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GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Leland Stanford, who has been critically sick in New York, is much better.

Geraldine, the famous racing mare, holder of the world's record for half a mile in 48 seconds, is dead at Spreckle's Napa, Calif., farm.

The sugar trust's last dividend was only one-half of one per cent, owing to the fight that has been carried on for some months with Arbuckle Bros., who started a rival refinery.

Mrs. Frances M. Wolcott was granted an absolute divorce from Senator Edward O. Wolcott, on the ground of desertion at Denver Monday.

Secretary Hitchcock has sent to congress, with his approval, a bill drawn by Commissioner Herrmann, of the general land office, to authorize and regulate the sale and use of timber on the unappropriated and unreserved public lands.

Senator Davis of Minnesota has offered an amendment in the senate to the Puerto Rican bill. It is in effect to have the tariff of the United States applied to Puerto Rico upon foreign imports, but allow absolute free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico.

Representative De Vries, of California, has introduced a joint resolution in the house for the repeal of duties on white or printing paper and the material from which it is made, and directing the attorney-general to proceed under the anti-trust law against those maintaining a monopoly in such paper and material.

Lieutenant Edgar F. Koehler, of the Ninth infantry, was shot in the abdomen and killed at a village six miles north of Tarlac, in the Philippines, where he went in search of some hidden rifles. A Filipino, promising to produce the rifles, led him into an ambush away from his command.

The soldiers, in revenge, burned the village, and killed 24 of the enemy.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Hon. B. W. Wilson, for 30 years county clerk of Benton county, died Sunday at Corvallis.

Mrs. George McLaughlin, at Buena Vista, while handling a gun used to shoot gophers, shot part of her right hand off.

Sela Norton, a well known farmer of New Era, near Oregon City, died Monday night at his home, aged 65. He was made a Mason in Iowa 25 years ago.

John Wilson died in Albany at the advanced age of 92 years. He was born March 6, 1808, in Michigan, and came to Linn county from that state in 1852.

Louis Simpson, aged 60, who was found in a shack at Westminster, B. C., with his throat cut, is said to leave a widow and family at Astoria. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Mrs. Jane Kees, who died near Lebanon, Linn county, a few days ago, left an estate valued at about \$120,000, mostly in money. She left no children, and the money goes to her brothers and sisters.

John Robson, of Albany, filed a petition in bankruptcy in Portland. He is a salesman. His liabilities amount to \$5700, due a sewing machine company, and his assets are expressed in rapiers.

Jacob S. Rinearson, a pioneer of 1843, aged 86, died at Oregon City Saturday night. Accompanied by his brother, he settled in Clackamas county, after crossing the plains, in 1843, his brother dying several years ago.

Duclaw Costello, a French wrestler and habitue of the Tenderloin, in Seattle, was stabbed to death by Victorine Margonett, his mistress, Sunday morning. Costello died two hours later. The woman is in the city jail, charged with murder.

John, Charles and Emma, aged respectively 5, 7 and 9, children of Charles Wenger, living 11 miles from Olympia, Wash., were burned to death Saturday night. The parents were absent from home attending a dance and an elder sister aged 12 was left in charge of the house and children. She was badly burned in attempting to rescue her brothers and sister.

THE BRITISH IN TRANSVAAL

Prendergast's Flying Column Enters Kruger's Territory.

BOERS WILL CONTEST GLENCOE PASS

Boer Pushing His Forces Toward Harrysmith. Lord Roberts Begins His Advance Upon Bloemfontein.

London, March 7.—A dispatch from Durban says that flying column of British from Zululand has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers. The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, commanded by Major Prendergast.

The Retreat from Ladysmith. Boer Camp, Biggersberg, Saturday.—The federals have fallen back on Biggersberg chain that crosses Natal south of Dundee. The retreat from Ladysmith was due to the mistake of a certain commandant in ordering his men to retire from the key to the position without a reason for the movement. On receipt of bad news from Modder river Wednesday it was resolved to send the wagons to Biggersberg.

Will Contest Glencoe Pass. London, March 7.—It is reported that Buller has pushed forward his force along the Harry Smith line of railroad toward Van Rensburg's pass. It appears the Boers intend to take up a strong position in the Biggersberg range and contest the Glencoe pass, although it hardly seems likely that Buller will attempt to force these for the present.

The Times contains a dispatch from Cape Town which says there is crying need for an explicit statement by the British ministry that nothing short of annexation is intended, "in order to dampen the mischievous agitation going on under the pretext of a demand for peace."

Buller's Casualties. A list of casualties sustained by Buller's force from February 14 to February 27 shows: Killed 123, wounded 753, missing 54. This makes the total cost to the rank and file the final relief of Ladysmith 1859 men.

Advancing Upon Bloemfontein. London, March 7.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Osofontein: "Advance March 7. Enemy in full retreat, followed by our troops. Casualties few."

