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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

STATE AND COAST NEWS.

WAR AT SEATTLE.

Over the Ownership of the "Mud Flats"—A Syndicate Fitted Against an Oysterman.

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—War has broken out again over the possessions of the "mud flats" in this city, and it is likely there will be bloodshed before it ends. A syndicate of Seattle citizens caused 1200 feet to be enclosed by the driving of piles at a cost of several thousand dollars. Some days since P. Wickstrom, an oysterman, built a house in the middle of the enclosure, having taken up an oyster claim under the provisions of the Territorial law authorizing him to do so. He was not disturbed until yesterday morning, when the syndicate began to drive piles for a wharf. This aroused Wickstrom, and last night he took twenty-five men with guns and axes and cut down fifty piles, which had previously been driven. To-night a party of oystermen, armed as last night, went to the scene of the former occurrence, and started to cut down the piles, but found a man with a heavy rifle guarding every pile. They held a council of war and concluded not to push an attack.

SEATTLE NOTES.

A Man Arrested on a Charge of Murder—Ex-City Editor Levison Will Engage in the Real Estate Business.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—Tug Wilson, a notorious character known all over the Northwest, was apprehended here, this morning, by officer Thompson, on a charge of murder. The information came from Walla Walla. Wilson was but recently released from the penitentiary at Walla Walla. It is not known for whose murder he has been apprehended and the arrival of an officer from Walla Walla tomorrow is awaited to ascertain the facts. N. J. Levison, formerly of Portland, later of Seattle, has located in Port Townsend, where he will engage in the real estate business. Levison has charge of the "Port Intelligencer's" bureau for Port Townsend.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Pilot Bill Passes the House—The Senate Passes the High License Bill and the Supreme Court Bill.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 13.—The House passed the Pilot bill yesterday, the vote standing, ayes 32, nays 6, absent 2. It will be made a special order of business in the Senate to day at ten o'clock.

Layman's high license bill passed the Senate yesterday after a number of its amendments were voted down, the vote being, ayes 25, nays 4.

Fullerton's Supreme Court bill, providing for a session of the Supreme Court to be regularly held at Pendleton, in Eastern Oregon, has passed the Senate on a vote, ayes 22, and nays 7.

PRIZE FIGHTING AT SPOKANE.

A Fight to Come Off at Spokane Falls Within Thirty Days for \$250 a Side.

SPOKANE FALLS, Feb. 12.—Jerry Hovers, a colored pugilist, who knocked out Frank Silver, the dago, last Saturday night at this place, was today matched against Professor W. J. Kendall, teacher of the athletic club of this city, to fight twenty rounds, Queensbury rules, for \$250 a side. The fight is to take place within thirty days in this city. The colored man has strong backing, but Kendall is the favorite. He has no record, but is a very skillful man with his fists.

SECRETARY BLAINE.

The Office Tendered Him a Few Days After the Election—His Letter of Acceptance Written Three Weeks Ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The Examiner says this morning that Blaine will be Secretary of State unless he withdraws. His letter of acceptance was mailed to President Harrison three weeks ago. He talks freely on the subject, and says Harrison tendered him the position a few days after the result of the election was positively known.

The Strike Over.

From the New York World.

The street-railway strike in this city was formally declared "off" last evening and the men are at liberty to secure employment wherever they can. The decision to give up the struggle was reached by the men themselves in their various Assemblies. It was evident from the outset that the strike could only result in a failure. The corporations had been preparing for the struggle for some time. They were determined to throw off the control exercised over their employees by representatives of outside organizations. They welcomed the strike. With all the awful powers of the city on their side and thousands of hungry, unskilled laborers ready to work at any price, it was not a difficult matter to subjugate the poor fellows who revolted against what they believed to be injustice. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the families of the strikers, that the companies will generously employ their old servants. They can afford to be considerate. And let us hope that these corporations will hereafter deal more kindly with their men, pay them better and thus save the public the annoyance of these recurring battles between Poverty on one side and Greed on the other.

Chapman & Co., the leading grocery firm of Tacoma, has failed. The failure is attributed to the loss of business occasioned by the opening of dives on Pacific avenue in the vicinity of the store.

DAWSON'S COMMISSION BILL.

The Senate Passes It at Its Evening Session Monday Night.

