

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Summary of Events in the Northwest.

ABSENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

Gathered in All the Towns of Neighboring States - Improvement in All Industries - Oregon.

Electric plant at Milton has been down temporarily.

There are now about 70,000 bushels of wheat in storage in Albany held by...

Baker City Democrat says that county jail is the only vacant building in that city at present.

Students of the state university are musicians have decided to organize a band. Thirteen have already...

W. Holcomb, of Eagle valley, has marketed 100,000 pounds of wheat. He has also set out more fruit trees.

As reported in Baker City that James White, jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., secured an option on the Ibea tract in the Sumpter district, for \$60,000.

Producing honey in the John Day valley seems to be a very lucrative business. Nearly every rancher has bees and can readily dispose of the surplus product at good figures.

The late grand jury in Baker county failed to find a single indictment at the next term of court. It will be the next term of court for the taxpayers, a doubt, that has been held in the city for years.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Company has a total of 5,000,000 feet of logs along the Grande Ronde river for the next spring drive. This is one-half the quantity that will be cut for next season's run.

Willard purchased last week 100 head of cattle in Eagle valley, Union county, for Portland shipment. He says there are a good many cattle in the vicinity notwithstanding the fact that buyers have been picking up a good many head.

Last night when train No. 10 was crossing the hill near Blalock, trainmen were treated to a beautiful sight. A large and very bright meteor was seen falling from the heavens, and when apparently about a mile from the earth seemed to stand motionless for a moment, and then sped on in its northerly flight. The meteor was visible for about five minutes and had the appearance of an immense ball of fire flying through space.

About three weeks ago, says the Blue Mountain Eagle, Mr. Rambo left Long Creek, in Grant county, with his family, for College Place, Wash. He took with him a big tomcat. No sooner was the cat free in College Place when he disappeared. He was afterwards seen by several freighters near Pendleton, and arrived in Long Creek soon after, having traveled 140 miles, over a road that he had never been before, except when taken out in a wagon.

Washington.

The town of Waterville now owns its own light and water plant.

Four deer were killed on Hartstein road, in Mason county, last week.

There are about 15,000 bales of 1895 wheat stored in Puyallup warehouses.

Tacoma salmon fishermen are now waiting for herring that will be used as bait by the halibut fishermen.

The next jury term of the superior court for Walla Walla will convene January 10 next. An unusually full list is expected.

The rowboat in which the two young men left Seattle on a hunting excursion has been found. It is now the general opinion that they were drowned.

North river loggers got over 1,500,000 feet of logs below the falls during the late flood, and there is about 1,000,000 feet above the falls to come down.

Ten dozen bob-white quail have been received by the Rod and Gun Club in North Yakima. They will not be turned loose until the winter is fully over and in the meantime they are receiving every attention.

There are now said to be 116 applicants for the office of fish commissioner and who will get it. It seems probable that forty-six ministers of the gospel should be among the number, says the Whatcom Reveille.

An order, signed by Secretary of War Cleveland, and approved by President Cleveland, has been received at the local land office in Seattle whereby Marrowstone point is reserved for battery purposes for high-power guns. This permanently establishes the point for military purposes.

Robert Hughes and Elias Wilson were out hunting near Blaine last week. Wilson mistook Hughes for a bear and fired at him. The ball struck Hughes in the shoulder, making a painful flesh wound, and, after passing through his shoulder, struck and dented the barrel of his gun. It was a lucky escape, and should prove a lesson to anyone who does not know what he is shooting at when he pulls the trigger.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Co.'s Review of Trade.

Portland, Or., Dec. 15.—The foreign news regarding the wheat situation has been uniformly bullish during the week past. Speculation in France and Central Europe has been stopped by cold weather, and the acreage planted will show a decrease compared with last year. The reduction in French acreage is estimated at ten per cent. Advices from the Argentine report crop prospects worse, and estimate their exportable surplus as smaller than last year's. Australian requirements for American wheat during 1897 are estimated at 100,000 tons, or 3,730,000 bushels. The news from India is rather more favorable, but the real scarcity there will not be felt until next year. The position in America is even stronger than in Europe. Two small crops in succession have followed a large reduction in surplus yields from previous crops. The amount of wheat still in first hands is estimated at 65,000,000 bushels less than in December last year. The quality of much of the winter wheat remaining is too poor for milling purposes. The demand from interior millers for wheat from centers of accumulation continues brisk, and their advices indicate that supplies of red winter wheat for milling are practically exhausted. The speculative conditions have changed considerably during the week. Longs have been eager to secure profits. The volume of trade has fallen off materially and the market has lacked speculative support. The result was a decline to 78 1/2c for May wheat on Thursday, which was followed, however, by a rally on Saturday to 80 7/8c, making the loss from a week ago a trifle more than one cent. The local sentiment is bearish, temporarily, and with the approaching holidays and lack of general trade values may sink a little lower. We regard conditions as warranting higher values next year, and on any further decline in prices consider wheat to be a safe and profitable purchase. During the last week the corn market ruled weak in tone, prices showing a decline of about 3/4c per bushel. Liquidation by longs, cold, dry weather throughout the West, and a consequent increase in offerings by country shippers all contributed to the heaviness. In order to effect sales, holders were obliged to make sacrifices. Sentiment continues conservatively bearish in view of the large supplies at points of accumulation and lack of speculation. The oats market showed the effect of liquidation, sales prices declining 1c, closing with a slight improvement. This cereal has many friends, as the demand for cash is good, while supplies are not overburdensome. Provisions have been fairly active during the past week on the hog estimates. We are of the opinion that the consumption of the product will be large the coming year, and advise purchases of May product on breaks. Prices are low, the trade selling product relatively cheaper than the live hog; therefore do not believe there is any profit to be made in selling on the low basis of a 3c hog.

