washington from Indiana.

The case of leprosy that has been discovered in Seattle is a puzzling one. It is hard to know whether the expense attendant upon the matter should be borne by the state or the county, and not very easy to decide what shall be done with the man. There is a lazaretto in British Columbia, maintained by the Dominion government. Possibly the institution would receive the unfortunate man if application were made. In that event Washington state would have to stand the expense.

The Boundary Mining and Investment Company has been incorporated, with headquarters at Spokane. The capital stock is \$50,000, and the purpose is to operate mining properties in the United States and British Columbia.

The American Lake road was sold last week in Tacoma to Robert Wingate by Receiver Ellis for \$8,400. The road was originally built as the terminus of the Union Pacific line in Tacoma. It will be equipped electrically, and run as a suburban line.

The deposit of the Whatcom county treasurer in the defunct Bellingham Bay National bank was secured by a \$25,000 bond, and by a first mortgage on the bank building, valued at \$80,000, which, by the way, is the amount of the capital stock of the bank.

It is expected, if present arrangements are carried out, that the cannery at Blaine will be well under construction, if not completed, by the 1st day of June next. The cannery will have a capacity of at least 500 cases per day, utilizing two retorts and other paraphernalia for a cannery of this capacity.

The Hugh Gilligan will case, set for hearing before Judge Arthur at Spokane, was continued until June 8. Gilligan was the miner who died at Medical Lake and left \$13,000 in the Cheney bank, with a memorandum for a will, dividing the money among friends. His relatives resist the probate of the document as a will.

Near Lacrosse, Whitman county, jackrabbits are causing a great deal of annoyance to the farmers, and a great rabbit drive is expected to take place this week. Some difficulty will be experienced in finding a suitable rendezvous for the final bunch-up, but several old hunters express the belief that the bunnies can be successfully cornered on some of the large bluffs bordering the Palouse.

It has been discovered at Port Townsend that the reported prohibition of liquors on revenue cutters was incorrect. The order referred to allows what is known as a "wine mess" for the wardroom officers of the revenue cutters. The liquors may consist of wines, ales and beer, but whisky, brandy and such hard liquors are prohibited, and membership in the mess is optional.

A farmer living near Lacrosse station has hit on a novel method of exterminating squirrels. He has a deep furrow running around his field, and has several deep pits in the furrow, in which he has placed large barrels about half full of water. The result is that the squirrels are drowned by the wholesale, and all he has to do is to keep water in the barrels and take out the dead squirrels.

Idaho.
The Lines company has three shifts employed on the Mother lode. A station has been cut and drifting will soon be commenced. The ore streak is six feet and of good value.

The old Nicolita mining camp which has lain comparatively idle for the past seven years, will make quite a respectable output of ore. The original Viola mine, owing to its being in litigation, will probably remain idle, but there are other mines in that vicinity which have produced sufficient ore during the past winter to justify the

letting of contracts to freight the output to Dubois, where it will be shipped to Denver.

The miners employed in the De Lamar mine are out on a strike, and ask that their wages be restored to the amount paid them before the cut two years ago. No disturbance is anticipated and the Miner's Union says that none will be tolerated by them. The manager has submitted the matter to the head office in New York.

The sale of the Yellow Jacket mine has been consummated in New York. The price stated is \$1,000,000 cash. The former owners still retain a large interest in the property. The property consists of thirty-six mining lode claims, placer claims, three mill sites and in all 800 acres. A town site is being laid out on the placer claims. Government patents covering the entire property have recently been issued.

Montana.
It is more than likely that Butte will be honored by a visit of the mining class of the Columbian School of Mines of New York some time in June.

Several shipments of ore from the Homestake have been made to the Colorado smelter the past week. The shaft on this property will be sunk an additional 100 feet.

The Western Mine Enterprise Company, of Butte, are overhauling and making extensive repairs in the old mill at Bannock. The mill will be started up just as soon as in condition and will be run on ores from the company's properties in that district.

There is a movement on foot to build a smelter in Phillipsburg and the citizens of that community are in a fair way of realizing their fondest hopes. It has long been known to the mining fraternity that no district in the West offers better inducements for a plant of this kind and it only awaits the negotiations now pending between the citizens and Butte capitalists.

VIOLENCE IS URGED.

Spanish Press Advice Spain to Declare War on America.

New York, May 18.—A special to the Herald, from Havana says:

La Correspondencia Militar, in a leading article, urges an immediate declaration of war by Spain against the United States.

The writer professes his belief that when the first cannon was fired the Southern states would again withdraw and preserve neutrality and Mexico would invade the country, to recover its lost territory in the West, and thus insure the quick dismemberment and lasting humiliation of the great republic.

