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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

The Texas Pacific.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The rumor grows stronger that the Iron Mountain Railroad, from St. Louis to Frisco, on the frontier of Texas, is to be taken into the Scott Huntington combination for a trans-continental line from St. Louis to San Francisco, Scott and his Texas Pacific to meet Huntington and his Southern Pacific at El Paso.

A Long Shot.

GALVESTON, Nov. 13.—A special from El Paso says that a negro discharged a gun this side of the Rio Grande, the bullet killing a Mexican and wounding a boy in Piedras Negras, opposite, causing great excitement there. The negro escaped.

Chandler's Successor.

DETROIT, Nov. 13.—Gov. Crosswell this afternoon appointed Fernando C. Beeman U. S. Senator to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Chandler.

The Maine Legislature.

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—It is reported from Augusta that the State authorities have certificates prepared to send out giving seats to 17 Democratic Senators and 85 Representatives, giving them a majority and quorum in case the Republicans retire.

Army of the Tennessee.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Col. W. B. Hollawell, of Indianapolis, waited on Gen. Grant this afternoon with an invitation from Col. Thos. A. Scott, to accept the hospitalities of the Pennsylvania railway, which Gen. Grant accepted. He stated that his programme was substantially as follows: Leaving here about the 20th inst., he will return to Galena, where he will rest three weeks. He will then come to Chicago and leave by the morning train on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis R. R., Dec. 10th, for Indianapolis, making only an hour's stop at Logansport, and arriving at Indianapolis at 2 P. M. He will stay there one day, being tendered a reception by the State soldiers' reunion. Thence he goes to Louisville one day, to Cincinnati two days and in turn to Columbus, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York, wintering in the South, possibly in Havana.

Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The annual report of the chief of the bureau of statistics at Washington, which has just been completed and printed, shows that the fiscal year was the most remarkable one in the history of American commerce. The quantity of products of the soil exported was wonderful, and the balance of trade was over \$29,000,000 in favor of the United States. Only 23 per cent. of the goods exchanged by sea were carried in American vessels.

The Lottery Business.

Upon the representations of numerous affidavits of special agents of the post office department, Postmaster Gen. Key has arrived at the conclusion that all lottery companies and lottery agents are doing fraudulent business within the purview of his statutory public. He has therefore today commenced the issuance of special orders to postmasters at specified cities, directed by name against all persons known to be concerned in the lottery business, forbidding postmasters to pay any postal money order, to deliver any registered letter addressed to persons thus named. The money orders and registered letters are to be stamped with the word "Fraudulent."

F. President's Message.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The cabinet meeting held this afternoon, with the exception of ordinary routine business, was devoted to interchanges of views as to the character of recommendations to be made to Congress in the President's annual message and by the respective heads of departments in their annual reports. The general conclusion was reached that recommendations should be confined to suggestions for improvement in present methods rather than extended to request of radical changes in existing laws. It was considered especially desirable at this time to provoke as little conflict in Congress as a little disturbance of business interests as possible. The President's message is now in course of preparation. It will be shorter than usual and contain very few recommendations other than those comprised in the reports of his cabinet officers. It is believed that the only important topic under the head of foreign affairs will be the reopening of the fishery question with Great Britain; and it is also understood that special attention will be directed to the advisability of legislation to authorize the resumption of funding operations.

Terrible Storms.

THREE HAYS, Nov. 14.—A violent storm of wind and rain prevailed here this morning. Farmers have suffered much.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 14.—Storms of rain and wind and hail are reported in this State; much damage.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 14.—A high wind from the south and southwest prevailed here this morning. Reports from Indiana and Ohio show that at Paoli and Princeton, Ind., the wind amounted to a tornado, unroofing houses and blowing down fences. In Ohio, special give many reports of damage in all quarters, but no loss of life.

