

GOLD HILL NEWS.

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GOLD HILL..... OREGON.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Conger was instructed to sign the note.

There is another hitch in the Chinese negotiations.

Troops are being concentrated in Northern Cape Colony.

The English war office has arranged to reinforce Kitchener at once.

Nicholas Darnell, a pioneer of Eastern Oregon, is dead, aged 63 years.

Senator McBride has asked for large appropriation for customs service launch at Astoria.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company will change its headquarters from Saganaw to Eugene, Or.

Governor Geer asks Pacific Northwest states to join Oregon in celebration of Lewis and Clarke centennial.

A mob at Gulf Port, Miss., lynched a negro. It now appears that he was the wrong man.

The supreme court of Ohio has dismissed five cases brought under the trust laws of that state.

It is probable that the president will visit Portland and the Puget sound cities on his trip in May.

State of Washington pays \$11,300 sugar bounty to local sugar beet factory for Spokane county crop.

The striking telegraph operators on the Santa Fe have given up the fight. Their places have been filled by new men.

Over 1,000 Christians are reported to have been massacred by Turks. The Turkish authorities show the utmost indifference.

The controller of the currency has appointed a receiver for the American National Bank of Baltimore. It is thought that depositors will be paid in full.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin says: "Prince Ching asserts that Emperor Kwang Hsu, unaccompanied by the Empress Dowager, left Sinan Fu December 19, bound for Peking."

The dead body of Peter F. Johnson was found in a water ditch on Park avenue, Puyallup. The presumption is that Johnson fell into the ditch and was unable to rescue himself.

A coal mine under the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has partially caved in, allowing part of the principal street of the town to fall into the mine. It is feared other sections will also sink.

All the ministers at Peking have signed the joint note.

England is alarmed over the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The senate committee made many changes in the army bill.

The Morans, of Seattle, will not get the contract for new warship.

Speaker Henderson is opposed to enlargement of the Portland postoffice.

The river and harbor bill will not be made public until after the holidays.

Martin Stickel, the self-confessed Castle Rock assassin, will be hanged.

A company has been organized in Iowa to build a fish cannery in Alaska.

Anna E. Smith, was appointed postmistress at Camas valley, Or., vice H. Allison, resigned.

Thomas Parker, a native of England, was frozen to death near the mouth of White river, Klondike.

Samples of two dangerous counterfeit silver coins have been obtained from Portland and Spokane.

A collision occurred on the Sumpter-Baker City road in which two locomotives were slightly damaged.

Memorial services were held at the Oregon university in honor of Henry Villard, one of the college's greatest benefactors.

It is announced that the total taxable property in the city of Salem, Or., will be approximately \$230,000 less than last year.

A pitched battle is imminent between the British under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers under General Delarey.

The clearing house banks at Tacoma, have decided that after January 1, they will accept Canadian silver at par. Heretofore it has been taken at 5 per cent discount.

All attempts to float the British steamer Laura, Captain Yule, from Savannah via Norfolk for Bremen, ashore on the coast of Holland, near Petton, have been unsuccessful.

The steamer Sarah Dixon collided with the breakwater near Mount Coffin, on the Lower Columbia, and now rests in 15 feet of water. This is the steamer's second experience under water.

LATER NEWS.

A creamery will be founded at Eugene, Or.

Prince Tuan and Prince Chung have been arrested.

New Zealand will send more troops to South Africa.

Yu Hsien was ordered to return to Sinan Fu to be executed.

Two men were killed as the result of an explosion in an Idaho mine.

The advance guard of Eastern sheep buyers have arrived at Heppner.

The foreign ministers believe China will accept the terms of the note.

Fifty-two Poles have been arrested in Vienna for alleged political conspiracy.

Fire in Eau Claire, Wis., destroyed half the business section. The loss is \$150,000.

The Weston, Or., school will ask the legislature to grant normal graduates diplomas under former conditions.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up a hotel in Oklahoma territory. A suspect has been arrested.

Two noted Chicago scientists declare after long experiments, that the beating of the heart is caused by common salt in the blood.

James Patterson, for the past four years city treasurer of Aberdeen, Wash., is dead at his home in that city, aged 67 years.