RUSSIA HAS CONTROL.

Mantchuria Ceded to the Czar—China's Treaty Made Public.

London, Dec. 15.—The text of the Russian-Chinese treaty, reproduced here from the North China Daily News, has aroused considerable discussion on all sides, and it is regarded as a matter of the greatest importance. Some of the newspapers refuse to believe it authentic, as it would be such a victory for Russian diplomacy. The Spectator says today, however, it believes it to be exact, and adds: "No forger would have tried so elaborately to protect the pride of China. While securing every Russian object, nothing is concealed openly. Russia is permitted to run a railway to Kiirin, and is expressly authorized to keep all the troops she pleases to protect the Mantchurian stations, and she is also to fortify Port Arthur for China. "No glass is required to interpret phrases like these, which completely invest Russia with military control of Mantchuria and the Liao Tung peninsula."

Continuing, the Spectator says it thinks the arrangement threatens Japan more than Great Britain, "which can resist when her commercial rights are threatened."

Killed by a Woman.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Grace Dolan, a comely white woman, about 24 years old, shot and killed Henry Jackson, a young negro porter employed at the New York store, at her home, on Liberty street.

Her husband was away from home, and Emma Ott, a young friend, was staying with her. The negro, whom they had never seen before, tried to climb into the window, but Mrs. Dolan fought him off with a curtain pole. He returned, but by this time she had got a revolver and frightened him off with a threat to shoot.

When they thought he had gone the women ran out to give the alarm, but found him rushing back towards the house with a brick. He forced his way into the house and Mrs. Dolan pulled out the revolver and fired three times, killing him. She was placed under arrest.

EX-QUEEN LILIOUKALANI

Has Arrived in San Francisco From Honolulu.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Among the passengers on the steamer China, from Honolulu, today, was ex-Queen Lilioukalani, of Hawaii. Much speculation was indulged in by the passengers regarding her destination, about which she was uncommunicative. It was freely said she was en route to Washington to plead with President Cleveland and the congressmen for American intervention in Hawaiian affairs looking to her restoration to the Hawaiian throne.

On the ex-queen's behalf it was said she was merely on a pleasure trip to the United States; that she would extend her trip to Europe and that the trip was taken with the full knowledge and consent of her government at Honolulu, which recently granted her a full pardon for her complicity in the native uprising of one year ago.

When the passengers disembarked from the steamer, the ex-queen went to the California hotel, where no intimation of her coming had been received. She had to wait until apartments could be prepared for her. She absolutely refused to discuss her plans and give any reason for her sudden departure from Honolulu. It is intimated, however, by Colonel McFarlane, the queen's agent here, that she will represent to the president that the Hawaiian republic has been a failure, and that a majority of the Hawaiian people would welcome a return to the monarchical institutions. Lilioukalani has been under the surveillance of the Hawaiian government ever since the last native uprising. She seems to have taken advantage of the first opportunity given by the pardon to leave the islands.

TRAGEDY OF THE SEA.

An Emigrant Steamer Lost With All on Board.

Vigo, Spain, Dec. 14.—The Italian steamer Sallier, formerly the property of the North German Lloyd Company, foundered off Corruna Celerbedo, on the Spanish coast, in the recent heavy gale.

There were 210 passengers on the Sallier. Her crew was composed of sixty-five men. All on board perished. The Sallier's passengers consisted of 115 Russians, 35 Galicians, 61 Spaniards, and one German. The steamer was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, via Corruna and Villagarcia. The passengers were mostly in the steerage.

The Sallier was a brig-rigged iron steamer, and was for many years in the Atlantic trade between New York and European ports.

BACK IN PINAR DEL RIO.