The Senate held its first evening session Monday night, but did nothing of importance except to pass Dawson's bill increasing the number of railroad commissioners to three, and raising their salaries to \$2500 a year, and that of the clerk to \$2000.

Wager offered an amendment to Dawson's bill, to have only one commissioner instead of three receive a salary of \$600 annually, with no allowance for clerk hire. He thought the State could not afford to pay three commissioners, and that one could do the work as well as three.

Steel said if the amendment prevailed it would nullify the law, and render commission ineffective.

The amendment was voted down.

Veatch offered an amendment to the clause which provides that no more than two commissioners shall belong to the same political party. He made a regular to-the-victors-belong-the-spoils speech, which Chandler supported. Veatch said he had examined the bill and found that it contained nothing but salary. He paid a high compliment to the commissioners.

Carson, Raley and Cogswell spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was voted down, after which Irvine submitted another, investing the commission with power to fix maximum freight rates and fares on all roads in the State.

Sinclair thought the proposition arbitrary, and that it gave three men too much power.

Carson understood that the reduction on the O. R. & N. lines, under the commission, during 1887, was \$165,000, and it was estimated that a similar reduction would be made last year, making the total reduction for 1887-88, \$330,000. He suggested that Irvine withdraw his amendment, but the latter refused to say that otherwise the commission would be powerless.

Tongue favored the bill, believing it the best to be had under the circumstances, and thought the commission two years hence, would be able to recommend necessary legislation.

Irvine's amendment was voted down like the others.

Wager could see no reason why there should be three commissioners and a large increase of their salaries. If this commission has done all that has been claimed for it, why is it turned out of office and new men re-elected?

The bill was then passed—ayes 27, nays 3; and the Senate adjourned.

THE PORTLAND WATER BILL.

The Influence of the Marion County Grange—Grange's Change of Front.

The vote on the Portland water bill in the House Monday developed into a political affair on the part of the Democrats, all of them voting to sustain Governor Penney's veto. Several votes of Republicans in favor of the veto were influenced by the action of the Marion county Granges, who have taken a deep interest in the measure, and worked for its defeat with the mistaken idea that the bondholder can be taxed. Geer, of Marion, who voted for the bill when it passed the House before the veto, voted and spoke against it on Monday, on the ground that the bonds were not municipal property. The defeat of the measure has brought much joy to the Governor, who feels that his reasons for vetoing the measure had the desired effect. Here is the vote of Monday:

Ayes—Apperson, Bean, Condon, Crook, Crosby, Earhart, Fell, Fisher, (Malt) Gilbert, Gilham, Goodenough, Hahn, Harrington, Haskell, Howard, Howe, Hunter, Kirk, Labrie, Ladd, Laughlin, Maxwell, McCoy, Northup, Paquet, Parker, Powell, Ricker, Roberts, Roe, Stowbridge, Thomas, Thompson, Weed, Williamson, Wilson, Mr. Speaker—37.

Nays—Armstrong, Blandell, Bowditch, Derby, Fisher, (Pike) Gambes, Geer, Jennings, Layman, Miller, (Jackson) Miller, (Linn) Moore, Storelock, Moss, Myers, Napton, Paulsen, Pope, Price, Short, Stafford, Waldo—22.

Absent—Belknap—1.

This is True.

From an Unknown Pen.

The columns of a paper are the publisher's stock in trade, and the parties who ask to use them for their special benefit should expect to pay for the same. Every public spirited citizen should have a pride in seeing his town and surroundings improve; every new house, every road, every new manufacturing establishment erected, every new business enhances the value of property in our midst. Every reflecting mind knows this to be true, and it should not be forgotten that the local newspaper adds much to the general wealth and prosperity of the place, as well as increases the reputation of the town abroad. It benefits all who have business in the place, enhances the value of property, besides being a desirable public convenience. It increases trade; it cautions against imposition; it saves you from loss; it warns you of danger; it points out different advantages and increases your profits. The local press is the power that moves the people; therefore, support it by advertising in it liberally, subscribing for it and paying for it.

Amie Johnson, a saloon-keeper, was shot and killed in San Francisco Sunday by Robert Phelan. Johnson drew his pistol first, which caused young Phelan to shoot him.

