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THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Gila River Shifts Its Course Nearly One Mile.

Two of the California Train Robbers Reported to be in Custody—Other Occidental News.

At Phœnix, A. T., during the storm ninety houses fell, but no lives were lost. At Globe a dozen houses fell, and two lives were lost.

The Arizona Legislative Council has passed the woman-suffrage bill by a vote of 10 to 2. It is believed the bill will pass the House.

Seattle is to have a flour mill with a capacity of 600 barrels a day. The capital stock of the company that will operate it is $200,000.

The California Board of Agriculture strongly indorse General N. P. Chipman for the head of the department of horticulture at the World's Fair.

A resolution has been introduced in the Washington Legislature changing the name of Mount Rainier, the sentinel of the Cascades, to Mount Sherman in memory of the dead General.

A resolution was offered in the Nevada Legislature doing away with the iron-clad duel oath heretofore taken by all officers in Nevada. If this is repealed, a duelist will be eligible to hold office in that State.

Bradstreet's mercantile agency reports thirteen failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with fourteen for the previous week and fifteen for the corresponding week of 1890.

Santa Cruz, Cal., is making preparations for the centennial celebration of the founding of the Mission of Santa Cruz. A memorial cross will probably be built on the spot where the first cross was erected 100 years ago by the Mission Fathers.

A Glendora young man took to Los Angeles a California condor that measured 9 feet 11 inches from tip to tip. It was caught during the storm. It was found in a path with thick brush on each side, and being unable to fly, was caught. It will be mounted.

The Emma Juch Company was detained in Idaho by a snow blockade. A special train ran seventy-five miles an hour for 250 miles, and reached Ogden, where the company was to open, in time to begin the performance at 10 o'clock. The house was packed.

According to the Superintendent of the Mint of San Francisco Alaska turned out gold amounting to $177,428; Oregon, gold, $1,089,125, and silver, $129,199; Washington, gold $204,000, silver $9 0.25; Nevada, gold $2,805,740, silver $5,738,060; California, gold $11,250,913, silver $1,144,000.

Reports received in Los Angeles are to the effect that two of the Alila train robbers are in custody. One is in jail at Tulare, and the other has been arrested by the Sheriff of San Luis Obispo county. It is said that both are positively identified as the robbers. The third man is believed to be wounded and in Los Angeles receiving medical treatment.

School section 16 near Tacoma, about which there was any amount of litigation a few months ago, when John J. McBride and others endeavored to obtain possession by filing mineral claims, is again filed upon by Joseph Duggan, who seeks to cover twenty-nine acres with mineral claims. The section is valued at $3,000,000 or $4,000,000, and is within the residence portion of the city.

A church investigation with closed doors involving very serious charges against Rev. S. J. Fleming, pastor of the Methodist Church at Monte Vista, Cal., began at the Simpson tabernacle in Los Angeles last week before a committee of ministers selected by the Presiding Elder of the district. There is a charge of embezzling $6,000 in connection with Chautauqua work at Redondo. Fleming is a brilliant young man, and has many friends.

The steamer Cascade, which was attached in January at Seattle by the United States Marshal to satisfy the the claim of Charles F. Frasch for $426.45 for supplies and provisions, was sold under execution for $1,700. There were ten interveners whose claims were for supplies and for wages as employes of the vessel. Joseph B. Carse was owner and master of the Cascade, which has been very unfortunate, and while tied up sank twice at the wharf.

J. L. Weeks, formerly an employe of the Fremont Mill Company at Seattle, has been awarded $8,000 damages against that company in the Superior Court for injuries sustained a year ago. He was acting as trimmer at the mill, when the the saw became loose and was thrown forward, striking his right arm, breaking the bones and lacerating the muscles in a terrible manner. He charged the company with negligence in using defective machinery, and sued for $15,950, but got only $8,000.