CAIRO, Nov. 14.—A tornado accompanied by hail and heavy rain struck the city at 1 P. M., demolishing the African Methodist Church on Eighteenth street and Bradley's colored Baptist Church on Fifteenth street, and partly unroofed the custom house and several small cottages in the northern part of the city. Alex. Morris, aged eleven, was blown through a door of the hub factory to the ground and killed.

Taking a Rest.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—General Grant is spending the day quietly at the residence of his son Col. Fred Grant, where he holds a private reception this afternoon. In the evening the Chicago club will tender him a reception.

Destructive Fire.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The printing establishment of the Churchman in Lafayette Place was burned this evening, and many employees barely escaped with their lives. The janitor jumped from a window, but in the fall broke her neck and was fatally injured. Total loss, \$65,000; insurance, \$60,000. The Churchman will be issued as usual on Monday.

Peace Talk with Utes.

DENVER, Nov. 14.—A peace commission was organized at Los Pinos yesterday, all the members, including Gen. Hatch and

Adams and Chief Oray being present. Lieut. Valois, of the 9th Cavalry, was chosen recorder and legal advisor; J. Townsend, of New Mexico, interpreter, and Geo. D. Herman, of the agency, clerk. Today at noon Oray came in, bringing Chiefs Johnson, Douglas and Sowerby, who are quite nervous, notwithstanding their efforts to appear as calm. Lewis McLane, brother of Jos McLane, went to the agency by permission to investigate the killing of his brother. The chiefs were greatly dissatisfied with his promise, and he has gone to the town of Oray at the request of the commission. The Indians appear quite anxious as to the whereabouts of the troops.

Good, if True. NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Regarding Pacific Mail matters, it is rumored that the company will soon make a more favorable contract with the Panama Railroad Company, and that it is possible that no arrangement will be made with the Pacific roads for working in harmony on through freight, but that they will, with the support of the Panama companies, continue as an independent line.

Saved Him Right. NEWPORT, Ky., Nov. 14.—Chas. Scheurer was shot and instantly killed to-day by Miss Annie Hoff. She called on him, accompanied by her brother, and demanded that he fulfill his promise to marry her. He contemptuously refused, when she fired a pistol which she held under her shawl, and he fell dead. She says that he ruined her under promise of marriage and she does not regret her act. Scheurer was a saloon keeper in Cincinnati.

FOREIGN NEWS.

From Cape Town.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—A telegram from Cape Town, October 29th, says that the Boers at Potchesbosch have repulsed the Middleburg outrage. The commandant, Kest, left Middleburg in fear of his life. He reports the Boer as determined to prevent the trials of offenders, which was fixed for October 30th. The colonial secretary has held a conference with Moirosi, who refused to submit and hostilities were accordingly resumed.

Rescue at Sea.

The steamship Minnesota arrived from New York and has on board the crew of the bark Royal Arch, taken off when the vessel was in a sinking condition. The men had been at the pumps several days and one had been washed overboard. The steamer sent a boat to rescue, but the weather was so rough that the men had to jump into the sea and were hauled into the boat by a line.

Fatal Explosion.

An explosion of fire damp in Shortleath colliery near Wolverhampton, caused the death of six men.

A Little Victory.

SIMLA, Nov. 13.—Troops of the expedition under Gen. Baker surrounded a town in Chahel valley and captured 50 prisoners and a large quantity of arms.

The Latest Naval Battle Between Chile and Peru. NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—South American mails bring the following details of the capture of the Huascar:

From the moment the Chilean ironclad appeared on the horizon, steaming rapidly towards the Huascar from the northward, whilst the Blanco Encalada was steadily pursuing the ram from the south. Admiral Grau perceived clearly that his ship was doomed. From the decks and tops of the two vessels a fire of musketry and galling guns was incessant, and on the Huascar the effect was becoming painfully apparent.