A shooting affray occurred at Burke, Idaho, and as a result Pearley Gordon and Charles Beck are in the hospital suffering from shot wounds.

Alfred Harmsworth, editor and proprietor of the London Daily Mail, predicts a complete revolution in journalism during the coming century.

John Tiger, a full blooded Indian, living in Indian territory, while intoxicated, shot and killed three men and wounded a boy. He was captured.

A serious race war is expected at Cementville, a small Indiana town. The trouble was caused by two negroes getting intoxicated and trying to intimidate all the whites they met.

A French detachment of 100 men on their way from Tien Tsin to Hung Tsu, were fired upon by Boxers as they approached a small village. One officer was killed and another wounded. The French burned the village.

Webb Jay, Indianapolis manager for the Frick Manufacturing Company, of Winstboro, Ill., and a prominent bowler, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, preferred by S. B. Rinehart, president of the company. Mr. Rinehart states that the alleged shortage will not exceed \$8,000.

Dewet is the guiding genius of the Boers.

Minister Wu thinks the joint note demands too much.

Minnesota has experienced her first blizzard of the year.

The Japanese minister of communication has resigned.

Spokane has decided to hold a mineral fair during 1902.

Oregon has paid out nearly \$100,000 in scalp bounties during 1899.

Public attention in Germany is occupied with crime in high circles.

Kitchener reports that Boer invasion into Cape Colony has been checked.

Germany wants the sultan to pay its bill before buying an American warship.

Rebels are scattered in the provinces of Panay and Cebu, Philippine islands.

England will buy 50,000 horses and mules in the United States for army in South Africa.

Delay in negotiations has caused great change of sentiments as regards China in Japan.

A tornado did great damage in Alabama. News is meager, owing to all wires being down.

H. Phelps Whitmarsh has been appointed governor of the province of Benguet, Philippine islands.

Forty-five insurgents were killed and one American wounded in an encounter near Gunobatan, Philippine islands.

E. H. Southern, the well known actor, who has been laid up for some time by an accident, is entirely recovered.

A large portion of the Philippines must be abandoned unless the relief of the army is immediate, says Secretary Root.

The police are working on the case of Long, the Portland burglar recently arrested. It is thought that a charge of murder will be laid at his door.

Fire which started in a Pennsylvania coal mine 42 years ago is under control, and it is said that the next two years will see it extinguished. The fire has consumed about 35 acres of the finest coal land in the anthracite region.

Frank H. Morris, auditor of the war department, was shot and killed by Samuel MacDonald, a postoffice department clerk. Fancied grievances and liquor were the causes that led up to the shooting. MacDonald afterward shot himself and will not recover.

CHINA WILL ACCEPT

Envoys Believe She Will Concede Powers' Demands.

RINGLEADERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

Princes Tuan and Chung Taken Into Custody In the Interior—Yu Hsien Ordered to Return to Sinan Fu to Be Executed.

London, Dec. 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard telegraphing Dec. 26, says:

"The government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chung on the borders of the Shan Si and Sheu Si provinces. Yu Hsien has been ordered to return to Sinan Fu forthwith, to be executed, it is supposed.

"It is inferred from these reports that the imperial authorities are preparing to concede the demand of the joint note for the punishment of the instigators of the trouble in China."

According to a news agency's dispatch from Peking dated Dec. 26, the foreign ministers there are unanimously of the opinion that China will accept the conditions imposed by the joint note of the powers within a month. The note was started on its way to the dowager empress and the emperor immediately after its presentation, but communication is slow, and it probably will not reach them until Dec. 27.

"Vice-Admiral Aliexoff," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times, "has issued orders to the men under his command in China to make detailed lists of the Chinese property—money, cattle, provisions, etc.—taken by them, and where such property now is." The correspondent also says that detachments of Russians in Southern and Southeastern Manchuria continue the work of exterminating disorganized Chinese troops and brigands.

A dispatch from Peking to a news agency here dated Dec. 26, says missionaries killed that Boxers 35 miles east of Peking killed 12 Catholics and burned eight in the temples.

MAY TURN DISLOYAL.

The Position of Cape Colony is Hanging in the Balance.

