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PACIFIC COAST.

A Portion of Fresno City, Cal., Inundated.

A WIDOW AWARDED \$4,000.

The Legality of the San Diego Charter Practically Confirmed—Other Interesting News.

Regular trips to Catalina Island will begin the latter part of this month.

Eureka, Cal., proposes to have an opera house that will seat 1,500 people.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has just completed their session at Portland.

It is reported that an oil well at the West End, Los Angeles, is flowing forty barrels a day.

The birds received from Germany at Portland have spread all over the Willamette Valley.

A saw mill, with a capacity of 65,000 feet of lumber per day, will be erected at Coos Bay this summer.

The truth of the confession of Zwald at Sacramento that he murdered two wives in the East has been confirmed.

During the current gale at Del Norte the waves dashed spray over the tower of the Seal Rock lighthouse, 100 feet above the rock.

True bills have been found by the Walla Walla grand jury against seven soldiers who were engaged in the Hunt lynching affair.

The bark Coloma has just reached Portland from Hongkong with a large number of Chinese birds, which are to be turned loose.

The school census of Los Angeles city, just completed, shows an increase of 203 children between 5 and 17 years of age over last year's report.

Three Superior Judges, sitting in bank, have practically confirmed the legality of the San Diego charter, which has been in dispute for some time.

The putting of the Meador free-bridge bill into effect in Oregon has been inaugurated, and Portland people have now free bridges in sight.

Millions of dead carp line the shores of Owens Lake. The birds say they get down from the river and the chemicals of the lake soon kill them.

The Kaweah Colony Trustees, with one exception, have been fined \$301, so that they might appeal their case to the Circuit Court. They all averred they had no property, and will go to jail for thirty days.

A large number of Indians at the different Indian agencies in Arizona have applied to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago for space in which to exhibit their curios and articles of their own manufacture.

The extravagance and corruption of municipal affairs at Los Angeles have prompted the taxpayers to appoint committees to investigate the county and city officers and to look into the cost of managing cities of the same class in the East.

The large pumps of the Yuma (A. T.) Irrigation works were started the other day, running successfully and supplying an immense amount of water from the Colorado river. The Yuma pumping plant for irrigating is the first ever used in Arizona.

A three-story, attic and basement concrete building for the girls' dormitory at the Stanford University has been contracted for at a cost of \$55,000. It is to be completed by next September. Work has been commenced, and 200 men will be put on immediately.

Mrs. Augusta Schramm of Los Angeles, who asked \$50,000 from the Southern Pacific Company for the loss of her husband in October, 1887, has been awarded \$4,000 by the jury. This is the second trial of the case, the first trial being for the defendant.

Articles of incorporation of the Pasadena and Mount Wilson Railway Company have been filed at Los Angeles. The purpose of the company is to construct an electric railway twelve miles long to the summit of Mount Wilson in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

President Sidney Dillon says that the Union Pacific extension from Portland to Tacoma, on which \$2,000,000 have already been expended, will be built as soon as the company can conveniently get the money, and that the road between Portland, Tacoma and Seattle will be used jointly by the Union Pacific and Great Northern railroads.

The price of coal for household and steam purposes has not been so low in San Francisco as it is now for many years. The boycott on Wellington coal and the fact that many cargoes of it have arrived in this port has caused the price to drop to \$8.50 a ton at wholesale and \$10 retail. Other British Columbia and foreign coals are also selling much cheaper than at this season last year.

The water from the break in the Church canal near Fresno has inundated the northeastern portion of the city, and is coming in on several streets. The people are shut in their houses, and school children have difficulty in getting home. Water in the suburbs is four to six feet deep. The company will have several damage suits to attend to. There are fears that the water will reach the business center of the city.

Labor organizations and the builders and manufacturers of Helena, Mont., have locked horns on the boycott question. The latter has decided that its members have the right to employ any one, regardless of organization, on terms mutually agreeable, denying the right of any organization to dictate who shall be employed, and declaring that boycotts and strikes will be met by discharge in five days of all members of any organization responsible for a strike or boycott.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Ex-Governor Pierce Will Probably be Our Minister to China.