The Blanco's guns were excellently served and their effect terrible. The tower was carried away and Admiral Grau taken down below for the care of surgeons, with one of his legs torn off. While in the cabin, a solid 300 pound shot from the Blanco struck the ram on the stern destroying her steering gear, and passing directly through the ship, left a gap of a large enough for a boat to enter. This shot killed the brave Admiral, his aide, Lieut. Perez and several others. Capt. Elias Aguirre assumed command of the ship. The turret was hit by a heavy shell which passed through a port, exploded inside, disabling one of the two guns, killing Aguirre and all who were serving the piece. Captain Meliton Carragal took command after Aguirre's death, but was instantly taken below dangerously wounded. First Lieut. Rodriguez succeeded him, and a moment afterward, shared the fate of the Admiral and Aguirre. Lieut. Enrique Palacios followed Rodriguez in command.

Below in the dark passages and narrow compartments of the ship the scene was frightful. The dying and those who had perished were heaped indiscriminately together, and every few moments a shot from the enemy came crashing through the sides of the doomed vessel. Five commanders had succeeded each other in their perilous post. Three were dead, one previously wounded and still the fifth barely able to maintain his tripod. The Chileans thought that the time had come to close and send a boarding party to complete the victory. But the brave fellows of the Huascar rallied and drove them back with loss. This was the expiring effort. The Chileans sent another boarding party. This time they met with success, and the Huascar was theirs.

England, Russia and Turkey. LONDON, Nov. 15.—Or stock exchange Russian and Turkish securities are very flat. A heavy decline has taken place on rumors of political complications between England and Russia.

The London correspondent of the Liverpool Courier says that Sir Austin Layard, British ambassador to Turkey, has been instructed to hold no further communications with the Porte regarding Asia Minor, but to send for the British fleet, so that it may anchor in Turkish waters by Sunday or Monday. Subsequent proceedings will depend on whether the Turks proceed to the fulfillment of their promise.

PACIFIC CRANT.

Murder Will Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Wm. Burke, alias "Standish Bill," arrested to-day for having stabbed and killed Mary Proxana Strickland at the corner of Forsyth and Rivington streets in June, 1877, was held for the order of Superintendent Walling, New York City.

The Grand Jury that indicted Dr. Young, District Attorney Murphy, this afternoon will submit a case to the supreme court for decision on the point raised that the late grand jury was not a legal body on account of being formed of only 18 members, the foreman, Cunningham, dying while the grand jury was in session. It will be a leading case, as nothing like it has ever before arose in California.

Suicide.

SANTA ANA, Nov. 13.—A German who registered at the Santa Ana Hotel by the name of F. Meyer, of San Francisco, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself with a pistol through the head. He said that he was formerly from Oregon, where he had formerly been employed as a saloon keeper.

Accidentally Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The whaling

bark John Howland, which arrived to-day from the Arctic, reports that the first officer, Edward Carrigan, was killed by the discharging of a gun while shooting a walrus.

The Police Judgment.

In the contested election case of Moore vs Hale Riz, for the office of police judge, in the county court, Judge Redman presiding, judgment for the respondent was rendered to-day. The contestant failed to file his amended answer within the three days allowed which time expired last night.

Ousted From Office.

An action was recently begun in the 23d district court by Tax Collector elect Tillson to oust William Ford from office on the ground that he, Tillson, had been elected to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of William Mitchell. On Tuesday Judge Thornton issued an order that relator Tillson recover possession of the office of tax collector of San Francisco and judgment of "ouster" entered against Wm. Ford. The case was promptly carried on appeal to the supreme court, which, according to a dispatch received this morning from Sacramento, has affirmed the judgment of the 23d district court and a remittur was ordered to issue forthwith. This decision of the supreme court settles the question of the short term in three contested offices, namely, supervisor for third ward, tax collector and auditor; and those who have been holding to those places will now be compelled to vacate.

Ammonia. Ammonia, commonly known as spirits of hartshorn, is invaluable for domestic purposes, and is almost a household necessity. It is a powerful alkali and dissolves grease and dirt with great ease. It is nearly as useful as soap and its cheapness brings it within the reach of all.