Maceo Again in the Land of the Living. So the Cubans Say.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—A special to the Republic from Dallas, Tex., says: The head of the local Cuban committee today received a dispatch from Key West making absolute denial of the Spanish reports from Havana of the alleged killing of Antonio Maceo.

The dispatch states that at 9 o'clock last night Maceo was again in Pinar del Rio province, and that his army was making successful operations against Weyler's forces; that since the turning of Weyler's left flank, December 1, Maceo had captured more than 1,200 stands of arms and immense quantities of ammunition, medicines and commissary supplies.

The dispatch also states that within the next three days the Cubans are likely to turn Weyler's flank and win a decided victory.

SIX YEARS FOR BOGGS.

Sentence of Ex-Treasurer of Tacoma Affirmed.

Olympia, Dec. 14.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of the State of Washington, respondent, vs. G. W. Boggs, appellant. Boggs was treasurer of the City of Tacoma, and placed \$30,000 of the funds of the city in the Tacoma Trust & Savings bank, on which he made a profit for himself by appropriating the interest. This constitutes a penal offense, and Boggs, being found guilty, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment at hard labor. The opinion is by Judge Danbar, all of the judges, except Hoyt, concurring, and holds that it was the intention of the lawmakers that an officer should receive his compensation through the medium of the salary provided, and should not be allowed in any way to speculate with money in his care.

The Monitor Ram Paritan.

New York, Dec. 14.—One formidable addition to the navy of the United States was made today, when the monitor ram Paritan was put into commission. It is thirty-two years since the keel of the Paritan was laid, and four years since she was launched. Now that she is ready for service, she is regarded, for defensive purposes, as superior to navy vessels of the first class, while for offensive warfare she is a little inferior to first-class craft. She is 300 feet long and 60 feet wide, and has a displacement of 5,200 tons. Her equipment consists of four 12-inch rifles in barbette, six four-inch rapid fire rifles, six six-pounders, two one-pounders, and two revolving cannon of thirty-seven millimeters.

CANADA WANTS HER FREEDOM.

Sentiment Favoring Independent Government is Spreading.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The strong undecurrent of sentiment throughout Canada favorable to a separation from Great Britain and the establishment of an independent Canadian republic on this continent has begun to take tangible shape. The organization of independence clubs has been in active progress during the past five or six months and a convention has been called to meet in this city in March next, with the object of federating all groups and clubs of the dominion. Until then the chief work will be to group individuals favoring the independence movement throughout Canada; that is, to effect the co-operation of all those who favor national independence by pacific means.

The Associated Press correspondent is informed that the movement is gaining ground rapidly in the rural districts, especially in Port Neuf, Drummond, Granby and the most remote districts. Two organizers are traveling in the interest of Canadian independence clubs throughout Canadian centers in the United States and in the eastern townships, where the idea seems to meet with great favor.

An important meeting was held last night in Montreal. The meeting was secret, but the Associated Press obtained a copy of the by-laws and constitution which were adopted. The preamble, which is perhaps the most important part of the document, reads as follows:

"This association shall be known as the Independence Club of Canada, and shall be composed of all persons desirous of obtaining political liberty and the independence of Canada.

"Its objects shall be:

"First—The study of the Canadian people and of the resources of the country.

"Second—The encouragement of a true national spirit amongst the population.

"Third—To obtain the liberty and independence of Canada by legitimate and pacific means."

ELEPHANT TO BE EXECUTED.

Famous "Gypsy" Must Suffer the Death Penalty for Her Crimes.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Gypsy, the famous old circus elephant which killed four keepers, is soon to suffer for her terrible past at the hands of the executioner. The monster, which has for the last several years been running the Harris Nickel-Plate circus to suit herself, will be wiped off the earth with a stroke of lightning. Mr. Harris believes that Gypsy will be of more use to humanity when made into soap, so the animal will be electrocuted at Tattersall's as soon as a date can be decided upon.

Gypsy is well known all over the United States, and is considered the most dangerous elephant in captivity. She has toured the country with the Harris combinations for ten years and is at present at the winter quarters of the circus. Last winter the animal escaped from its home and caused great excitement on the West Side by running through the streets, damaging everything she came in contact with. Before she was captured Frank Scott, her keeper, was killed, the elephant stepping on him and crushing out his life. Since then she has had a dozen keepers. The men stay a week and resign rather than risk their lives in caring for the animal. Yesterday the last man in charge of Gypsy threw up his job and the big circus man, who is unable to find another keeper, has been poking food into the animal with a clothes pole. Tiring of this, he has decided to turn Gypsy over to science and lightning. Manager Willis, of the Harris show, applied yesterday to the collector for a permit to electrocute the brute, providing the city authorities thought there was enough electricity in the sky. If there is not, he declares he will tap all the trolley wires in the city and send her to her fathers on the rapid-transit plan.