The contract for erecting the public building at Sacramento, Cal., has been awarded to Kreuzberger & Harvie at \$118,000.

The President has granted a pardon in the case of Charles L. Terry of Washington, convicted of facilitating the transportation of opium into the United States.

The Navy Department is not informed of any quantity of dutiable goods smuggled into this country by officers of the United States steamers Omaha and Swarta, as reported from San Francisco.

It is understood that Secretary Tracy has decided to sustain the action of Assistant Secretary Nettleton in the matter of the controversy between the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Knights of Labor, growing out of the recent dissatisfaction with the State printers on the ground of insubordination. It is stated positively that the men will not be restored, but will be given an opportunity to re-enter the service in the usual way.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding decided that queen bees are entitled to entry free of duty under the tariff providing for animals especially imported for breeding purposes, notwithstanding the requirement that pedigree showing a pure breed cannot possibly be complied with in their case. This is in harmony with the practice under the old tariff, but is in conflict with the practice under the present tariff of assessing duty on queen bees at a rate of 20 per cent. ad valorem, under the provision for animals not otherwise provided for. The present ruling is based on representations that these bees are never imported for other than breeding purposes, and that they are always of a superior breed.

It is reported that President Harrison has decided to send ex-Governor and ex-Senator Gilbert A. Pierce of North Dakota as our representative to China. Minister Pierce is now an editorial writer on the Minneapolis Tribune. He is a native of Indianapolis, and his personal relations with President Harrison were so intimate a nature that during his Senatorship his utterances were usually accepted as authoritative. The sending of Governor Pierce to China will, it is thought, be followed by the appointment of ex-Senator Blair to Japan. The salary is \$12,000 a year, the same as that attached to the Chinese mission, while the court to which he will be accredited is a far more desirable one from an American standpoint.

The Interior Department, acting upon the recommendation of the Indian office, has adopted a new departure in the management of grazing matters upon the Crow Indian reservation in Montana. The total unoccupied portion of the reservation has been divided into five grazing districts, and proposals for grazing the same are invited by advertisement. The proposals received were opened at the Crow agency. A permit agreement, covering each of said districts, was executed by Agent Wyman, with the highest bidder for each, said permits to be in force for a period of three years from July 1 proximo. It is believed the new arrangement will relieve the department of much annoyance and trouble and be decidedly better for the Indians and better for cattlemen.

CABLEGRAMS.

The Czar Sounded on an Invitation to Visit France.

The French Senate has passed the bill reducing the corn duties.

It is said Salvador and Guatemala have warned foreigners to secure their passports.

It is announced that the British Parliament will be prorogued the first week of August.

Lieutenant Rider's expedition to explore East Greenland has started from Copenhagen.

Sir Charles Dilke has agreed to contest the Forest of Dean at the next general election.

It is reported that ex-President Pierola of Peru, who escaped from prison in that country, is in New York.

Veuve, Dufetel, Grimans & Co., bankers of Amiens, France, have suspended operations. Liabilities, \$1,000,000.

The epidemic of outrages in China on the foreign population is increasing, and the Mandarins appear to encourage the feeling.

The French squadron threatens to bombard Nankin unless the sufferers of the recent riots are promptly indemnified by China.

Empress Frederick has caused an old ruin near her new castle to be turned into a hospital, and she personally attends patients there.

The appointment by the French government of Antonin Proust as art commissioner of the Chicago Fair is warmly approved in Parisian artistic circles.

Queen Victoria has bestowed the decoration of the Red Cross upon Mrs. Grimwood, wife of Commissioner Grimwood, who was killed in the recent rebellion in Manipur.

The peasant inhabitants of the Terek district in Russia blew up with powder a schoolhouse while it was filled with children, ten of whom were killed and twelve seriously wounded.

There is to be presented to the Portuguese Chamber a project to sell all the Portuguese colonies, except Angola, St. Thomas, Principe and Cape Verde, with a view of redeeming the national debt.

French Anarchists attempted to place wreaths on the spot where the Varin Communists were shot in 1871 and near the Montmartre Basilica, but the police prevented them and arrested six of the leaders.