Boers Retreating Before Roberts. London, March 7.—Lord Roberts telegraphed as follows: Osofontein.—Operations today promise to be a great success. The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of Modder River. I placed General Colville's division on the north bank and Kelly-Kenny's and Tucker's divisions with cavalry on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in turning the enemy's left flank, opening the road for the sixth division which is advancing without being obliged to fire a shot up to the present time. The enemy is in full retreat towards the north and east, closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's division, Colville's division and the guard's brigade under Pole-Carew are making their way across the river at Pops' Drift where I propose to place my headquarters this evening. Our casualties are few, as the enemy was unprepared for being attacked by flank and having their communications with Bloemfontein threatened.

GOEBEL'S MURDERER. Harlan Whittaker is held on the charge.

Frankfort, Ky., March 7.—The court house was packed today at the examining trial of Harlan Whittaker on the charge of assassinating Governor Goebel. The prosecutor was assisted by Colonel Campbell of New York.

All the witnesses today were participating in Whittaker's arrest, including the detectives. The defense did not cross-examine any witnesses. At the conclusion of the evidence of the state, Whittaker's attorney submitted the case. Judge Moore ordered Whittaker held to the April grand jury without bail.

A Small Vote Expected. Portland, Ore., March 7.—It is feared that the registration law, which goes into operation for the first time in Oregon, that the vote at the coming election will be light. The executive committee of the republican league of Oregon has taken up the matter of registration and has addressed circular letters to the republican clubs of Oregon asking them to urge voters to register.

Street Railway Employees Discharged. Tacoma, Wash., March 7.—Twelve conductors and eight motormen were discharged this morning from the City Street Railway service. It is believed to be because they are alleged leaders of a movement to demand an increase of wages.

All Hope Abandoned. Charleston, W. Va., March 7.—Hope for the rescue alive of the eighty or more miners still entombed in the Red Ash mine has been practically abandoned. Governor Atkinson is still on the ground directing relief operations.

An Advance in Wages. Pittsburg, March 7.—All employees of the National Tube Works in the United States will receive an advance of 10 per cent in wages. The men affected number over 20,000.

Georgia Republicans. Atlanta, March 7.—The republican state convention met today. Col. Johnson of Atlanta was elected chairman of the central committee.

The Social Democrats. Indianapolis, March 7.—At today's session of the social democratic convention the committee reports were discussed.

Secretary Root at Havana. Havana, March 7.—Secretary Root arrived this morning. He was received with a salute from Cabanas fortress.

WOOL GROWERS CONVENTION.

Assembled in Boise City and There is a Large Attendance.

Boise City, Idaho, March 7.—The Pacific Northwest Wool Growers' association met in convention at 10 this morning in Sonna's opera house. The first session was devoted to welcoming of the delegates and to other formalities.

A number of delegates to the convention arrived last night and others will come in today. Among last evening's arrivals were Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis, Or., president of the association, and J. W. Bailey of Portland, the secretary. They are guests at the Overland. Other arrivals are J. W. Blake and wife of Pendleton, who are at the Capital, Professor H. T. French of the Moscow university, J. P. Van Houten and C. A. Van Houten of Portland, Finley McKinzie of Caldwell, W. G. Ayre of Baker City, A. G. Butterfield of Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. John Brice of Caldwell and J. Turnbull of Venator, Or., Charles Cunningham, of Pendleton.

President Withycombe comes to Boise for the first time. He has heard a great deal of this part of Idaho and he says he is very much pleased with it. In the course of an interview last evening he said:

"This section has a great future before it. You are going to hear from these broad acres and from these majestic mountains. They will make this part of Idaho famous. The country is but in its infancy now, but it has been started in the right way. I like the idea that prevails here of diversified interests. The more the better. One or two or three things will not do. The production must be varied."

Dr. Withycombe says Oregon is enjoying her share of the general prosperity of the country. The mildness of the winter has been a boon to the stock men. The wool men will not only secure a better price for their output but will have a heavier yield per head than for some time.

Dr. Withycombe is director of the agricultural experimental station at Corvallis. He was state veterinary for several years, and as such made many visits to Eastern Oregon. There he got pretty well acquainted with Idaho without having visited the state.

The following is the program of today: Wednesday, 10 a. m.—Address of welcome by Mayor H. Richards. Response by Dr. James Withycombe, president. Music. Address, "Grasses for the Range," by Professor A. B. Leckenby. Discussion. Music.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.—President's annual address. Report of secretary. Music. Address, "Outlook for Sheep in Northern Idaho," by Professor H. T. French. Discussion. Music.

Paper, "The Lincoln Sheep as a Mutton and Wool Producer," by J. H. Patrick. Discussion. Music. Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Reception at natatorium by chamber of commerce.

PRUNE GROWERS MEET.