The British tramp steamer Scandinavia has made out a good case before the Secretary of the Treasury, and the customs officer at San Diego has been notified to clear her at once, notwithstanding the customs official at Santa Rosalia, Mexico, insists that clearance papers should have been obtained in Mexico.

Among railroad men at Los Angeles the feeling against Messenger Haswell is very strong. They believe that he killed the firemen when he fired through the car door at the Alila train robbers. The engineers and firemen on the Southern Pacific have declined to take out trains upon which he is running as messenger. Wells, Fargo & Co. have been forced to take him off the road, and have given him a position in the Los Angeles office. In addition Haswell was presented with a gold watch and chain and $500 in cash for his faithful services.

EASTERN ITEMS.

The Police of Indianapolis Raiding Ogling Dudes.

Report of the Director of the Mint for the Calendar Year 1890, Showing the Gold and Silver Product.

Gifts for the Massachusetts Home for Odd Fellows amount to $70,000.

It is reported that the Vanderbilts are purchasing Michigan iron mines.

Austin, Texas, is expending $1,400,000 in building a granite dam across the Colorado river.

The police of Indianapolis are raiding the dudes who ogle women as they come out of the theater.

An alabaster quarry, miles in extent, has been discovered in the foothills near Canyon City, Col.

There is a proposition before the Indiana Senate to increase the State liquor license from $100 to $200.

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas House forbidding the enforcement of the payment of mortgages in gold.

Boston architects have carried off the prize offered for the best design for a Board of Trade building in Montreal.

The Kentucky Constitutional Convention defeated the proposition to make adultery the only cause for absolute divorce.

A company has been formed with $3,000,000 of capital to build a railroad from Milwaukee to Superior, a distance of 340 miles.

In part two of the General Sessions Court at New York Judge Martine fined Jay Gould $100 for failing to respond to a jury summons.

A congress of American whist players will be held at Milwaukee April 14 to 17 to frame a code of laws for the government of American players.

The Great Northern and the Seattle and Montana railroads have practically consolidated, and through trains will soon be running to Seattle from St. Paul.

The death rate for the entire State of New York is figured by the State Board of Health at 19.65. The death rate in the State outside the large cities is about 16.

A clergyman in New York has declined to permit an engaged couple to rehearse in his church the wedding ceremony which is to be performed at Easter.

During the past six years Minnesota has paid $78,834 for wolf bounties. During certain months of the year the bounty is only $3 per scalp, while during other months it is $5.

A Vienna correspondent says he has authority to state that the recent negotiations carried on among the courts of Vienna, Berlin and Rome insure a renewal of the dreibund.

It is stated in New York that the stable of the late Senator Hearst will not only be maintained, but that his son will establish a stable at Baricoa, N. M., from which he will recruit the stock of racers.

The Vatican authorities are in receipt of numerous letters from the United States requesting the Pope to reinstate Dr. McGlynn. Contrary to reports, Cardinal Gibbons is not mixed up in this affair.

Texas refuses to make an appropriation for the World's Fair. The State will be represented, however, on a big scale by private subscriptions, and a movement for raising the money will be inaugurated at once.

The local directory of the World's Fair has begun suits against a large number of delinquent subscribers. In all there are about 6,000 small stockholders who have not paid their assessments, and collections will be pushed.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana Legislature providing that any man who shall be proven guilty of whipping his wife shall himself receive sixty lashes and that the public shall be admitted to the jail yard to see him whipped.

A new Polar expedition is on the cards. It will be undertaken by Civil Engineer Robert B. Peary of the United States navy, who has just secured leave of absence for eighteen months, with this object in view, from the Navy Department.

The family of General Barrundia has filed a claim against the United States government with the Secretary of State. It has been made without the consent of the country of which the claimants are citizens, and that fact is considered a fatal defect.

The leading type founders of the country have about completed plans for the formation of a trust. It is designed to include all of the thirty-odd manufacturers of type in the United States. This will bring about a uniformity in price and also in type bodies. The latter will be a good thing for printers and publishers everywhere.

