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THE PACIFIC COAST.

Woman Suffrage Bill Introduced in the Nevada Legislature.

A Pot-Pourri of Occidental Happenings, Reaching From Alaska to the Mexican Frontier.

A bill is to be introduced in Nevada's Legislature licensing bare-knucke fights in that State.

The Montana Senate has passed the House bill repealing the conspiracy law against organized labor.

Assemblyman Groves has introduced a measure in the Nevada Legislature providing for woman suffrage in that State.

It is said that the Oregon Pacific Company is asking for bids for a contract to furnish 50,000 more ties, to be used on the roae this summer.

Works for the refining of crude petroleum are about to be constructed at Ventura, Cal. They have a capacity of from thirty to forty tons a day.

The first of the long-threatened railroad condemnation suits against obdurate land owners in San Luis Obispo county, Cal., was filed one day last week, and other suits will immediately follow.

The Duke of Westminster, the wealthiest of the English noblemen, is engaged in a squabble in the courts with a surgeon named Surell over the cost of embalming the Duke's son, Lord Robert Grosvenor, who died at Constantinople.

In the suit of Mrs. Jane Clark against the Southern Pacific Company for $20,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received in the railroad accident at Lake Labish last November a Salem jury awarded the plaintiff $2,000.

The commission of fifteen members created by the act of the late Oregon Legislature to make and maintain a permanent channel of twenty-five feet depth from Portland to the sea held its first meeting in Portland one day last week.

The police of Port Townsend are looking for a man who sold Max Nathanson a check for $100. He signed his name "E. A. Johnson," and the check, which was drawn on the Griffith banking house of Seattle, proves to be a fraudulent one. Johnson has no funds there.

The erection of an olive mill at Palermo, Cal., in the near future is an assured fact. There will be enough trees in that vicinity come into bearing next season to keep a factory at work during the season, and in a few years the olive industry will be one of the greatest of the place.

A regular exodus of Mormons from Utah to Mexico is taking place. The Mormons have a tract of land in Chihuahua, which they are settling up. All over the territory they are preparing to go south to "live their religion." The head of the church is said to be encouraging emigration and putting up funds. It is estimated that at least 2,000 will leave this summer.

The palace being constructed on the Island of Corfu for Empress Elizabeth of Austria will contain 128 rooms, and there will be a separate building for the servants. There will be a park laid out in Viennese fashion. The palace and the park will be lighted by electricity, and a lighthouse with electric lamps will fling its light over the sea. The establishment will cost $1,000,000.

The contents of the stomach of Mrs. Greenwood, the lady who was drugged and shot by robbers near Napa, Cal., have been analyzed and prove to contain both chloroform and arsenic. The quantity found was sufficient to have killed her. It was noticed when she was discovered that no blood came from the bullet-hole in her head, and it is now evident that she was dead at the time the men shot her.

Senator Dolph of Oregon has introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War to give all the information now in his possession relative to the work at the Cascades, and whether there is any information to the effect that the work will cost more than the former estimates. The resolution was introduced on account of the reported statement by Major Hanbury that the estimates would have to be increased for this purpose.

At Tacoma Indian Agent Eels has swore out a warrant for the arrest of Robert Alland, proprieter of a railroad lodging house, charged with selling liquor to Indians. This is a test case. Since Judge Hanford's decision in the United States Court, that Indians might drink in their own houses, similar cases have been dismissed. Agent Eels will endeavor to prosecute under the State law and will carry the case to the Washington Supreme Court if necessary.

Tacoma lumber men are again devising measures to maintain uniform rates and prevent the disastrous cutting in prices which has been going on for some time past. At a meeting held at the Tacoma Hotel most of the mills in the city were represented. A plan which seemed to find favor was to pool the output and engage a manager to make a fair distribution of orders and sales on the basis of production. This question, however, stood in the way of immediate action, and it was referred to a special committee to prepare a plan and report.

On the question raised by the District Attorney of Siskiyou county, Cal., as to whether railroad lands and lands sold by railroads are assessable, and that railroad companies and purchasers from them, holding lands, could not be assessed because no patents have been issued for them by the government, Attorney-General Hart has decided against the railroads. Unless overruled, this decision will compel the payment of the taxes on 10,000,000 acres of land in that State, much of which is worth $5 an acre. Taxes thus gathered by the State and respective counties will aggregate $500,000 per annum.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Sureties of Arkansas' Treasurer Make Good His Shortage.

