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THE PACIFIC COAST.

A Pot-Pourri of Occidental Occurrences.

Considerable Talk at Colfax, Wash., Over the Fraudulent Proving Up on Government Land.

John Miles, one of the Spokane Falls cattle thieves who was shot by Sheriff Pugh, is dead.

L. M. Wagner, a jeweler at Los Angeles, claims to have been mysteriously robbed of $12,000 worth of diamonds.

After February 1 the "curfew" ordinance will be enforced in Vancouver, and all boys on the street after 8 p. m. will be arrested.

United States Senator Mitchell seems to have had but little opposition to his return to Congress at the hands of the Oregon Legislature.

Mrs. M. A. Gunther of Hanford, Cal., has been allowed $2,800 by the government for depredations committed by the Southern Utes in 1885.

Two prisoners escaped from the Olympia jail last week. The jailer discovered the break just in time to prevent eight other prisoners from escaping.

Counterfeit 25-cent pieces bearing date of 1888 are in circulation at Albuquerque, N. M. The spurious coin stands the test of acid, but the ring is very dead.

The property of the defunct Los Angeles Tribune sold for $1,300. The press was not bid on. Not enough was realized to pay the printers and reporters.

C. L. Mast of Horseshoe Bend, Mariposa county, Cal., has built a foot bridge over the Merced river. It is 300 feet long, made of wire cable one and one-half inches in diameter.

The abandonment of Fort Lowell, seven miles east of Tucson, has been ordered by the Secretary of War. The citizens of Southern Arizona see trouble ahead with the Indians if the order is executed.

Six $5 counterfeit gold coin pieces were presented at the postoffice in Spokane Falls one day last week. The counterfeit is not well milled, and can be detected by an examination of the figures upon them.

While men were discharging the cargo of canned salmon of the steamer Danube at Victoria, B. C., the piles under the wharf gave way, throwing men and cargo into the water underneath. Four men are known to have been killed.

There is considerable talk in Colfax, Wash., over the fraudulent proving up of parties on government land. One case is positively known where final proof was made on a pre-emption claim by a party who had not taken out his naturalization papers.

Captain Lavender of the sealing schooner Henry Dennis has sued the owners of the vessel at Seattle for $2,125. The captain and crew were to receive one-half the furs, and after paying for the vessel the captain was to have a fourth interest in the schooner. This is what he now sues for.

The Jewish people of Seattle have perfected arrangements for the erection of a synagogue in that city. The building will be 50x80 feet, with a basement of bricks, which will be used for Sunday-school, meeting, study and library rooms. The edifice will have a gallery capable of seating 400 or 500 persons.

A railroad corporation has been formed at Spokane Falls to build a road to run through the Columbia Valley to the mouth of Spokane river; thence through the Big Bend country to Wallula Junction, where it will connect with the Union and Northern Pacific, and thence to some point on the Columbia river near that place.

It is reported at the office of the geodetic survey at San Francisco that Mr. Russell of the Frank Leslie's Alaska exploring party will return to Alaska in the spring and make explorations with a party of fifty persons, subdivided as the service demands. It is also reported that E. J. Glave, who made the descent of the Allsegh river last season in Alaska, will come out in the spring and make further explorations in the region of Mount St. Elias.

E. J. Baldwin's suit in the United States Circuit Court at Los Angeles against the Southern Pacific railroad for damages caused by the burning of his wheat crop by a spark from a locomotive was decided against him, it being shown the spark was from a Santa Fe locomotive. A motion for a new trial on the ground that if the fire was caused by the lessee the lessor is liable was refused. The position of counsel for the railroad company that the lessor was not liable for the acts of the lessee unless the relationship and facts are pleaded was sustained.

A published statement is made that John C. Hall, formerly of the law firm of Hall & Rodgers of San Francisco and trustee of the estates of John Hawley and Marvin A. Baldwin, deceased, has confessed to the embezzlement of sums aggregating about $150,000, which he lost dealing in stocks. It is stated that the Hawley and Baldwin estates are involved to the extent of $40,000 each; that the French Savings and Loan Society was induced to loan him $12,000 by means of false abstracts of title on property of his already mortgaged, and that other parties were victimized by similar abstracts and other means to the extent of from $1,000 to $7,000. It is stated that he resolved to commit suicide, but was persuaded to await trial on the charges which may be brought against him.

EASTERN ITEMS.