Grease spots may be removed from almost any fabric, by sponging them with ammonia weakened with a little water. When dish towels have become soiled and discolored, boiling them in water in which some ammonia has been poured, will do much to restore them to their original color. When the busy days of house cleaning come around ammonia will be found a great help. For cleaning paint and woodwork put a teaspoonful into a quart of warm suds, dip a soft cloth in it and go over your woodwork and see how quickly the dirt will disappear; very little scrubbing is necessary and no injury will be done to the paint and hands. The same proportion of suds and ammonia is good for cleaning marble slabs and mantles. For washing windows, mirrors and glass-ware, it has no equal. It will cleanse and brighten silverware beautifully; wash in warm suds and ammonia, wipe dry and polish with a chamois skin.

It is also a great stimulant to plants. For house plants, five or six drops to every pint of water, and applied about once a week, will cause them to flourish, and give them a vigor not to be obtained in any other way. A few drops in the water in which cut flowers are to be placed, will restore them if beginning to wilt.

Ammonia has also excellent medicinal qualities, and has the advantage of being familiar to most persons, cheap and easy to obtain. Headaches sometimes may be relieved by its use. Care must be taken if it is applied to the face, for if the ammonia is very strong it will blister and burn the skin. For the sting or bite of insects, apply it, and it will be found to neutralize the poison. It is said that instantaneous relief from tooth-ache may be obtained by saturating a bit of cotton with ammonia and applying it to the affected tooth.

For toilet purposes ammonia is equally useful, and no lady who has once recognized its merits will want to be without it. A person who has an oily, shiny complexion owes it to an unusual secretion of fatty matter by the skin; soap fails to remove it, and it is altogether better to use a little ammonia in the water when washing. The philosophy of this is, that ammonia being an alkali, unites with the minute globules of fat to form soap, and thus the face is cleansed and freed from its greasy appearance. If used in the bath it will remove all disagreeable odors. Nothing is better for cleansing the hair and removing dandruff. It is equally good for cleaning brushes. No housekeeper should be without a bottle of it. It should have a glass or rubber stopper, as it will eat away cork, and allow much of its strength to escape.

A Queen's Mishaps. The old, old story. Great effects from trifling causes. Do you know the original cause of the dethronement of Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, the coronation of Amedee, the untimely death of his wife, the German-French war, the fall of the Empire of France, France's loss of Alsace and Lorraine, \$1,000,000,000, and heaven knows what besides? Thumb on nose and twirled fingers. 'Pon my word! Twas in this wise: One day Marshal Prim called on Queen Isabella to beg her to change her Ministry. She received him kindly and begged that he would call the next day with a list of the new Cabinet. He retired delighted, until, as he neared the door, he saw in a mirror Her Majesty's thumb on her nose and her fingers twirling. Quick as lightning he turned, bowed low, and left to exert all his power to dethrone the Queen, to whom until that hour he had been devotedly attached.—Paris Correspondence N. O. Picayune.

A facetious traveler described the difference of society in the metropolis, when compared to the provincial town, in the following language: "In the country if you have a leg of mutton for dinner, everybody wishes to know if you have caper sauce with it; whereas, in London, you may have an elephant for lunch, and no one cares a pin about it."

State and Territorial.

East of the Mountains.

A new post office has been established at Colton, on Union Flat, with John B. Stanley as Postmaster.

Mr. Lemmon, of Deadman, had his leg broken in the mountains by being caught between a stump and the brake of his wagon.

The Dayton Chronicle learns that Frank McBrierty, who has a hand of cattle on the Columbia river, had his ankle broken by his horse falling on him recently.

At the stockholders' meeting on Monday evening it was determined to increase the Goldendale Academy stock to \$3,000, that amount being necessary to finish and furnish the house and its surroundings.