Wages of the Illinois Steel Company's Workmen to be Governed by Price of Steel Rails.

Alabama is building 500 miles of new railway.

Boston unions oppose biennial State elections.

The population of St. Louis is officially place at 451,770.

A Fourth Judicial district for Utah is proposed in Congress.

Illinois proposes to compel fire insurance policies to be paid in full.

Grand Master Workman Powderly denies the rumor that he has resigned.

In the Indiana Senate the World's Fair bill passed with the appropriation cut down to $200,000.

The revised official count of the census returns from Kentucky makes the population of the State 1,858,634.

New York will elect a Governor this year; so will Iowa, Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts and a few other States.

Kearney and the adjoining counties of Nebraska are now able to care for their destitute residents without outside assistance.

Secretary Mohler of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, reports that winter wheat looks much better now than it has at any season for several years.

The Postoffice Department is anxious for bids from responsible parties for transporting mails from San Francisco to Sitka, Alaska, and way ports.

Koch's lymph did not kill J. B. Ellis, a Kansas City consumptive, who had been inoculated. An autopsy showed no bad results from the use of lymph.

Sir John Macdonald thinks he has uncovered a conspiracy to force Canada into annexation with the United States. He is making a strong fight in this campaign.

The Arkansas State Treasurer has reported to the Legislature that ex-Treasurer Woodruff's sureties have paid him $63,740, the full amount of Woodruff's shortage.

James Dougherty, the insane lover of Mary Anderson, who shot and killed Dr. Lloyd of the Flatbush Insane Asylum, has been sentenced to Sing Sing State Prison for life.

Agents have already been sent to Japan, China, Algiers, South America, Mexico, and to different countries in the Orient to arrange for exhibits at the World's Fair.

The Northern Pacific Directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. and have decided to resume work on all projected extensions and push them to completion.

The statement issued by the Census Department for Alabama's population gives the total as 1,613,017; of this number 830,796 are white, 681,421 are colored, 750 are Indians and 40 are Chinese.

The following confimations have been made: Lieutenant-Colonel A. K. Arnold to be Colonel of cavalry; George Stoneman, Lieutenant-Colonel (retired), to be Colonel of infantry; Edmund Wells, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

The wages of the workmen of the Illinois Steel Company at Chicago will be governed by the price of steel rails. When the price goes up the wages of the men will be increased, and when the price goes down the wages will be decreased correspondingly.

The Indian depredation bill goes to the Conference Committee. It is of great importance to California and the Pacific Northwest, as it contemplates the speedy settlement of all claims against the Government, some of which have been pending for years, on account of Indian raids and encroachments.

Senator Jones of Nevada stated before the Silver Pool Committee that he was not personally interested in silver speculation during the present Congress, and knew nothing whatever of any silver pool, combination or organization. He was well acquainted with the silver men and was quite sure if there had been any pool he would have known it.

The census bureau has announced that there are 1057 irrigated farms in Arizona, having a total area of 65,321 acres. The average cost of the land, including purchase price, fencing, plowing and water right, is $16 92 an acre, of which $7.05 represents the cost of water right, and the average valuation placed upon the land by owners is $48.68 per acre. This includes the buildings. The average annual cost of water is $1.55 per acre, and the average annual value of the products is $13.92 per acre, ranging from $9.26 in Maricopa to $31 in Yavapai county. The acreage now under irrigation approaches the maximum possible with the present water supply, and the methods of utilization, but conversion of flood waters that now annually run to waste would largely increase the area susceptible of successful cultivation.

The opponents of the Pacific cable subsidy scheme have a new weapon to use in their fight against the subsidy act. Another company has appeared which proposes to build a longer cable without a subsidy. The Pacific Cable Company asks the government to give them $3,000,000 to aid in laying the cable to Honolulu, a distance of 2,000 miles; the other company proposes to build to Shanghai, 6,500 miles, and asks for nothing but a revival of the charter granted to it by Congress, August 15, 1876, and which expired in 1879, no cable having been laid. This old company was formed by Celso Cæsar Marino, and in it were Senator Leland Stanford, J. C. Flood and several other California millionaires. They were promised a subsidy of $1,000,000 by the Hawaiian government as soon as the cable was laid. The capitalists did not see a sufficient and speedy return for their money, the scheme fell through and the charter lapsed. Marino now represents to Congress that the company is ready to go ahead without any subsidy if the charter is revived. Opposition to the subsidy idea is very strong, and to defeat it an extension of the old company's charter will be urged.