The Mt. Carmel Air Ship Said to be a Success.

A New York Banker Arrested for Sending Lottery Circulars Through the United States Mails.

Governor Hill of New York, it is said, has come out as a protectionist.

The estimates for 1891 place the revenues at $396,000,000, against $403,000,000 for 1890.

One day last month the United States pension agent at Topeka, Kan., paid out $1,475,988.

The sugar trust has been reorganized under the name of the American Sugar Refining Company.

Massachusetts hospital physicians are well satisfied with the result of their experiments with lymph.

It is said a trust has been formed of oatmeal mills, representing 85 per cent. of the total output of the country.

A catacomb containing many petrified remains of human beings is reported to have been discovered near Gainesville, Tex.

A recent wind storm straightened the spire of St Peter's church at Middletown, Pa., which was bent by a similar storm in 1826.

General Milledge L. Bonham of Columbia, S. C., is a self-confessed defaulter to the amount of $5,000. He promises to make restitution.

The Directors of the Distilling and Cattle-Feeding Company declared a monthly dividend of one-half of 1 per cent. at New York.

Some of the principal savings banks of New York announce that beginning with the new year they will increase the interest allowed depositors.

Government expenditures for the past six months were in round numbers $200,000,000, or $25,000,000 more than for the corresponding period in 1889.

A citizen's committee of fifty has been formed in Philadelphia to secure good municipal government and purify elections and local politics generally.

The ice in the Susquehanna river has gorged below Wilkesbarre, Pa., blocking the channel, and is a menace to the people living along the line of the river.

Emma Abbott a short time before her death erected a monument over her husband's remains that cost nearly $100,000. Her estate is valued at $2,000,000.

While Police Inspector Hawley was leaving the legislative hall at Denver he was shot through the abdomen by Harley McCoy, one of the toughest characters in the city.

It is reported that the new smelting works being erected at Buffalo, N. Y., are without question being put up under the auspices of the Calumet and Heck Mining Company.

There were 40,230 deaths in New York in 1890. Of these 5,468, or more than 13 per cent., were caused by consumption, and 1,256 by diphtheria, while only two were charged to smallpox.

Edward H. Horner, a New York banker, has been arrested for sending lottery circulars through the mails. The arrest was made on the strength of indictments found against the prisoner in Springfield, Ill.

The Boston and Maine and Fitchburg rate war has ended, and new tariffs are issued. Second-class rates to Chicago are advanced by the Fitchburg to $15, and the Boston and Maine retains the old differential of $1.25.

The New York Board of Health is attending vigorously to the duty of seeing that people who live in apartment houses are kept sufficiently warm. It is a cold winter for the very poor.

The travel over the Brooklyn bridge increases so fast that Chief Engineer Martin says there should be at least two more bridges built across the East river in order to meet the wants of the near future.

Last week the principal operation on the Hudson was scraping snow in order to get at the ice. There were about fourteen inches of snow to remove, and it is estimated that it cost the companies over $10,000 to do it.

The Manhattan Club of New York has turned the roof garden on its new clubhouse into a skating rink. The water is let in and allowed to freeze. A red ball in the lower corridor of the clubhouse is hoisted whenever there is skating on the roof.

The city of Memphis, Tenn., which was formerly noted for its unhealthfulness, has been improved in an extraordinary degree, partly by a better system of sewerage, but chiefly by a supply of pure water, which is derived from artesian wells.

It is learned that the negotiations which have been pending between Newfoundland and the United States for preferential trade relations have fallen through, as the result of representations made to the imperial government by the Canadian Executive.

A model of the new air ship of the Mount Carmel Aeronautic Company, capable of carrying two passengers, is completed and works successfully. It will be taken to Chicago and exhibited. The ship, with its propellers, rudders, etc., is thirty feet in length.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Bank of England Maintains Its Rate of Discount.

The Sultan Protests Vigorously Against the Proposed French Expedition Against Ghadames.

There is talk of a big harbor at the mouth of the Elbe river in Germany.

It is said that the tourist season brings £4,000,000 yearly into Switzerland.

Advices from Venezuela show that country to be enjoying an era of great prosperity.

Nine Israelites were returned to the Italian Chamber of Deputies at the recent election.

The powers will hold an international congress in Switzerland during the year to discuss anarchism.

The Buddhists of Japan propose to establish a bank in order to obtain funds for the propagation of their religion.