As Messrs. Smith French, Harry Bird and Pierce Mays were skylarking in Judge Whitman's office, in the bank building, at the Dalles, Mr. French fell and ran his head through a window pane, cutting his head and face rather severely.

From reliable information the wheat crop of Kheiklat Valley is estimated this year at 200,000 bushels, the Mountaineer says. Last year the crop was in the neighborhood of 50,000 bushels and will probably make a corresponding gain next year.

The Grant county News says: Col. Laing was lately in Canyon City on his road to Texas, and will return in about six weeks. He will drive out of here next Spring over 20,000 head of cattle. The colonel says this is the best horse country he has ever traveled over.

Mr. Cope, of Philadelphia, Pa., has four men employed about Dayville hunting for fossils. The men are under Mr. Jake Workman's office, in the bank building, at the Dalles. Mr. Marsh, of Yale College, has three men engaged in the same business on the John Day below Dayville.

A correspondent of the Lewiston Teller writes: Grangeville is growing rapidly and is a town of no small importance in this part of Idaho. There are now under way and near completion seven new houses, beside a great many being remodelled and made comfortable for the coming winter.

The Palouse Gazette says: Moses McConnell, who went out after the horsethief L. Wallace, reports that he overtook the Indian, who on seeing him jumped off his horse and made his escape. Mose took charge of the horse and bridle and turned them over to the owner, Mr. Henderson. The saddle has not been recovered.

The Lewiston Teller says: For several weeks past we have had unprecedented fine weather. Farmers seem to have availed themselves of the occasion, and we note great activity in the different parts of the country in plowing, harrowing and seeding of land. On an average there will be nearly as many again acres of grain sown for the next year's harvest as was sown for the season of 1879. Fencing and turning of sod moves over the country like a cloud, and it is a matter of much surprise to note the rapid change that is transforming the country from a wild waste to a land dotted with cottages and ornamented for many miles in all directions with substantial fences.

East of the Mountains.

The dedication of the New Universalist church at Dayton took place Sunday, November 9th.

Dayton people recognize the need of a railroad from that place to Walla Walla and say it must come.

A new bridge is to be erected at what is called the "Old Mullan Crossing" of the Touchet, leading to Lyon's ferry, on Snake river.

Dunham Wright, of La Grande, threshed 15,500 bushels of grain during the threshing season. Of this 6,170 bushels was threshed in Eagle valley.

The Walla Walla Statesman says: The roads are still thronged with teams hauling their quota of the golden harvest to add to the glut of grain at the railroad depot.

Southern Oregon.

The Lakeview Herald says: Kent Ballard, of Drew's Valley Gap, had the misfortune to lose the forefinger of his right hand while handling a "bolt" for shingle timber last Saturday.

Charles Jones, a blacksmith at Camas Valley, ran off last Sunday with the daughter of a Mr. Benham.

A desperado named Purdy, who robbed a country store six miles below Lakeview, Lake county, escaped from the Lake county jail over a month ago and made his way to Modoc county, Cal. He is suspected of murdering a sheep herder at Salt Lake since his escape. The sheriff of Modoc county undertook his arrest, got on his track, and even near enough to exchange revolver shots, but Purdy got enough start to possess himself of a Henry rifle, and stood guard at a bridge, where he was master of the situation and his captors had to turn back.

Northern Oregon.

Two threshers in Coquille valley have threshed 23,900 bushels of grain.

The stages are now running from The Dalles to Baker City in four days.

The wheat crop of the Coquille valley this year is estimated at 25,000 bushels. Last year it was about 18,000.

The road between Canyon City and Port Harney is literally alive with teams hauling grain, vegetables, etc., to the post.

A number of people who left this valley for Northern and Eastern Oregon a year ago, have returned. They now appreciate the advantages of this region better than ever before.

Hunt's cannery at Ellensburg has this Fall put up over 5,000 cases of canned salmon, making over 120,000 one-pound cans. The amount put up during the Spring run was over 8,000 cases.