FOREIGN NEWS.

German Government Reduces the Tariff for Inland Telegrams.

Experiments Made at Lake Como With Submarine Cannon—King Otto Approaching Death.

The tithes bill has passed to its second reading in the British House of Lords.

Vienna is to have a 150-mile electric road that will make eighty miles an hour.

The sewerage system is attracting considerable attention in London and Berlin.

The plot to put Celman in power in the Argentine has been nipped in the bud.

The Paris police have removed the statue of Marat from the park in which it stood.

An outbreak of malignant fever has caused a terrible mortality among the European population on the west coast of Africa.

The French tactician, General Boisdeffree, says Emperor William avowed to him that the French had the finest army in Europe.

The proposed visit of the young King Alexander of Servia to the Czar will probably take place in the course of the present year.

Mrs. Jameson claims to have found evidence in Zanzibar, throwing entirely new light on the quarrel between Jameson and Stanley.

Lord Randolph Churchill is going on a nine months' shooting and prospecting tour of South Africa. This is taken to show that a general election is not imminent.

The German government has reduced the tariff for inland telegrams from 1 cent and 4 mills per word to 1 cent and 2 mills, with a minimum charge of 16 cents.

General Da Fonseca, who was chosen Provisional President of Brazil at the time of the overthrow of the empire, has been formally elected President of the Republic.

James Fitz-James Stephen, the English Judge before whom Mrs. Maybrick was tried, has broken down. It has been evident for some time that his mind was giving away.

Emperor William is greatly displeased with the recent speech made by the Secretary of the Committee on Naval Estimates. It is said his resignation has been asked for.

The Conservatives and National Liberals of Dresden are urging Herr Hulizch to resign his seat in the Reichstag so as to permit of Prince Bismarck being elected to his place.

The municipal authorities of Berlin have decided that no more concessions shall be granted for elevated electric street railways or for electric railways requiring overhead conductors.

The Pope contemplates making a large accession to the Cardinalate early in the coming summer. The death of Cardinal Cristofori leaves thirty-two Italian Cardinals and twenty-eight foreign Cardinals.

The threatening state of affairs in the Charleroi district, Belgium, caused by the workmen's demand for the passage of a universal suffrage law, has necessitated the holding of troops in readiness by the government.

M. de Freycinet, French Minister of War, is contemplating a scheme for the most extensive army maneuvers ever undertaken in time of peace. He will mass four army corps in the Department of Haute Marne.

If Parnell decides to send delegates to America, they will represent his personal policy, and the funds they collect will be subject to his control in furtherance thereof. He is being strongly urged by friends to send such delegations.

A dispatch from Massowah says a body of Italian friendlies under Captain Pinelli in revenge for a raid on the Italian frontier surprised and attacked 600 Soudanese near Buri, and routed them in two battles, killing 200, including the leading chiefs.

There is reason to believe that, with the completion of the railroad line from Jaffa to Jerusalem, and with the construction of other new lines, Palestine will attract far greater multitudes of pilgrims than have been seen there since the time of the Crusades.

An official dispatch to the Chilian legatian at London states that the revolution in Chili is confined to the rebel squadron and the troops at Tarapaca. The greater part of the country is quiet, and the regular troops and the national guard are supporting the government.

Experiments were made two weeks ago in Lake Como with a submarine cannon. The gun can be lowered to any depth desired and remain quite invisible when in the water. Its projectiles may be discharged at will with most destructive results without the use of electricity. The gun is destined for the defense of ports, bays and gulfs.

Liebreich's new method of treating tuberculosis was described by the discoverer the other day. The substance used is cantharidate of potash, which is administered in solution by systematic injections under the skin. Clinical experiments seem to prove it is remedial in tuberculosis and other diseases. Liebreich says he is still carrying on investigations, and the announcement is made prematurely.