An investigation by the government has shown that the Standard Steel Company of Thurlow, Pa., furnished the government with defective castings, and the flaws were skillfully concealed. The London Steel Company of Pittsburg did the same thing, but in the latter case it was the work only of an employe.

An interesting petition has reached the members of the Illinois General Assembly. It is signed by some of the best known of Chicago's society ladies, and is a protest against a bill extending municipal suffrage to women and denouncing as false and pernicious all attempts to secure legislation in that direction.

A jury in a court at Mexico, Mo., brought in such an outrageous verdict that the Judge dismissed them in this humiliating fashion: "It is the sentence of this Court that the Sheriff conduct you to the rear door of the Courthouse and allow you to depart, as your services will not be again required during my term of office.

A New York *Tribune* Washington correspondent says: The only point made against Senator Blair as Minister to China that has any real weight is his attitude upon the Chinese question. He has opposed in the Senate the admission of Chinese to this country, and in one of his reports he has used rather strong language in describing the character of the Chinese quarter in San Francisco.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Australian Wheat Surplus Said Not to be Great.

The Movement Against the Jews in Austria Conspicuous in the Contest Over the Coming Elections.

General Booth will build a Salvation hall in Berlin.

Correspondents in Spain note a very strong undercurrent of republicanism.

Various schemes are being tried in Paris for the improvement of the condition of the poor.

Holland's Minister of War has introduced a bill increasing the kingdom's army to 365,000 men.

Ex-Prime Minister Crispi is afraid to plead a case at Marseilles for fear the French will hoot him.

Scarlatina is reported raging with exceptional virulence among the young troops in the Versailles garrison.

The German Railroad Minister has caused a panic among the coal-trust people by ordering coal from England.

The Minister of the Italian Treasury has presented a budget in which the reductions will amount to 74,000,000 lire.

The rejection of the slavery resolution has caused a tremendous sensation in Brusseis. King Leopold is greatly incensed.

The proposed Forth and Clyde ship canal will come up at the forthcoming meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London.

It is stated that a royal commission, of which Joseph Chamberlain, M. P., is Chairman, has been appointed to inquire into the effect of coal dust in colliery explosions.

The London Corporation has added upward of thirty acres to the acreage of Epping forest by the completion through the City Solicitor of the purchase of a portion of Higham park.

Preparations are being made for a heraldic exhibition in the Scottish portrait gallery, Edinburgh, in connection with the annual conference of the Archæological Association, which will be held in that city in June next.

It has transpired that Helena Markovic and Helena Knicanine, who attempted to kill King Milan in 1882, have been strangled to death in prison. Milan has requested Garaschamine to institute an inquiry into the killing.

In the English Commons Labouchere moved the reduction of the army estimates by £100,000 on account of the troops in Egypt. He said the troops ought to have been withdrawn long ago. The motion was rejected under cloture—140 to 55.

The announcement in several American newspapers that Archbishop Williams of Boston will be appointed Cardinal is not true. Archbishop Williams has written a letter to the Pope requesting his Holiness not to impose that honor upon him.

The distinguished Russian traveler in Central Asia, Colonel Peytsoff, and his companions are expected in St. Petersburg this month. They will bring details of their discovery of a tract of land several hundred meters under the level of the sea.

A Zanzibar dispatch says that, notwithstanding the resignation by the British government of the rights of Portugal in Manicaland, the British flag continues to fly at Marsel, and the British South African Company shows no signs of retiring.

The united Chambers of Commerce of London at a general meeting discussed the subject of ocean penny postage. A resolution urging the early adoption of that rate and to bring a pressure on the government to bring it before Parliament was passed.

The British government, under pressure from merchants in the Brazilian trade, is taking steps to obtain for Great Britain an assurance of commercial privileges in that country equal to those granted other nations. English merchants are afraid the reciprocity treaty between Brazil and the United States will divert much of the trade to the latter country.

