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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WHEAT MARKET. Dull at San Francisco—Steady at Chicago—Dull at Liverpool, and Quiet at New York. SAN FRANCISCO, November 10.—Wheat dull; buyer the year, \$1.66 1/4; November, \$1.62; December, \$1.64 1/4; buyer the season, \$1.63 1/4.

A GREAT WINTER STORM.

Deep Snow and Cold Weather in the Canadian Provinces—Several Vessels in Distress, and a Number of Lives Lost. QUEBEC, Nov. 10.—A snowstorm which has seldom been equalled in last Thursday afternoon, and continued until noon yesterday. It extended over the whole of Quebec and the Maritime provinces.

PUGET SOUND SALMON PACK.

Nearly 25,000 Cases, the Largest on Record. SEATTLE, Nov. 9.—The salmon season on Puget Sound is now about closed. Tomorrow morning the Seattle Trade Journal will publish a summary of the season's pack as follows: George T. Myers, West Seattle, shut down on October 27, packed 8100 cases of salmon and 200 barrels of salt salmon; F. L. Tuttle & Co., Muckilteo, ceased canning October 25th, packed 3000 cases; Puget Sound Salmon Co., Samish, shut down October 20th, packed 27000 cases; Kirkwood & Co., Five Mile Rock, are still packing; thus far they have canned about 500 cases. The total pack for the season is 24,400, being by far the largest pack ever made on Puget Sound.

DREADFUL DISASTER.

Another Mine Explosion in Which 160 Lives Are Lost. PITTSBURG, Kansas, Nov. 10.—The most dreadful disaster in the history of Kansas occurred at 5 o'clock this evening. When the men were preparing to leave off their work at shaft No. 2 at Frontenac, a suburb of Pittsburg, a terrible explosion was heard that shook the earth for a great distance and completely shattered the shaft. On investigation it was found that 160 men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, being 112 feet below the surface. It is almost certain that all are dead.

A GREAT BATTLE IN THE SOUDAN.

The Mahdi's Army Repulsed With a Loss of 3000 Men. CAIRO, Nov. 10.—Seventy thousand followers of the Mahdi attacked the town of Wadal, west of Darfour. The garrison repulsed the assailants and killed 3000, but the Mahdi's forces attacked and captured the town. The Sultana of Wadal has fled to Chairi.

THE "CHRONICLE'S" ADVICE.

It Wants a Special Session of Congress Next Spring to Admit Territories. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—The Chronicle strongly urges the incoming president to call an extra session of the Fifty-first Congress immediately upon his inauguration, for the special purpose of admitting Washington and Dakota Territories, and hearing the case of Montana.

A CUNARD STEAMER SUNK.

The Fate of Her Crew Unknown—A Ship Also Goes Down. LONDON, Nov. 9.—A telegram from Havre states that the Cunard line steamer Nantez came into collision thirty-six miles off the Lizard, with the German ship Theodore Ruger, Capt. Meyer, and that both vessels sank. A portion of the ship's crew has landed at Fourville. The fate of the rest and the steamer's crew is unknown.

A Prominent Man Turns Forger.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 10.—Major F. H. Briggs, chairman of the Republican central committee of this county, was arrested to-day for forging numerous notes, on which he secured between \$2000 and \$7000 at different city banks. He was locked up at the central police station and confessed his guilt. His arrest has caused a great sensation.

Trying to Cheat the Gallows.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 10.—Poison was found last night on the person of Anschlag, the murderer, who is to be hanged next Friday.

THE LONDON MYSTERY.

Parliament and the Press Aroused by the Late Murder of Another Woman—No Solution to the Horrible Tragedies. LONDON, Nov. 10.—In the Commons to-day Conybeare asked the question whether, if it were true that another woman had been murdered in London, General Warren, chief of the metropolitan police, ought not to be superseded by an officer accustomed to investigate crime. The speaker said that a notice must be given of the question, and it should be put in writing. Sir Charles Warren announced free pardon to any accomplice of the murderer of the last victim of the East end, who will give information leading to the capture of the fiend. Later information shows that the murdered woman was a native of Limerick, who migrated to Wales, where she married a man named Collier, who was killed in an explosion. After her husband's death she came to London. All the morning papers contain long accounts of the new tragedy, all much contradicting each other in the facts. They have also long editorials, the Standard being friendly to the police.

W. W. KNOTT ARRESTED.

Charged With Complicity in an Attempt at Blackmail. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Less than one week ago, W. W. Knott was assistant district attorney in this city. This afternoon he was arrested and taken to the county jail, handcuffed, with two other men. Knott was one of the persons indicted by the grand jury yesterday for complicity with Folsom, Green and Wild in an attempt to blackmail Mrs. A. Debove through the columns of the weekly paper called the Enterprise, of which it is said he is part owner. Greer and Wild were arrested Thursday night, and Knott was taken into custody to-day. He denies any connection with the local paper or its owners, further than that of being their attorney, and says he will be able to establish his innocence in court. Bail was set in the case of each of these men in the sum of \$3000.

NEWS FROM CHINA.

Steamers Caught in a Typhoon—Chairs Abating—A False Report. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—The steamer Oceanic, just arrived from Hong Kong, brings the following news: Cholera is abating in Peking. The report that the residence of the American Minister at Canton had been attacked by Chinese when it became known that the Chinese exclusion bill had been signed, was without foundation, as the man-of-war Omaha is now at Shanghai.

THE BLIZZARD BUSINESS BEGUN.