The Coos Bay says: We occasionally hear some unreasonable and discontented soul complaining that this Coos Bay country is "dead dull times, money scarce," etc. Now it strikes us forcibly that a community no larger than this that can support three newspapers and six steamboats cannot be very poor. We have these institutions here, and all of them apparently doing a "thriving business."

The Grant County News says: The quartz ledges recently prospected near Prairie City are about four miles above old "Dixie" on the ridge between the north and south forks of Dixie creek, and are said to be very rich, going as high as \$300 per ton. The Bear ledge has sunk a shaft down about 20 feet and expect to work on it this winter. The other ledge is called the Emperor and is owned by another company. They too have a shaft down to the depth of 25 feet.

Western Washington Territory. Five thousand letters were put into the office at Seattle during the past week. A good showing.

Logs are coming up and lumbermen are hopeful. The ruling price is \$4 50, with an upward tendency.

The steamer Annie Stewart has been hauled off the mud route, and is now lying in fresh water near the mouth of Payallup river.

The Seattle Post says: Work is steadily being pushed at the barrel factory. Men are engaged in doing the wood work preparatory to receiving the machinery.

A band of 65 head of beef cattle arrived at Seattle from Kittitas Valley. Mr. Crockett

brought them over, being eight days in making the trip. He pronounced the road in a very bad condition.

The Tacoma Herald says: At present about twenty men are employed at work about the lime kilns. A kiln of five hundred barrels was recently burned, and is now being taken out. Next week the company will have another kiln of five hundred barrels ready to burn.

The railroad lands earned by the building of the Payallup coal road have come into the market. The lands in the Stuck valley are rated at \$3 per acre cash down, or \$4 50 in installments during five years, or \$1 50 in seven years with seven per cent. interest. This is much more reasonable price than was expected by the people.

The Vancouver Independent says: We have again heard from the Flatwoods district a report having been handed us of the amount of butter marketed this season from the neighborhood of the Flatwoods school house. Eight families are included in the list, all living within a half mile of the school house, and they have marketed in Portland this season 6,200 pounds of butter. This is a good report from the farmers in the woods.

Walla Walla Valley.

The suit of James Sherrill vs Linn county, for damages to himself and family in being precipitated off an ill constructed bridge, is now occupying the attention of the Circuit Court of Albany.

A. C. Vernon went out a few days since and killed nine deer the first day and two the next morning, when he concluded that to decimate the whole deer family would be rather dear piece of business, so he loaded his prizes into his wagon and came home.

Smith, Brasfield & Co., of Junction, have sold to W. H. Baber, of Harriburg, who is now taking an invoice of stock preparatory to assuming control of the business of J. V. Brasfield, who has conducted the business in interests of this well known house goes to Harriburg.

The strangest and most startling thing that has come under our observation for a long time, says the Junction Republican, was a man parambulating the streets of Junction City the past week hunting up his creditors and paying them off in coin as fast as he could find them.

Wheat is 95 cents to the farmer at Albany. Many new buildings are being built in Salem this year, two of which are brick.

The Gazette says the graders on the West Side road have reached the city of Corvallis. Sheriff Sperry, of Umatilla, brought two convicts, Campbell and Wilson, to the penitentiary last Wednesday.

J. Henry Brown, Esq., of Salem, is now and has been for some time engaged upon a political history of Oregon.

The grand jury at Eugene City at their last session found true bills against seven merchants of that city for selling goods on Sunday.

A Harriburg correspondent says: But very little wheat has changed hands here as yet, and farmers are holding on tenaciously for better prices.

A party was given by Mrs. Dr. Tate, of Albany, in honor of the 75th birthday of her father, Mr. John Smith, which was attended by old people whose average age was 74.

The Oregon and California track from Portland to Clackamas, ten miles, has been replaced with steel rails. It is the purpose of the company to lay 50 miles within the coming year.