Sir Charles Dilke, who will be remembered as in connection with the notorious Crawford-Dilke divorce case, is standing for a seat in the Commons. He has issued a pamphlet stating that Captain Forster should have been corespondent instead of himself. Dilke's candidacy is violently opposed by prominent English prelates, and a large petition against his return has been circulated.

The military strength of the Germans along the French frontier is said to be very great. The discipline maintained is the same as if the two countries were upon the verge of war. The regiments at Metz are kept almost constantly under arms, and nearly every night are turned out on an alarm to test their capacity for promptness in real emergency.

In an article in the London *Graphic* on the Canadian crisis the Marquis of Lorne says: "The annexation scare is useful to bring home to our minds the fact that the colonies are practically independent nations." He, however, ridicules the idea that Canada desires to barter her political independence for the "government of the Stars and Stripes."

Vienna advices say that the movement against the Jews is conspicuous in the contest over the coming elections, and in Vienna and several of the provinces the elections will turn almost wholly on this issue, the anti-Semites declaring that they will drive them from the country.

England is closely watching the reciprocity feature of the new tariff law of the United States. Lord Salisbury has instructed the British Minister to Brazil to insist upon securing for Great Britain the "most-favored-nation" treatment in the event of Mr. Blaine's succeeding in his negotiations for a commercial treaty favorable to the United States.

A cable dispatch to the London *Standard* estimates the wheat crop of South Australia at 12,000,000 bushels or about 2,000,000 bushels less than that of last year. The Victorian crop, on the other hand, is believed to be about 5,000,000 bushels more than that of 1890. But the production in New South Wales and New Zealand is so much smaller than it was last year that the surplus of Australia cannot be great.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—There is a very firm tone to the local market, and the export demand is good, but offerings are very light and trading quiet. Quote: Nominally, $1.25 for Walla Walla and $1.30@1.32½ for Valley.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, $4.10; Walla Walla, $3.75@3.80 per barrel.

OATS—Quote: 58@60c per bushel.

MILLSTUFFS — Quote: Bran, $18.00; Shorts, $19.00; Ground Barley, $29.00; Chop Feed, $25.00 per ton; Barley, $1.25 @1.30 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; Asparagus, 37½c per pound; Parsnips, $1 per sack.

FRUITS—Quote: Los Angeles Oranges, $2@2.25; Riverside, $2.25@2.50; 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, 18c; Almonds, 16@17c; Filberts, 13@14c; Pine Nuts, 17@18c; Pecans, 17@18c; Cocoanuts, 8c; Hazel, 8c; Peanuts, 8c per pound.

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

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 14@15c; California, 15½@16½c per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 20c 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, 20c 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: $1.95 per case.

RICE—Quote: $5.75@6.00 per cental.

HONEY — Quote: One-pound frames, 17c.

PICKLES—Quote: $1.50 5s; $1.33 3s.

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

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, $16, $16.50, $17; stock, $11@12 per ton in carload lots.

COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 21½c; Rio, 25½c; Arbuckle's, roasted, 26¾c 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, 6⅜c; cube crushed and powdered, 6⅝c 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, $2.00; Plums, $1.65. Strawberries, $2.50; Cherries, $2@2.50; Blackberries, $2.50; Raspberries, $2.50; 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, $8.10; Crown, $7; Highland, $6.75; Champion, $6 per case.

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, 4c; dressed, 7@8c.

Mutton—Live, 4¼@4½c; dressed, 8c.

Hogs—Live, 4½@4¾c; dressed, 5c.

Veal—5@8c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.

Quote: Hams, 10c; Breakfast Bacon, 9@11c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 10½c per pound.

Wonders of the Dead Sea.

One of the most interesting lakes or inland seas in the world is the Dead sea, which has no visible outlet. It is not mere fancy that has clothed the dead sea in gloom. The desolate shores, with scarcely a green thing in sight, and scattered over with black stones and ragged driftwood, form a fitting frame for the dark, sluggish waters, covered with a perpetual mist, and breaking in slow, heavy, sepulchral toned waves upon the beach. It seems as if the smoke of the wicked cities was yet ascending up to heaven, and as if the moan of their fearful sorrow would never leave that God smitten valley.