Severe Storms in Several Western States—Much Loss of Property. CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—A terrible blizzard is raging this morning in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska, prostrating telegraph wires, and impeding trains.

A HORRIBLE DISCOVERY.

The Bodies of Eleven Children Found at the Bottom of a Reservoir. MONTREAL, Nov. 10.—A special despatch from St. Ambrose La Junne Laurette says: Complaints have been made concerning the condition of the city reservoir, and the authorities have resolved to empty the waterworks. The task was completed yesterday, and the remains of eleven children were discovered at the bottom of the reservoir in an advanced state of decomposition.

Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Parnell, Bingham & Co.'s paper box factory and Bennett & Valentine's book bindery at Worth street and Mission Place burned this morning; loss \$105,000, fully insured. Three men were injured, one fatally, by jumping from a window.

Three More Bodies Recovered.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Three charred and mutilated bodies were taken from the ruins of the Steam Gauge and Lantern Cos.' works this morning, in addition to the five bodies recovered last night. Undoubtedly more bodies are in the ruins.

Only Three Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—The steamer Oceanic arrived from Hong Kong this morning with forty-eight Chinese, only three of whom are for this city.

Barnum Dying.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 10.—A telegram from Lime Rock, Conn., says: "Hon. Wm. H. Barnum is ailing. He cannot survive the day."

ABOUT THE COAL MINE.

W. D. Fletcher Makes a Statement in Answer to Numerous Inquiries. To the Editor of the East Oregonian. Many questions have been asked me relative to the Umatilla County Company's coal mine; where it is, what it is, and what amount of work has been done, and this, together with a statement made by your representative, who claims to have visited the mine, that it consisted of a "log cabin, an un-worked tunnel, and a drill-hole," leads me to make the following statement: The mine is situated at the headwaters of Butter creek, about forty-six miles south from Pendleton. The formation of the country is sandstone, slate, soapstone, and free clay. A better formation for coal cannot exist. The company's books show an expenditure from the first workings to the present time of \$4200.

The developments are as follows: A tunnel, 6x6, 126 feet in length, well timbered, pitching at an angle of twenty degrees, and showing a vein of coal averaging three feet in thickness the whole length of the tunnel. There are places in the tunnel which show the vein to be over five feet in thickness. The quality of coal is good for heating or steam purposes. It was pronounced at the Mechanics' Fair at Portland, where a quantity of coal was an exhibition, to be of as good quality as any then on exhibition.

Recently, a drill was started with a view of finding a second vein of coal. A four-inch hole was put down, and at the depth of thirty-one feet below the first vein, a second vein was discovered, measuring fifty-one inches from top to bottom. The coal is of better quality than the first vein. The company is now putting down a working shaft, 9x6 feet, for the purpose of taking out coal. Men will be kept at work at the mine all winter.

AN ACCIDENT.

A Passenger Narrowly Escapes Destruction, and Has His Right Hand Crushed. Last Saturday night, shortly after one o'clock, as the Farmington passenger was making preparations for its departure up the branch, an old gentleman named Henry L. Brooks was the victim of a distressing accident, and came near losing his life. He was bound for Dry Creek, and was doubtless afraid of being left. He was walking along the main track just as the train, in the process of making up the required number of cars, was backing up. The old gentleman, it seems, was slightly deaf, and did not hear the warning cries addressed to him, nor the noise of the moving train. He came very near being crushed to death, but just before he was struck by the train, he was dextrously seized by a brakeman named Frank Wills and dragged upon the platform in time to be saved from death. As it was, however, his right hand fell under the wheel, and was almost mashed to a jelly. He was taken in charge by Dr. Vincent, who dressed the wound as best he could, and sent the patient to the Walla Walla hospital. A large portion of his hand will probably have to be amputated.

Mr. Brooks, who is a resident of Dry Creek, was returning home with his wife from a visit to the Willamette valley. The calamity by which he was overtaken when so nearly home, is to be regretted. It is hardly to be wondered at that some one has been injured at the Pendleton depot. The making up of trains during the night offers dangerous chances for accidents—not from any negligence of train men, but from the carelessness of the passengers themselves.

Mountain Valley Items.

No whiskey was on the ground, and no betting or fighting occurred election day at Ridge. The last two weeks' weather has been changeable, with some rain, snow, frost, and sunshine. Sheep men are busy moving their flocks to winter ranges. Mr. Wm. Robinson has sold his place on Advent flat to C. O. Bowman, and will move with his family to the Snake river country. Miss Annie Hemmeger, who has been very ill for the past four weeks, is slowly recovering. Mrs. Matlock and family will move to Pendleton this week, to reside during the coming winter.

Our little valley is becoming somewhat noted for rows, elopements, and separations. Two young men, Bill and Charley, had a set-to a few days ago, in which Charley drew a weapon, and flourished it around, but decided not to shoot any one. Two married men, Jim and George, sent their better halves East, but a few days ago one of them returned, and I hear there was a long war of words, which ended in her returning East with her little girl. Born, to the wife of Andy Carley, an eight-pound girl. I am well acquainted with the "Blossom" coal mine, near here, and do not believe there is any coal there. If any one wants to be convinced that there is, he better come up here in January, for then there will be plenty of cold. I make this statement for the reason that I am opposed to putting in print such flattering accounts for the purpose of making a few dollars by selling a hole in the ground, and bringing men a distance to be disappointed. Kin.

The school board at Portland have requested the children attending the public school to be vaccinated.