The Attendance is Placed at Three Hundred. Portland, Ore., March 7.—More than 300 prominent prune growers from Idaho, Oregon and Washington are here for the purpose of organizing an association through which prune growers may market their crop. The work of organization begins today. At the same time the farmers' congress will be organized. The prune men, after organization, will become members of the farmers' congress, which is composed of the hop growers' association, wool growers' association, dairymen's association and other organizations. Each body will keep up its individuality but all will combine to form a farmers' congress so that they may take advantage of each other's experience and work together along more practical lines.

These meetings, in the minds of prominent horticulturists and agriculturists, mark an important era in the industrial life of the northwest. Instead of strife, discord, suicidal competition and slipshod farming, it is proposed to lay the foundation for an intelligent co-operation by which the grower after having raised his produce can find a market for it at a fair price.

Wild Scenes in a Convention.

Waco, Tex., March 7.—A serious split occurred in the republican state convention today. McDonald had been put up for temporary chairman by the Green faction and Ferguson by the opposition. Both took the rostrum. One of the wildest scenes ever witnessed in a Texas convention ensued. Fist fights were numerous.

Big Blaze in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 7.—A fire entailing an estimated loss of over \$700,000 occurred today in the retail dry goods district. The principal losses are: Shoneman Bros., dry goods, \$400,000; Marks Bros., dry goods, \$300,000; Myerhoff Bros., women and children's clothing, and the Philadelphia Electric Equipment Co., \$200,000.

Resembles Bubonic Plague.

San Francisco, March 7.—A case of what is supposed to be bubonic plague, though the exact nature of the disease is uncertain, has been discovered in Chinatown. The patient was immediately isolated and the whole of Chinatown placed under strict quarantine. No fear is apprehended of a spread of the disease.

What to Do Until the Doctor Arrives.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Schulz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by Tallman & Co., Druggists.

SOVEREIGN ON THE STAND

Labor Leader Tells of the Blowing Up of Bauer Hill.

DENONCES THE MILITARY OFFICERS

Describes Conditions in the Bull Pen as a Repetition of the Horrors of Andersonville—Washington Notes.

Washington, March 7.—James R. Sovereign resumed his testimony today at the Coeur d'Alene investigation. He was asked if there was any law requiring members of labor organizations to cancel the names of criminals. Sovereign answered in the negative, speaking of general conditions while the men were imprisoned. Sovereign denounced the military officers for "a reign of bread and water," describing it as a repetition of the horrors of Andersonville. Members of the committee cross-examined Sovereign. Representative Hull took him over the assembling of the miners on the morning the mill was blown up. The witness said it was evident there was preconcerted action. At Hull's request Sovereign read an article in a paper edited by him as to Bauer Hill destroyed, headed "One thousand wreck halve on a scab mine."

The article said half the men were masked and described the scenes as dynamite was placed under the mine crockery and it was completely wrecked.

To Pension Lillookalani. Washington, March 7.—The senate committee on foreign relations authorized the reporting of an amendment to the diplomatic bill appropriating \$20,000 to be paid ex-Queen Lillookalani, and providing for an annual donation of \$10,000 so long as she may live.

Sullivan offered a resolution that "While the Filipinos continue the present war no expression of intention as to the future course of the United States will, respect to them, should be made by the senate."

Mason gave notice that he would enter a motion that the committee on foreign relations be discharged from further consideration of his resolution expressive of the senate's sympathy with the Boers, because he said it is clearly the intention of the committee to take no action on the resolution.

Lodge then addressed the senate on the Philippine question.

To Save the Big Trees. Washington, March 7.—At the senate's session Mr. Hansbrough reported a house joint resolution directing the secretary of the interior to place under bond the "Manmott Tree Grove" and the South Park grove of big trees in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties, California, the idea being that the government acquire the groves. The resolution was adopted.

Short Session of the House. Washington, March 7.—The house was in session but twenty-five minutes today, adjourning out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Harner of Pennsylvania. The vote on the Aldrich-Robinson contest case was postponed until tomorrow. The conference report on the financial bill was presented to the house but no time was fixed for calling it up.

Philippine Commission. Washington, March 7.—Professor Bernard Moses of the University of California has a conference with the president and Mr. McKinley tendered him the vacant place on the new Philippine commission and Mr. Moses accepted it.

This completes the commission, of which the personnel is as follows: Judge Taft, Ohio, president; Dean C. Worcester, Michigan; Luke Wright, Tennessee; Henry C. Ide, Vermont; Bernard Moses, California.

Reduction in Sugar. New York, March 7.—The American Sugar Refining company has reduced the price of all its sugars 10 cents per hundred pounds. The usual reduction is 5 cents at a time. This double reduction brings the price of standard granulated sugar down from 5.20 to 5.10 cents a pound.

Hume Re-Elected Mayor. Seattle, Wash., March 7.—Yesterday's city election resulted in a sweeping victory for the republicans. Hume was re-elected mayor and the entire republican ticket was successful.

The Plague at Port Townsend. Victoria, B. C., March 7.—Official advices are received of the appearance of genuine bubonic plague on the steamship Nanyo Maru at Diamond head, Port Townsend.

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