London, Dec. 27.—The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance. According to the Morning Post's Cape Town correspondent everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in the possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, 100 of whom have joined the Boers in the Phillipstown district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the Colony and gradually raise the whole Cape in rebellion. Reinforcements can arrive none too soon.

Most of the dispatches from Cape Town state that the raiders are doing little harm, and are being rapidly enclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the North.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds: "Such a step is now impossible, owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

FOR THREE ARMORIES.

Desired That Washington So Honor Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma.

Seattle, Dec. 27.—A committee of officers of the National Guard of the state of Washington has completed a revision of the state military code, which is to be presented to the legislature next month for formal acceptance. This code makes the guard conform in all respects to similar organizations in the regular service. The strength of the guard is to be considerably increased, and examinations for commissions made much more rigid.

Special appropriations to build three armories, at Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle, will be asked for. It is also hoped to secure a small appropriation for installing a battery and modernizing some equipments said to be out of date.

Released From Prison.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—James Baxter, formerly of Chicago, and lately of New York, who was sentenced here some time ago to five years in the penitentiary for his connection with the Bank Ville Marie frauds, has been released on "conditional pardon" from St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. His wife and friends have been working incessantly for his pardon on account of ill-health, ever since his conviction. He is suffering from dropsy and his condition is serious.

MARINE DISASTERS.

The List is Growing on the Washington Coast—Wheat Ship Carl the Latest.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 27.—Each tug boat arriving from Cape Flattery brings fresh news of marine disasters along the coast, and when the full returns are in the damage by the recent succession of gales will be the largest in the history of shipping along the Pacific Coast.

The German ship Carl, wheat laden from Tacoma, Dec. 5, for Europe, was towed to Port Angeles this morning by the tug Boyden in a waterlogged condition. After passing out of the Straits of Fuca, the Carl encountered a gale which continued several days, and was so roughly handled by the elements that the stanchions of the bulwarks were pulled out, and as the great waves swept her decks the water poured in so rapidly that the pumps could not keep her clear. The cargo of wheat became saturated, and so rapidly did she settle down that it became necessary to jettison a portion of the cargo. The vessel headed for Cape Flattery, and was picked up and towed to Port Angeles, from where she will be taken to the Esquimalt, B. C., dry dock. The three-masted schooner Reporter, which sailed from Gray's Harbor for Honolulu Dec. 5, was towed in here this evening with her deck load gone and waterlogged. The first day out from Gray's Harbor the Reporter sprung a leak, and at the same time a heavy fog set in, preventing her from returning to port. Men were placed at the pumps, and the gale increased, causing the leak to increase, which necessitated the deck load being thrown overboard. When 20 miles north of Cape Flattery she was flying signals of distress, and a steamer, thought to be the Centennial, remained by the schooner over night, but the gale increased to such an extent that the steamer had all she could do to look out for herself, and left her. The captain of the Reporter then headed his vessel for the Straits of Fuca and succeeded in reaching here with all pumps working. The captain has sailed the coast since 1875, and says the six storms he experienced since leaving Gray's Harbor Dec. 5 were the severest he ever witnessed during the past 25 years.

APPEAL OF ARMENIANS.

The Revolutionary Committee Addresses President McKinley.

Boston, Dec. 27.—At the convention of the representatives of the Armenian revolution, the following resolution was adopted and telegraphed to President McKinley:

"The committee of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation of this country, in their annual convention assembled in Boston, unanimously congratulate you upon your re-election to the presidency of the United States, and invite your excellency's kind attention to the deplorable condition in which our people in Armenia are perishing and will soon be exterminated if a powerful hand does not come to the rescue of such a nation which has been the champion of civilization for centuries in Asia Minor.

"In the present complicated situation of European diplomacy, the United States is the only nation that has been unselfish and neutral in Oriental affairs, and yet a friend for suffering races; the only nation that can terrorize the great assassin and his blood-thirsty fanatics to save the remainder of their victims from imminent bloodshed.

"Our fathers and brothers gave their lives for the sake of our country, and we are all ready to fall in their places, but in this utmost struggle we have not the right to expect assistance from this great republic, which founded its existence upon revolution, and which has the inheritance of liberty from Washington and Lincoln?

"Please accept our sincere wishes and assurance of our highest regard."