Considerable satisfaction is felt in France over the coolness with which the Pope treated the Duchess D'Uzes, the noted friend of General Boulanger, who in her own behalf and that of the Count of Paris supplied the General with funds for his conspiracy against the Republic. The Pontiff, it is stated, hardly noticed the Duchess when she visited the Vatican, and accorded her such scant courtesy that she has been buried in mortification ever since. It was the object of the Duchess to influence the Pope to turn from his attitude of friendliness toward the French Republic, but she was not given an opportunity to say a word, the Pope immediately passing on to the other visitors.

PORTLAND MARKET

WHEAT—Firm, with good demand. Offerings moderate. Quote: Valley $1.06; Walla Walla, $1.20@1.22½.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, $4.00; Walla Walla, $3.85 per barrel.

OATS—Quote: 38@40c per bushel.

MILLSTUFFS—Quote: Bran, $18@19; Shorts, $19@20; Ground Barley, $20@31; Chop Feed, $25 per ton; Barley, $1.25@1.50 per cental.

HAY—Quote: $16@17 per ton.

VEGETABLES—Quote: Cabbage, $1.50@1.75 per cental; Cauliflower, $1@1.25 per dozen; Celery, 90c per dozen; Onions 3@3½c per pound; Carrots, $1.00 per sack; Beets, $1.50 per sack; Turnips, $1 per sack; Potatoes, 70@75c per cental; Tomatoes, $2.25 per box.

FRUITS—Quote: Los Angeles Oranges, $2@2.25; Riverside, $2.50@2.75; Navels, $4.50 per box; Sicily Lemons, $5.50@6.00; California, $4@5 per box; Pears, 1½c per pound; Apples, $1@1.50; per box; Bananas, $3@4 per bunch; Pineapples, $5@8 per dozen.

NUTS—Quote: California Walnuts, 11½c; Hickory, 8½c; Brazils, 22c; Almonds, 16@17c; Filberts, 13@14c; Pine Nuts, 17@18c; Pecans, 17@18c; Cocoanuts, 8c per pound.

BUTTER—Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 40@42½c; fancy dairy, 37½c; fair to good, 27½@30c; common, 20@25c; California, 30@35c per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 14@15c; California, 16@18c per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 20@22½c per dozen.

POULTRY—Quote: Chickens, $5.00@6.00; Ducks, $8@10; Geese, $9@11 per dozen; Turkeys, 14@15c per pound.

HOPS—Quote: Nominally, 28c per pound.

WOOL—Quote: Willamette Valley, 16@20c; Walla Walla, 14@17c per pound.

HIDES—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.

The Merchandise Market.

COAL OIL—Quote: $2.20 per case.

RICE—Quote: $5.75@6.00 per cental.

PICKLES—Quote: $1.50@58; $1.33@3.

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, 22½c; Rio, 25½c; Arbuckle's, roasted, 26¼c per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, 3¾c; Pink, 3c; Bayos, 4¾c; Butter, 4½c; Limas, 5½c per pound.

SUGARS—Quote: Golden C, 4¾c; extra C, 5c; dry granulated, 6⅛c; cube crushed and powdered, 6⅜c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 12½c; Petite and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, $2.25 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, 2⅛s; 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.

HONEY—Quote: One-pound frames, 17c.

NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, $3.00; Steel, $3.10; Wire, $3.90 per keg.

SHOT—Quote: $1.75 per sack.

The Meat Market.

The market is steady.
Beef—Live, 3½@4c; dressed, 7c.
Mutton—Live, 4¼@4½c; dressed, 8c.
Hogs—Live, 4½@4¾c; dressed, 6c.
Veal—5@8c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.

Quote: Hams, 10c; Breakfast Bacon, 9@11c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 9¾c per pound.

A Dog Philosopher.

Not long since I had an excellent opportunity of observing one of the rovers. I am not learned in canine varieties, but should suppose he was some kind of mongrel terrier. Anyhow, he was an odd little creature, with body decidedly long in proportion to the legs, with a gray and brownish coat, which was so thin as to give him a mangy look, and, lastly, with a moist, sentimental eye. If dogs had their religious sects one would set him down as a Methodist. He belonged, with two other dogs, to a friend of mine, who used to bring them to my house when picking me up in his morning walk. The odd little creature contrasted strongly with another of the trio, who was about his own size, in the sedateness of his manner and his philosophic indifference to small canine worries.