Sailors for seagoing vessels are scarce in San Francisco.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The Ninety-Sixth Pin Their Faith to Road Bills—Much Money Appropriated.

Condon is pushing his bill to grant additional aid to the State university.

Crook's bill for a wagon road from Chico to Fort Oxford, in Curry county, has passed the Senate. \$14,000 is appropriated.

Representative Maxwell's bill, appropriating \$11,000 to build a wagon road from the Nehalem river to the Fuqua toll road, in Tillamook county, and a branch road from South prairie to Netarts bay, was taken up and passed.

Representative Roberts' bill to appropriate \$15,000 to build a wagon road on the middle fork of the Coquille river, in Coos and Douglas counties, was read the third time and passed.

Representative Fell's bill to appropriate \$10,000 to complete a wagon road between Heppner, Morrow county, and Monument, Grant county, was read the third time and passed.

Favorable reports have been made by the proper committee on the bills to incorporate Melvinville, on Fullerton's bill to amend the charter of Rosburg, on the bill to amend the charter of Baker City, on the bill to amend the charter of Rainier, on the bill to amend the charter of Jacksonville.

New bills are still coming in. Here are some introduced in the Senate Monday:

By Eakin—To allow the county court of Lane county to issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000, to build a court house; read three times and passed.

By Wager—Providing for the time of holding terms of the State circuit court in the Sixth judicial district; referred to the Senators from that district.

By the committee on education—Prohibiting the use of the regular 5-mill school tax and the irreducible fund for other purposes than the employment of school teachers and the purpose of the necessary apparatus; passed.

Waldo has presented a memorial, praying Congress to set aside a public park in the Cascade mountains; committee on public lands.

The time of the House on Monday was almost entirely consumed in acting on the Portland Water bill, in the attempt to pass it over the governor's veto.

NEWS ITEMS.

Tax collector Vaniman, of San Diego, Cal., is short in his accounts \$26,000.

Col. Henry J. Hunt, (retired) governor of the Soldiers' Home, Washington, died Monday in his 69th year.

Today, Wednesday, is being devoted by Congress to counting the electoral vote for President and Vice-President of the United States at Washington City.

Col. Lunt has suggested that the position he would occupy after the 4th of March was that of president of Avenue C Street Railroad Company of New York city.

Governor Church and the Dakota Legislature are at sword's points. The governor has gone for the Legislature in his messages to that body and it feels like retreating.

James Willey, a real estate agent, shot his wife, Nellie Willey, through the right shoulder Sunday in San Francisco, then turning his revolver on Bert Clark, her paramour, wounded him twice in the left arm.

"Jack the Ripper" has been discovered it is thought. His real name is W. H. Barry. He was discovered by the murder of his wife, which occurred last week. Suspicion pointed to him, and he was found to be "Jack the Ripper."

Luke Palmer, an old and respected citizen, and brother of Gov. John Palmer, of Illinois, was buried out of \$300 Saturday, by a young man, who pretended to be a relative of a bank president of Mr. Palmer's acquaintance.

It is understood that Governor Sawyer, of New Hampshire, will appoint John Gilman Marston to be United States Senator from that state during the interim between March 4th and the meeting of the legislature next June, which chooses Chandler's successor.

Cardinal Manning made this utterance in London the other day: "I recognize in America a decided tendency to, as I call it, go to seed. I fear that in America freedom of divorce has done much to break up domestic life, and it certainly requires but slight observation to see that in the observance of Sunday you have already drifted far, far away from the usage of your forefathers. I fear America, morally, is going to seed, and her Sunday newspapers have had something to do with it."

A terrific explosion occurred Monday morning between William's bridge and Bedford Park, on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, as the train from Stamford, Connecticut, passed there. It is believed the explosion was caused by a gang of Italian workmen throwing out a dynamite cartridge. Every pane of glass in the train was shattered, and five hundred passengers were terribly shaken up. None are yet known to have been seriously injured.

A dispatch from Eugene states that Saturday evening J. B. Crail and a man named White, two farmers living several miles above that place, became engaged in a quarrel, which resulted in the probable fatal shooting of one of them. White had refused to allow Crail to come upon his premises, and on receiving him words ensued, and when Crail stooped down to pick up a stone to throw at White, the latter shot him in the top of the head as he was stooping over, inflicting a wound from which the physicians say he cannot recover.