Captain-General Weyler, in extending his proclamation of amnesty, says: "I am determined to show as much generosity toward those rebels who repent and surrender their arms and swear their allegiance to the government, as I have already displayed energy and firmness in dealing with those who have persisted in disloyalty to the crown."

Senor Corro, mayor of Barracoa, where the filibuster Competitor was captured, is in Havana, and had a long conference with the captain-general. Mayor Corro says the Competitor party disembarked in a small zinc boat, lettered "S. T. R." on Shelter island No. 4. It was he who discovered, partially concealed on the bench, the 27 boxes of cartridges heretofore announced as captured by the government. The Havana press re-echoes the cabled opinions of Madrid journals, urging the Spanish government to abrogate the existing treaty and protocol with the United States.

Owing to the growing scarcity of horses in the central provinces, Maximo Gomez, on his present counter-march westward, has been compelled to dismount several thousand of the rebel cavalymen and reorganize them as infantry.

The insurgent forces in the burned districts in Santa Clara and Matanzas, are also beginning to feel the dearth of cattle and forage. Two hundred refugees and families left homeless by the insurgents' torches, reached the government post in Bahia Honda, Pinar del Rio, Tuesday night, seeking food and temporary shelter. The authorities are providing for them as far as possible.

Demonstration by a Paris Mob.
Paris, May 19.—Several thousand persons took part in a manifestation this evening near the statue of Jean d'Arc, demanding the establishment of a national fete in her honor. They afterward marched to the newspaper offices, shouting "Abas Rochefort!" The police had to make several charges before the mob dispersed, and several arrests were made.

The Safe Was Robbed.
New York, May 18.—The police made public today a robbery committed on Monday night in the confectionery store of Eugene C. Ackers, on Sixth avenue. The booty amounted to \$22,000, most of it being diamond jewelry, kept in the safe. The police arrested John H. Reidel on suspicion. Reidel had been cared for by Ackers, almost as an adopted son.

PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC

BATTLESHIP OREGON'S TRIAL WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Made a Magnificent Average Speed of 16.78 Knots—Beat the Massachusetts Record—\$175,000 Premium Given to the Builders.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 18.—In her official trip today, the battleship Oregon covered 62 knots, official government course, in three hours forty minutes and forty-eight seconds, making the magnificent average speed for the time over the course of 16.78 knots, or 19.35 miles in an hour.

This speed places her in the very front rank of ships of her class in the navies of the world, beating the Massachusetts, the pride of the Cramps, which had a record of 16.15 knots, and the Indiana, with a record of 15.61 knots.

The contract of the Union iron works with the government calls for \$25,000 for every quarter of a knot above 15, and by her great performance today the Oregon has earned for her builders a premium of \$175,000.

Her anchor was weighed at 5:20 A. M., a swell was running and she took a preliminary run to warm up her engines. The manner in which the machinery worked was satisfactory as the speed developed, and it continued running better all the time.

The big battleship started over the line, the Unadilla acting as stakeboat, at 8:11 A. M., and reached Point Conception at 10 o'clock, making an average speed of 17.09 knots. Fifteen minutes and fourteen seconds were consumed in turning, and an average of 16.49 knots was made on the return run. She crossed the finish line at 11:54. The average run both ways was 16.78 knots, with a maximum for six miles of 17.34 knots while running under 160 pounds steam pressure, the engines making 128 to 130 revolutions with much less than the allowed air pressure. With scarcely a vibration of the decks from the throbbing engines and amid cheering from stokers, firemen and everyone on board, the Union iron works achieved a victory over the world of shipbuilders and made for the Pacific coast a name that all were justly proud of.

When the stakeboat McArthur, marking the Point Conception end of the course, was passed, the Oregon had to her credit an average of 17.08 knots per hour.

A shrill scream from the whistle announced the end accomplished, and for a few minutes pandemonium reigned. Men yelled and cheered with excitement, and the stokers danced in their limited quarters. From captain to water-passer a spirit of happiness pervaded the crew, for the Oregon was literally in the hands of her friends.

No half-fed navy passed the carefully selected coal, but the pick of a great manufacturing establishment was on board. Down in the eight little chambers before the furnaces sixty-eight selected men worked with might and main—bright, active American mechanics of the best sort. Aside from the natural interest taken in the work, a premium of \$5 for each quarter knot over the requirement of 15 knots was to be paid to them as an extra incentive over and above their wages, which will net each man \$30.

Over the Transom.

Crookston, Minn., May 18.—The first claimant who entered the land office today with intent to file on the Red Lake lands, came through the transom over the door. He held his papers aloft and said, "Nine o'clock, gentlemen; I am the first man." Being two minutes too previous, he was ejected. He entered, however, with the first four admitted, and his name, L. D. McCall, was the first recorded. He had been in line for four days. The line was two blocks long, and contained not less than 400 men.

Earthquake in Ecuador.