Messrs. Turpin, Tripone, Feuvrier and Fessler have been committed at Paris for trial on a charge of treason in conspiring to sell the secrets of France, particularly the manufacture of the new explosive melinite, to foreigners.

Buffalo Bill's success in Brussels seems to have been remarkable. The Queen of the Belgians visited the Wild West show three times. Thousands were turned away for want of room at most of the performances notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Henry Irving's two sons are about to follow in the footsteps of their celebrated father and don the neck and bow tie. The elder one, Harry, will soon leave London for California, and the younger, Lawrence, will follow his brother on to the stage.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Dr. Brooks' Appointment as Bishop Confirmed.

CALL IS ELECTED SENATOR.

The Government Will Co-operate With the British Authorities in the Behring Sea Matter.

The World's Fair will have an electric house.

Fifty Tennessee farmers will settle in Nevada.

St. Paul women have begun an anti-Sunday theater crusade.

A new tunnel between Detroit and Canada will be 8,433 feet long.

The Commercial Cable Company has declared a dividend of 13 1/2 per cent.

The Councils of Kansas City say the companies must reduce the price of light.

The election of Senator Call is considered a defeat of the Alliance men in Florida.

A New York Judge has decided in an interesting suit at Utica that "truth is not libel."

The penny-in-the-slot weighing machines have been removed from Central Park, New York.

Would-be settlers are picking out choice spots in the Sac and Fox lands soon to be opened.

The students of Harvard and Yale were recently relieved of \$10,000 by a pair of card sharks.

The New York Tribune is to become the Morning Advertiser, and will be issued as a one-cent paper.

The Massachusetts House has rejected the bill making eight hours a day's work for State and city employees.

The Illinois Senate has voted 27 to 21 to lay on the table the bill to extend municipal suffrage to women.

A granite sarcophagus for the remains of the late P. T. Barnum is approaching completion at West Concord, N. H.

A corps of wheelmen is to be organized at Brooklyn, N. Y., as a part of the Thirtieth Regiment of State troops.

The strike on the Midland (Ind.) railway is at an end, and the company has paid all its back debts to the strikers.

The effort to make tobacco a staple crop in Florida is being continued on a large acreage and "with apparent success."

The late John T. Farish of New York city left the liberal sum of \$250,000 to various religious and charitable organizations.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Chandler says, if the Kaweah colonists are to be reimbursed, it must be by a special act of Congress.

Mad dogs are so numerous in Georgia that the Legislature will be urgently pressed to legislate concerning dogs at the next session.

The American Nurserymen's Association at Minneapolis has strongly protested against Maxwell's confirmation as chief of the horticultural exhibits at the World's Fair.

The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary have declined to accede to the veto of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and Dr. Briggs will continue his work at the seminary.

A trade organization has been effected among the Southern plaid mills to obtain a uniform standard of production and a better representation of the Southern plaids in the markets of the world.

Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania has to consider 263 bills passed by the recently adjourned Legislature, which he must approve, veto or allow to become laws by failure either to approve or veto.

Augustus St. Gaudens of New York, Henry Mitchell of Boston and Charles E. Barber of Philadelphia have been appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to select the designs for the new silver coins.

The whisky trust has at last acquired outright the only remaining important anti-trust establishment in the West—the great Chicago distilleries owned by Shufeldt & Co. and the Calumet Distilling Company.

The new postal cards will be along soon. There will be a size for ladies' use and one for business men, the former smaller and the latter larger than the card now in vogue. Grant's portrait constitutes the stamp.

The Treasury Department has under a recent decision of the Attorney-General converted the seigniorage accruing from the coinage of silver dollars into standard dollars, and is now issuing silver certificates against them.

The President has appointed Edward P. Thompson postmaster at Indianapolis, Ind., vice Wallace deceased, and ex-Congressman Owen of Indiana Superintendent of Emigration, an office created at the last session of Congress.

Major-General John M. Schofield, senior officer of the United States army, it is stated, is soon to be married to Miss Georgia N. Kilbourne of Keokuk, Ia. The young lady was a schoolmate of General Schofield's daughter.