SURPRISED BY YAQUIS.

Four Mexican Officers and Thirty Men Killed From Ambush.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Mexican troops in Sonora, Mexico, were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians. Four officers and about 30 men were killed outright, and Colonel Francisco Peinado, one of the leading officers of the army, was shot through the stomach and seriously wounded. C. V. Light, of Guaymas, who was there when the report was made to General Torres, gave the news out here. He says the soldiers were crossing the country, and were fired upon from ambush near Lamisa, about 50 miles from General Torres' headquarters. The severe press censorship has kept the news from the general public. Colonel Peinado, the wounded officer, is one of the most popular officers in the army.

Investigating Western Harbors.

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Captain M. Moeller, an official of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, is now in Seattle on a tour of inspection of western ports. He has visited Portland, Tacoma and San Francisco, and is to report the result of his investigation to the company.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Ashland will try to secure several rural mail routes.

The national bank recently organized at Ashland will open February 3.

A co-operative creamery is to be established on the Coquille at Lee.

The Arlington warehouse is said to contain 250,000 bushels of wheat.

Cottage Grove will present a new charter to the legislature for approval.

A cougar which had killed several valuable dogs was shot near Thurston.

The Roseburg marshal has received direction to purchase 100 dog license tags.

H. L. Kyte, of Merlin, was recently granted a patent on an improved type case.

There was five inches of snow on the railroad at the summit of the Siskiyou.

Work has begun on construction of the Corvallis-King's Valley telephone line.

It is probable that a matting plant will be erected at the Iron Dyke early in the spring.

A McMinnville resident has a cat 21 years old which catches rats and mice almost every day.

Material for construction of the Corvallis-King's Valley telephone line has arrived at Corvallis.

Samuel Kunz has been appointed postmaster at Bethany, Or., vice Ulrich Gerber, resigned.

The safety deposit boxes and vault door of the new Canyon City bank have arrived and are in place.

Sheep at Long creek are commanding top prices. As high as \$2.50 per head has been offered for lambs.

J. C. Miller, of Glencoe, brought in the champion turnip of the season, the vegetable weighing 24 1/2 pounds.

R. C. Goodwin, of Wheeler county, has again gone into the sheep business, and has bought 2,000 head near Ize.

J. P. Simpson has about 4,000,000 feet of logs ready to float down the Luckiamute as soon as there is sufficient water for driving.

The local telephone line between Central Point and Eagle Point has been purchased by the Sunset company and connected with the main circuit.

A. E. Starr, a Baker county mining man, disappeared November 14. He left the Mullen cabin, in the Greenhorn district, and has not been heard of since.

The public drinking fountain which will be erected in the city park at Eugene in memory of Company C, Second Oregon volunteers, will arrive about January 1.

M. S. Barnes, proprietor of the Baker City-Cornucopia stage line has made an assignment to P. Basche, of Baker City. It is thought that the creditors will receive payment in full.

The committee on improvement of the McKenzie road has filed its reports. The total expenditures have been \$4,847.95. Collections from all sources for the improvement amount to \$4,819.30.

Judge Burke, who has a bond on the mines at Copper Butte, east of Union, is pushing development work as rapidly as possible. Three shifts are now employed. The showing is said to be excellent.

Hector McDonald shipped a carload of large steers from Elgin. One weighed 1,860 pounds and another 1,960. They were weighed just after being driven over 30 miles of rough muddy roads and had undoubtedly lost over 100 pounds each.

Reduction of 25 tons of ore from the old Butteville Bonanza, now known as the Paul Kruger property, in the Quartzburg district, has just been completed, says the Prairie City Miner. The clean-up was 11 pounds of amalgam, estimated to be worth over \$1,000.

Joe Mayes met with a painful accident at Bonney's wood camp at Wyeth. He was dislodging a jam in the flume when a stick of wood came along unexpectedly and crushed two of his fingers. The index finger on one hand had to be amputated at the first joint, and the middle finger was badly lacerated.

Lincoln county court at its recent session ordered the repairing of the bridge over Depot slough on the Newport-Toledo wagon road, commonly called the "Duncan bridge." The approaches to the bridge are still in fairly good condition, but the span across the stream will be pulled down and replaced.