THE SULTAN IS MAD.

Protests Against President Cleveland's Language.

New York, Dec. 14.—A Washington special to the World says: President Cleveland has been called to account by the sultan of Turkey. An emphatic protest was made yesterday by the Turkish government against the language used in the president's message to congress respecting the massacre of Armenians and general conduct of the government towards the Christians in the empire. The situation is said to threaten a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey. Mustapha Bey, the Turkish minister, it is rumored at the state department, has intimated that, if some amendments are not made by the president, he will be obliged to ask for his papers and will return to Constantinople.

Plague Spreading in Bombay.

Bombay, Dec. 11.—The bubonic plague is spreading everywhere. Tuesday there were fifty-five fresh cases and thirty-seven deaths here. There have been, in all, 1,126 cases and 804 deaths.

In railroad building across sandy deserts the French engineers are beginning to employ iron ties.

MURDERED HIS DAUGHTER.

Horrible Crime Committed by a Kansas Farmer.

Oswego, Kan., Dec. 11.—After a preliminary examination, Randolph Bruckman, a wealthy farmer of Osage township, has been held in the sum of \$10,000 to answer for the murder of his 17-year-old daughter Mary. Four weeks ago Bruckman gave the girl a terrible beating, because she did not work to suit him in his cornfield. He then tied a rope around one of her ankles, fastened the other end of the rope to a rear axle of his wagon and drove to his barn a quarter of a mile off, dragging the girl behind. Arriving there, he locked her up in the barn without sufficient clothing and without food. The girl was found by her uncle and another neighbor, who carried her away, but her injuries were so serious that she died on November 22.

Bruckman has long been an outcast among the farmers of Osage township. His ranch adjoins the notorious Bender farm, and he was nearest neighbor of the Bender butchers.

After the horrifying crimes of the Bender family had become known and they had fled the country, Bruckman was visited one night by a mob of masked men who demanded to know where the Benders had gone. Bruckman insisted that he knew nothing of the Benders or their deeds, but he was strung up to the limb of a tree and held there until almost dead. Finally, however, he was cut down and allowed to go his way, but ever since he has been shunned.

Dead Under a Timber.

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—A. Zurluh, a German, who was employed at Inman & Poulsen's saw mill while helping to clear away the debris of the late fire was struck by a falling timber and almost instantly killed, at 1 o'clock yesterday. The accident happened immediately after the force of men had gone to their work, after the noon hour. Zurluh was working with a gang at the east side of the mill. They were handling a heavy timber. It fell in some way and several of the men were in danger, but all except Zurluh got out of the way in time. There was a cry of alarm, but the unfortunate man was too slow and was struck down. He was hit on the head, and in falling also injured his back. He was quickly lifted from under the timber, but only lived a few minutes after the accident. It was an accident, and no one was to blame. The remains were removed to the morgue.

Automatic Airbrake Coupler.

Sleepy Eye, Minn., Dec. 11.—Grant Bramble, inventor of the rotary engine which has created a sensation has filed a caveat for another patent. The latest device is an automatic air-brake coupler, a simple piece of mechanism that does away with the hose coupling between cars. The Bramble coupler is so arranged that when the cars come together to be coupled the air-brake coupler itself opens the valve automatically and there remains, accommodating itself to the up-and-down swinging motion of the train while in motion. When it is desired to uncouple the car all that has to be done is to lift the lever for the steel coupler and the automatic air-brake attachment closes its own valve and moves forward without any more attention.

The Bond Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on finance, which was appointed prior to the adjournment of the last session of congress to investigate the bond issues made by the present administration, had a brief session today. When the committee adjourned, after its last meeting in New York last summer, the question pending before it was what should be done, in view of the refusal of J. Pierpont Morgan and Perry Belmont to answer the question as to how much they had realized upon the bond transactions, and that question is still pending. It is presumed this state of affairs will be reported to the full committee, and it is possible the report will be accompanied by a recommendation for prosecution.

To Cut Federal Employees' Salaries.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Chandler today introduced a bill in the senate for a ten per cent reduction of the salaries of all federal employees. The reduction shall begin on June 30, 1897, and continue for three years, and shall include all officers and employees of the United States whose salaries are paid from the treasury either annually, quarterly, monthly or semi-monthly, except those whose compensation cannot be diminished during their continuance in office.

Overcome by Foul Air.

Rosland, B. C., Dec. 11.—James McBride and Charles Mead, while at work in a tunnel of the Josie mine, were overcome by foul air. McBride dying from the effects, and Mead barely escaping, being unconscious for several hours.

Fighting African Portuguese.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The German and Dutch consulates at Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese South Africa, have been attacked, and a British flag was torn to shreds. The Dutch consul was wounded. Germany has, in consequence, demanded satisfaction of Portugal.