A bright old lady of New York has suggested that the managers of the World's Fair as a matter of national pride, as well as for the astonishment of foreign visitors, should make a collection of Americans over 100 years old.

The letter carriers of St. Louis propose to fight the rule which prevents them from holding a picnic, because in doing so they come under the order which forbids them selling tickets for fairs, etc., or to solicit money contributions.

According to the official report of the New Hampshire Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Batchelder, more than half of the 1,300 farms which were reported a year ago as abandoned in that State have been disposed of to parties who will use them as summer homes.

It is alleged that a syndicate has been formed to break the Stewart will, and that the syndicate has been selling stock at the rate of \$1,500 for every \$50,000 that may be recovered by the claimants if the will is broken—that is, for every \$1,500 put up by the syndicate \$50,000 will come back to them if the will is broken.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Emperor of Germany Said Not to be a Florida Speaker.

Governor Hill is trying the virtue of a new hair restorer.

No Shirt has been elected chief of the Umatilla Indians. No Shirt, it is proper to remark, is no stripping.

Colonel John Hay, the author, has been suffering in London from a sharp attack of the prevalent influenza.

Secretary Rusk works more hours at his desk than any of his clerks, but this is true perhaps of all the Cabinet officers.

Dr. A. A. Miner's church in Boston will not accept his resignation, an offer which he has declined to make.

Ex-President Hayes declares there is no truth whatever in the statement that he is growing feeble in mind and body.

Of all the great men of England Salisbury is quoted as the most consequential and autocratic and the one most difficult to approach.

Leo XIII. will grant no more private audiences. Press comment upon the reports of the interview, rather than inability to hold them is the cause.

Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has sold his Scotch Highland estate to Mr. Coombe, the brewer. The price paid by Mr. Coombe is £100,000.

The Duke of Rutland is credited with exercising more influence over Queen Victoria than any individual since the death of the Earl of Deafield.

The Mayor of Chicago is alluded to by one paper of that city as "Hemp" Washburne. Hempstead is too long a name for a hustling place like Chicago.

President Harrison with a party of friends will go to Mount McGregor during the summer for the purpose of visiting the cottage in which General Grant died.

Thomas Beaver, the coal and iron magnate who died at Danville, Pa., recently, leaves an estate of \$4,000,000, and was noted for his philanthropy. Ex-Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania is his nephew.

Senor Antonio Batres, the new Minister to Washington from Guatemala, has filled this office once before, and still longer ago was secretary of the legation. He has an income of \$40,000 from his cocoa plantations.

The young Chinese Emperor has celebrated the completion of his twentieth year by picking out a new wife. Precedent allows a man of his rank seven of these companions, and this acquisition is only the second.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has decided to turn the Lathrop memorial in Albany over to the trustees of the local orphan asylum and endow it with \$5,000 a year, so as to secure relief from personal attention to this charity, which she founded in memory of her parents several years ago.

The venerable portrait painter, G. P. A. Healy, now 83 years of age, still plies the brush with skill and enthusiasm in Chicago. He has recently completed a portrait of the Duke d'Aumale, third son of Louis Philippe, for the Crear Library, for which the artist made a study at Chantilly.

Rev. T. E. Downing, assistant to the Episcopal Bishop of Jerusalem, is upon a visit to America, from which he has been absent since January, 1890. His purpose is to spread the knowledge of what the church is doing in the Holy Land and to ask aid for its support and the extension of its labors.

The Emperor of Germany is not a florid speaker, but is a plain, straightforward talker, and the reporters find it easy to get his meaning. It didn't require even a short-hand man to take these sentences from his Düsseldorf speech: "There is only one man in this country, and I am he. I shall suffer no other beside me. In this spirit I drink to the welfare of the province."

Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer has spoken out for the manual training schools: "We stand to-day with reverence before the boy or girl who can do any one thing perfectly—who can draw a perfectly straight line or hit the nail exact on the head. We who are older and missed this teaching will go down to our graves poorer because we missed being taught to hit straight, to see straight, which makes us think straight and speak straight."