It is a strange thing to see those waves, not dancing along and sparkling in the sun as other waves do, but moving with measured melancholy, and sending to the ear, as they break languidly upon the rock, only doleful sounds. This is, no doubt, owing to the great heaviness of the water, a fact well known, and which we amply verified in the usual way, for, on attempting to swim, we went floating about like empty casks. This experiment was more satisfactory in its progress than in its results, which were a very unctuous skin and a most pestiferous stinging of every nerve, as if we had been beaten with nettles. Nor was the water we took into our mouth a whit less vile than the most nauseous drugs of the apothecary.

That fish cannot live in this strong solution of bitumen and salt is too obvious to need proof; but to say that birds cannot fly over it and live is one of the exaggerations of travelers, who perhaps were not, like ourselves, so fortunate as to see a flock of ducks reposing on the water in apparently good health. And yet this was all the life we did see. The whole valley was one seething caldron, under a more than tropical sun. God forsaken and man forsaken, no green thing grows within it, and it remains to this day as striking a monument of God's fearful judgments as when the fire from heaven devoured the once mighty cities of the plain.—Missionary Herald.

The Grant Collection.

The Grant collection at Washington is alone worth a fortune. In one case there is a complete collection of gold and silver coins of Japan which has a wonderful numismatic value, as it is the only complete set in existence, except one in the Japanese treasury. Some of the gold coins are a quarter of an inch thick and as big round as the top of a dinner pail. Seven of them cost $5,000, and there are perhaps 100 coins in the collection.

In another case there are half a dozen large elephant tusks which the king of Siam gave to Grant, and there are six pieces of costly jade stone given him by one of the princes of China. All of the swords presented to him are here, and many of these have diamonds set in their handles. The sword given to Grant by the Sanitary fair at New York has a solid gold head representing the Goddess of Liberty, which has two rubies, two diamonds and two sapphires set in it. The sword of Chattanooga has fourteen diamonds and two sapphires set in it, and many of the gifts which he received from foreign monarchs are of gold set with diamonds. One of the medals in the collection contains six hundred dollars' worth of gold.—Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

Greeting the Prince.

A good story is recorded in connection with the Prince of Wales' visit to Lord Brooke's country seat in Essex. After opening the Essex Agricultural show at Chelmsford the prince and several other distinguished guests, including Lady Randolph Churchill, Baron Hirsch, Col. Stanley Clark and Mr. Chaplin, M. P., were entertained at Easton lodge. On the following day the party drove to Lord Braybrook's seat at Audley End. Horses were changed en route at the rural village, Wimbish. While this was being done an elderly laborer approached the royal party, and addressing the prince said:

"Beg yer parding, sir, I should loike to drink yer health; we doan't see yer ev'ry day."

Laughing heartily his royal highness drew half a crown out of his pocket and handed it to the man, with the injunction:

"Don't spend it all at once."

Putting the coin in his fob the old fellow, with another tug at his forelock, replied:

"Thank yer, thank yer, guvner; yer the best gen'leman I know on round about this 'ere levee."—London Tit-Bits.

Cactus Juice a Good Medicine.

As a New Yorker, whose very red nose is not unknown on Broadway, turned into the Fifth Avenue hotel one afternoon he passed William Cooper, the Mexican business man. "If he only knew it," said Cooper of the gentleman with the nose, "a diet of cactus juice, fresh from the plant night and morning, would bleach his complexion to a beautiful purity. Americans do not appreciate the value of the cactus until they have lived in Mexico for some time. The fruit, tunas, is delicious, and the juice the best blood purifier, I believe, to be found in the vegetable kingdom. People who live where the cactus grows do not need any medicine.—New York Letter.