It is reported that the crews of many vessels in the Elbe have become alarmed at the danger from floating ice, and have abandoned their ships.

The report of the Italian Department of Agriculture shows that the crops in Italy during the past year were the largest harvested for many years.

The Queen Regent of Spain sent the Pope as a New Year's present a cane, which, when taken by the handle, will rain a shower of gold at his feet.

The London Telegraph says Home Rule is dead, and invites Gladstone and his followers to recognize the fact. The Telegraph is a Conservative Journal.

The co-operative societies of Great Britain number over 900,000 members. For the year 1889 their sales were $183,500,000, and their profits $17,000,000.

An English company is working a silver mine in Bolivia which yields more than 300 ounces to the ton, while specimens of almost pure silver are met with.

Lord Lymington's mansion at Hurstburne Park, England, and the contents of his priceless library, together with some of the most valuable works of art, have been destroyed by fire.

The Duke of Bedford, who died recently, was an active member of the Cremation Society, and his body according to his expressed wish will be incinerated at Working.

Rescuing parties have succeeded in reaching the island of Sylt, off the coast of Schleswig, where the utmost misery has existed, owing to the ice blockade. Many of the people were without food or fire.

The Gaslight and Coke Company, operating in London, has been fined £100, with costs, for a deficit of one-candle power in the illuminating power of the company's gas during a recent foggy period.

Lord Salisbury has warned the British South African Company that its occupation of Massikisse is an infringement upon the modus vivendi with Portugal, and that it must withdraw at once from that district.

The Bank of England has decided to maintain its rate of discount in consequence of the demand for gold from Holland and Brazil. There is a large demand from Spain also for money in the open market.

The Municipal Council of Athens has decided to make a formal appeal to the British government for the return of the the marbles of the Parthenon and to convey an expression of thanks to Frederic Harrison.

The German government has decided that in the future it will always accept the lowest tender for supplies of iron or steel, whether the metal is of home or foreign manufacture.

Private individuals may now excavate antiquities in Egypt on the condition that half of what they discover goes to the museum, the latter having a prior claim to any unique objects.

An item from the East states that engineers surveying the line for the proposed railway in the Holy Land are at work at present in the mountains immediately north of the Sea of Galilee.

The Sultan is prepared to protest vigorously against the proposed French expedition against Ghadames, lying between Tripoli and Soudan and claimed to be within the territory of the Sultan.

A committee of Panama shareholders has devised a scheme to forward work on the canal. A succession of annual lotteries is proposed. The government will ask the Chamber of Deputies to sanction the scheme.

According to the reports of the Excise Commission the crop of tobacco in European Russia amounted this year to 4,406,491 poods, of which the Provinces of Little Russia yield 1,785,857, and those of the southwest 108,613 poods.

Advices from India state that an expedition is being prepared to advance against the notorious Black Mountain chief, Hashim Ali, who refuses to submit to British authority and recently murdered two native soldiers of the British army.

Rubenstein has resigned as director of the musical conservatory of St. Petersburg. The alleged reason is that the Emperor returned no answer to a communication sent by Rubenstein formulating a scheme for the reorganization of the conservatory.

It is announced that the Argentine government has agreed to buy outright the Buenos Ayres Drainage and Water Works for £6,750,000 in 5 per cent. bonds, with the stipulation that the company shall finish the works according to their original contract.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—The market is steady, with a moderate demand. Quote: Valley, $1.22½@1.25; Walla Walla, $1.12½@1.5. The English cargo market is reported quiet but steady. Liverpool spot wheat opened and closed rather easier, and futures were generally lower at the close. Eastern markets are dull and easier.

FLOUR—The market is steady. Quote: Standard, $3.80; Walla Walla, $3.60@3.80 per barrel.

OATS—The market is firm, and still in good demand at present prices. Quote: White, 60c per bushel.

MILLSTUFFS—Quote: Bran, $21; Shorts, $22.50; Ground Barley, $32.50; Chop Feed, $25 per ton; Barley, $1.25@1.30 per cental.

HAY—Quote: $16@18 per ton.

VEGETABLES—Quote: Cabbage, $1.25@1.50 per cental; Cauliflower, $1 per doz; Celery, 50c per dozen; Onions, 2¼@3c per pound; Carrots, $1 per sack; Beets, $1.50 per sack; Turnips, $1 per sack; Potatoes, $1.00@1.10 per cental; Squash, $2 per pcental.