The Albany Democrat relates the death of a young man named Wm. Lamson who worked on the farm of John Larkin, at Brownsville, who fell from a tree he was chopping, while trimming some upper branches, and broke his neck.

The college authorities and public school directors at Philomath are accusing each other of bad faith in the money affairs of the united schools. There seems to be a threatened split, such as will very much cripple the college.

Last Saturday S. J. Barger lost a span of horses worth about \$300. He was hauling rock to repair a dam in the Calipatria near Brownsville, and his horses in some way backed off the dam into deep water and were drowned.

The Riverside tells this: On last Saturday evening Mr. Dice turned his horses, a pair of well matched bays, out into the street to let them take a little exercise and go to water by themselves, not doubting but they would return of their own accord. In a short time his dog came to his master, and in a very way possible urged him to follow, leading the way to the outskirts of town, where Mr. D. found one of his horses lying back downward in a deep ditch, and almost dead.

The dead body of James McKilup was found on the 8th inst. on the farm of Mr. E. F. Lamson, near Willamina, in Yamhill county, partially buried beneath a huge pile of rails, and horribly crushed and mangled. He had been missing since about the 20th of October. In driving down a side hill with a load of rails, his wagon upset, and he being caught beneath the heavy load, is supposed to have been instantly killed. The wagon still remained, and attached to it was one of the horses, the other having escaped.

Fugue Sound.

The steamer North Pacific has been refitted.

A Methodist parsonage is to be built at Port Townsend.

A stringent gambling act has passed the Washington Legislature.

British Columbia.

The following items were received by telegraph last evening from Victoria:

The ship Lillie Grace is due at this port from Acapulco.

The American bark A. C. Dickerson, from Honolulu, has arrived seeking.

It is currently reported that Dunsmuir & Diggle have bought the South Wellington mine with all the plant, steamers, etc., and that they will take possession on the 1st of December. The price to be paid is said to be very large.

The Ohio river has been nearer dry this Fall than has been known for many years. Thousands of passengers and large amounts of freight hitherto going by river, have been compelled to proceed by the Louisville and Nashville railroad, creating, as may be supposed, monopoly prices for transportation, which cause much local complaint. As a sample, it is mentioned that Kentucky coal delivered in Louisville has advanced from \$9 to \$24 a car load, the usual supply from Pittsburg being cut off by the low stage of water in the Ohio. The demand for coal being enormous at this season, both for household use and on account of the resumption of business, the extraordinary rise in price has caused a feeling of consternation.

The Farmer and his Money.

King Frederick of Prussia, when he was out riding one day, saw an old farmer who was ploughing his field and singing cheerfully over his work. "You must be well off, old man," cried the king. "Does this acre belong to you on which you so industriously labor?"

"No, sir," replied the man, who of course had no idea he was speaking to the king; "I am not so rich as that; I plough for wages."

"How much do you earn each day?" asked the king.

"Eight groschen," returned the man. That would be about twenty cents of our money.

"That is very little," said the king; "can you get along with that?"

"Get along! yes, indeed, and have something left over."

"How do you manage?"

"Well," said the farmer smiling, "I tell you. Two groschen are for myself and wife, with two I pay my debts, and two I give away for the Lord's sake."

"This is a mystery which I cannot solve," said the king.

"Then I must solve it for you," said the farmer. "I have two old parents at home, who kept and cared for me when I was young and weak, and needed care. Now that they are old and weak, I am glad to keep and care for them. This is my debt, and it takes two groschen a day to pay it. Two more I spend on my children's schooling. If they are living when their mother and I are old, they will keep us and pay back what I lend. Then with my last two groschen I support my two sick sisters who cannot support themselves. Of course I am not compelled to give them the money, but I do it for the Lord's sake."

"Well done, my man," cried the king, as he finished; "now I am going to give you something to guess. Have you ever seen me before?"

"No," said the farmer.