New York, May 18.—A Herald dispatch from Panama says: Mail advices received here from Guayaquil, Ecuador, are to the effect that great damage was done in Quito and the interior towns of the republic by the recent earthquakes which destroyed the city of Puerto Principe Viejo. Bad-hoyo and Ambato were great sufferers by the seismic disturbance and the loss of life was very great.

A Dog Affected With Rabies.

Wichita, Kan., May 18.—The decision made by the council of Wichita physicians, that a dog that bit several people here last week was affected with rabies, has caused widespread consternation. Dogs are being shot by the wholesale, and several of the victims of the affected dogs will immediately go to Chicago to take the Pasteur treatment. None of the people bitten by the dog have developed symptoms of hydrophobia, however.

—Germany is now the best educated nation of the continent.

—The total amount of the fortune of the Rothschild family is now put at \$2,000,000,000.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Routine Work
Session's Fifty-Fourth Session—Washington, May 10.

Washington, May 10.—Dupont case, involving the right of Dupont to a seat in the senate from a state of Delaware, was taken up in the senate today, with a view to concluding the debate and taking a final vote. A brief colloquy between Gorman and Mitchell developed that a difference of opinion existed as to the character of the vote to be taken. When Gorman spoke of the unanimous agreement to vote, Mitchell admitted the correctness of the statement, but added significantly that the character of the vote would be determined when the vote was reached, which was open to the meaning that the case would be postponed until next session. Platt spoke in support of Mr. Dupont's claim.

Washington, May 18.—By a vote of 31 to 30, the senate determined today that Henry A. Dupont was not entitled to a seat in the senate from Delaware. This closed a long and animated controversy, which had been one of the most notable contests of its kind in the history of the senate. The result was in doubt up to the last moment, and this lent added interest to the final vote. There had been some question as to the direction of Stewart's vote, but it was with those of the Democrats and Populists, and was the decisive vote in declaring Dupont not entitled to a seat. Before taking the vote, Platt spoke for Dupont, and Vilas against him. Bacon spoke against the issue of bonds without authority of congress. Resolutions were proposed by Morgan for an inquiry as to our treaty rights with Spain, and Gallinger relating to the need of additional enactments.

House.

Washington, May 16.—The house committee on coinage, weights and measures today decided by a unanimous vote to authorize a favorable report on the resolution introduced by Representative C. W. Stone providing that the president be authorized and requested to invite an expression from other principal commercial nations of the world as to the desirability and feasibility of the adoption of international coins, to be current in all countries adopting them at a uniform value, and to be specially adopted for invoice purposes. If expressions thus obtained from other nations are such as, in the judgment of the president render a conference desirable, he is authorized to invite it at a time and place to be designated by him to consider and report a plan for the adoption and use of such coins, composed of either gold or silver, or both. The president is authorized to appoint three representatives, subject to confirmation by the senate.

Washington, May 18.—The house today occupied itself in passing the private pension bills, which were favorably acted upon during the two special days given to their consideration. Erdman and Talbert threw such obstacles in the way as they could. Thirty-four bills were held up because they were not engrossed, but 100 were passed, leaving about sixty yet undisposed of. At the opening of the session Howard rose to a question of privilege, to denounce the fabrications some newspapers printed five months ago that he had entered the hall of the house in an intoxicated condition, and had been carried out by two colored porters.

DEATH IN ITS TRACK.

Sixty Persons Killed in Sherman, Texas, by a Cyclone.

Sherman, Texas, May 18.—Just a few minutes before 5 o'clock this afternoon a cyclone, not exceeding two blocks in width, but carrying widespread destruction and death in its wake, swept through the western half of the city, traveling almost directly north. The approach of the terrific whirlwind was announced by a deep rumbling noise, not unlike reverberating thunder. A fierce and driving rain accompanied it.

It is very conservative to estimate that the list of fatalities will reach sixty, while the injured will reach 100. At least fifty houses are wrecked. Most of them were small cottages, except in Fairview and Washington avenue, where the handsome residences of L. F. Ely, Captain J. G. Saller, Mrs. Pat Mattingly and James Fallas also succumbed. The loss will reach at least \$150,000, and but little if any of it was covered by cyclone insurance.

Rich Find in Dead Miner's Cabin.

Durango, Mexico, May 18.—An unknown Mexican miner, who located near here twenty years ago, and lived as a recluse, has been found dead in his cabin by prospectors. In the building was found gold dust aggregating \$75,000 in value. The only paper found was an old letter addressed to Frank E. Lombard, 25 West Fortieth street, Cincinnati. The writer was a woman who signed the name of Ollie Marcoux. The letter was dated Wheeling, W. Va., 1874. If no claimants appear the fortune will go to the prospectors who found the body.

—Dr. F. Shus says there are forty varieties of edible turtles in the United States.