FRUITS—The market is weak. Quote: Riverside Oranges, $3 25; Navels, $4.75@5.00 per box; Sicily Lemons, $5.50@6.00 per case; Pears, 1½c per pound; Apples, 60@85c per box; Pineapples, $3.50@4.00 per dozen; Bananas, $3@4 per bunch; Quinces, $1.25 per box.

NUTS—Quote: California Walnuts, 17½c; other varieties, 13c; Peanuts, 12c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 14@15c; new Brazils, 20c per pound; Cocoanuts, $1 per dozen.

CHEESE—The market is steady. Quote: Oregon, 13@14c; California, 9½@10c; Young America, 14@15c per pound.

BUTTER—The market is steady and the demand good. Choice lots sell readily, while poor goods are hard to sell at any price. Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 40@42½c; fancy dairy, 37½c; fair to good, 27½@30c; common, 20@25c per pound.

EGGS—The market is firm, and are more plentiful. The warm weather seems to have made the hens lay more; hence the market is being overstocked with Oregon produce. The market is also full of Eastern stock. Prices will probably go lower yet. Quote: Oregon, 25c; Eastern, 22½c per dozen.

POULTRY—The market is a little firmer. Quote: Chickens, $5.00; Ducks, $6@8; Geese, $9@10 per dozen; Turkeys, 14c per pound.

HOPS—The market is steady. Quote: 35c per pound.

WOOL—The market is firm. Quote: Valley, 16@20c; Eastern Oregon and Walla Walla, 10@16c per pound.

HIDES—The market is dull. Quote: Dry Hides, selected prime, 8@8½c, ½c less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30@50c; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@$1.25; shearlings, 10@20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3@3½c per pound.

NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, $3.20; Steel, $3.30; Wire, $3.90 per keg.

SHOT—Quote: $1.75 per sack.

The Merchandise Market.

Sugar has fallen ⅛c, and dealers look for further declines. The markets are well supplied, which keep up with the demand.

COAL OIL—Quote: $2.25 per case.

RICE—Quote: $6.25 per cental.

PICKLES—Quote: $1.25 5s; $1.10 3s.

CRANBERRIES—Quote: Cape Cod, $11 per barrel.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, $17, $18, $19; stock, $11@12 per ton in carload lots.

COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 23½c; Rio, 25½c; Arbuckle's, roasted, 26¼c per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, 3½c; Pink, 3c; Bayos, 4¼c; Butter, 3½c; Limas, 5½c per pound.

SUGARS—The market is firm. Quote: Golden C, 5c; extra C, 5¼c; dry granulated, 6¼c; cube crushed and powdered, 6½c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 12½c; Petite and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, $2.50 per box; Plummer-dried Pears, 10@11c; sun-dried and factory Plums, 11@12c; evaporated Peaches, 18@20c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs, 9c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Market steady. Quote: Table fruits, $2.00, 2½s; Peaches, $2.50; Bartlett Pears, $2.25; Plums, $1.65; Strawberries, $2.50; Cherries, $2@2.50; Blackberries, $2; Raspberries, $2.55; Pineapples, $2.75; Apricots, $2 00. Pie fruit: Assorted, $1.50 per dozen; Peaches, $1.50; Plums, $1.25; Blackberries, $1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, $1.25@1.50, according to quality; Tomatoes, $1.15@3.50; Sugar Peas, $1.40@1.60; String Beans, $1.10 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, $1.25@1.50; sardines, 80c@$1.60; lobsters, $2@3; oysters, $1.50@3.25 per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, $8.25; Crown, $7; Highland, $6.75; Champion, $6 per case.

The Meat Market.

The market is steady. Quote:
Beef—Live, 3¼@3½c; dressed, 6c.
Mutton—Live, 3½@4c; dressed, 7@8c.
Hogs—Live, 4½@5½c; dressed, 5½c.
Veal—5@8c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.

The market is firm. Quotations: Eastern Hams, 12½@13c; Breakfast Bacon, 10½@11c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 8½@11c per pound.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has authorized a favorable report on the bill increasing to $2,000,000 the final limit of the cost of the San Francisco public building. A favorable report has been ordered to the Senate on the bill appropriating for the purchase of a site $1,200,000.

The King of Sweden desires to present medals to the Captain and crew of the United States ship Baltimore, which conveyed the remains of the late Captain Ericsson to Sweden last year. A bill has been presented to Congress to permit the acceptance of the medals.