Thus it was not uncommon to see his companion mentally upset by the sight of a butcher's cart proceeding, as he no doubt thought, at an indecorously wild pace. Or his usual serenity would now and again be rudely broken by the appearance of a cat, or even that apparently harmless creature, the cat's victim, the sparrow, which he would pursue in a frenzy of rage, leaping in impotent wrath underneath the tree to which the nimble little creature would naturally betake itself for shelter.

None of these things moved our canine philosopher. He paid not the slightest heed to his companion's violent rushings and barkings. As became a thinker, his voice was rarely heard. I have seen him set upon by his more mercurial companion in a fit of obstreperous jocosity, yet with admirable self restraint he would suffer himself to be barked at, knocked against, and even scrambled over, without uttering the slightest protest. It occurred to me that, like a recent British logician, he found the racket of the street favorable to philosophical abstraction.

Two Ways for Sunday.

"Do you sell hand painted pictures here?" asked a lank woman, in an avenue picture gallery.

"Yes, ma'am, we do," said the obliging picture dealer, rolling his hands a la Lady Macbeth, "any particular style?"

"You bet! Particular style is just what I'm after. Some folks out our way bought a picture here that hung two ways for Sunday. That's the kind I want."

"Two ways for Sunday? I don't think I understand you, ma'am."

"You don't look as if you did. Wall, when they fust got it they hung it up and it wos the nicest picture of all out doors. You ever see a real hand painted land escape?"

"Yes."

"On Sunday they turned it up side down, and it was one of them foreign cathedral churches, with fourteen steeples and a religious atmosphere. Now, I want one just like it, for if them stuck up Poppers can have one, I can. Trot it out."

The picture dealer struck a compromise on one that represented a fire scene in winter, and an ice palace in summer, but he said it was a close call.—Detroit Free Press.

It Does Not Always Work.

Here are two stories of Maine sheriffs. The first was a little Aroostook man, and one day he went with a warrant to arrest a certain farmer. He found him in the field and made known his errand. "All right," said the farmer, a big burly fellow, "I'm ready," and with that he lay down at full length on the ground. "But you don't expect me to carry you, do you?" asked the sheriff. "Certainly, you must take my body, you know." "Will you wait till I get a team?" "Can't say," and the upshot was that the sheriff went back without his prisoner. The other sheriff was a Franklin county man, likewise small, but plucky. He was sent to arrest a notorious offender, a 200 pounder, and found him on the hillside. Grinning at the officer, he lay back on the grass, saying, "If you get me you'll have to take me." Quick as a wink the sheriff grabbed the fellow by his feet and started down hill with him as fast as he could go, and the bumping the big man got soon shook all the fun out of him and he begged to be allowed to walk quietly by the side of the sheriff.—New York Sun.

Worthy a Monument.

"Say, undertaker, I want to buy the finest coffin you have."

"Who's dead?"

"Old Aunt Eliza, the colored woman who lived south of town. She was over 115 years of age."

"How did she come to die?"

"Sickness and poverty."

"How is it that so fine a coffin is wanted?"

"Oh, the grateful neighbors contributed to it. You see she never claimed to have been a servant to George Washington."—Nebraska State Journal.

Punishing a Boy.

"Bobby," said his mother sternly, "you go into the back yard and stay there. I'll teach you to open the front gate without permission."

Bobby went into the back yard, and was so quiet and good that at the end of an hour his mother relented and told him that he could play on the sidewalk a little while if he wouldn't go into the street.

"Ma," he said, "can't I play in the back yard a little while longer?"—New York Sun.

In Great Luck.

Friend—Was your uncle's will satisfactory to you, Brown?

Brown—Perfectly so. I'm a lucky dog! He left his entire fortune to an insane asylum.

Friend—You mean that you are an unlucky dog.

Brown—No, I don't: the other relations are going to contest the will, and I'm to be the attorney.—Life.

Plans are being drawn for seminary to be erected by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Ballard, Wash. The building will cost about $100,000 and will accomodate 500 pupils besides quarters for the Sisters. Work will be commenced early in the spring.

A lie will go a long way, but the sender usually has to pay the freight.

It were easier for a camel to get through the needle's eye than for the average man to get the end of a thread through.

Never do to-day what some one else will do for you to-morrow.

Puck has noticed that it takes two to make a bargain, but that only one can get the best of it.

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