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

A Man Kills Another for Sending His Wife an Insulting Letter.

Dr. Garrison, a prominent citizen of Wheeling, W. Va., who killed Dr. Baird last March, has been convicted of murder in the second degree.

Three men cruelly tortured a Chinaman at Squirrel Creek, near Grass Valley, Cal., to make him give up his gold. He may die from his injuries.

Jackson Rhodes, who murdered D. E. Shull, the school teacher, near Greenwood, Mendocino county, Cal., has surrendered, and is now in jail at Ukiah.

Herr Stapfeldt, Treasurer of the Ratzburg (Prussia) Savings Bank, has absconded, and a delinquency to the extent of 160,000 marks has been discovered in his accounts.

William M. Knight has been brought in to San Diego from Bear Valley, charged by Justice of the Peace Dinwiddie with shooting the legal gentleman's two boys with intent to murder them.

Ex-Mayor J. P. Johnson, J. T. Faulkner and Ed Waller, prominent citizens of Waldo, Ark., have been arrested by a United States mail inspector and charged with robbing mails at McNeil March 16.

The establishment of Hilton, Hughes & Denning, New York, was robbed the other night. Upwards of \$10,000 worth of diamonds were taken. The fact was kept secret in the hope of catching the burglars.

Charles W. Seidell, one of the Trustees of the village of East Grand Rapids, Mich., has been arrested for bigamy, and pleaded guilty. He has a record of five wives, all living, and was after a sixth when arrested.

Major John H. Walker, who was beaten by Alfred Hall because of the latter's jealousy of Walker's attentions to Mrs. Hall, has died of his injuries in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Hall has surrendered himself to the authorities.

Mary Baugie of Ironwood, Mich., has been arrested, charged with shoplifting. She has confessed, and a search of her home revealed over \$6,000 worth of stolen goods. She got rid of her ill-gotten gains through a store run at Haverly, Wis.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Catholics and Greeks Riot at Jerusalem.

THE NEW JAPANESE CABINET

The Portuguese Cortes Committee Approves of a Convention With England.

Brazil wants Russian immigrants.

Ireland will exhibit at the World's Fair.

Scotland farmers complain of a nice plague.

Brazil's exports for 1891 are estimated at \$200,000,000.

Japan will have a \$500,000 exhibit at the World's Fair.

It is reported the Rothschilds recently lost \$40,000,000 in speculation.

A pair of Zulu chiefs are said to be the present social lions in London.

Ex-King Milan's latest gambling bout resulted in a loss of \$30,000 to him.

The British Parliament proposes to pass a bill to exclude destitute immigrants.

Fifty thousand Jews have been thus far expelled from St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Eight thousand tailors are now idle in London, and their number is constantly increasing.

Thirty throats in the Congo country swallow about \$1,000,000 worth of fire-water a week.

The population now is about 4,800,000 in Portugal, 18,000,000 in Spain and 31,000,000 in Italy.

The Swiss people are preparing to celebrate the 600th anniversary of that hardy little Republic.

The Portuguese Cortes Committee has approved of a convention with Great Britain in relation to South Africa.

Balmaceda has released from prison many prominent citizens, they giving heavy bonds for their future conduct.

The Turkish brigands have released the prisoners they captured recently by derauling a train. The ransom was paid.

Catholics and Greeks at Jerusalem have been rioting. Turkish troops intervened, and several persons were killed.

The infant daughter of the Duchess of Fife is to be christened Alexandre in honor of its grandmother, the Princess of Wales.

Famine prices are said to be prevailing at Lique, meat selling at 70 cents a pound, potatoes at 20 a bag and flour at \$20 a bag.

The inventor of the Sims-Edison torpedo says his exhibition has created great excitement in Europe, where it has just been exhibited.

Sir William Gordon Cumming denies that there is any truth in the story that he is to be married shortly to Miss Florence Gardner of New York.

Great building operations in Rome and other Italian cities, begun on the expanding trade of the past, have been brought to ignominious collapse.

In consequence of Bolivia's recognition of the Chilean Congressional party as belligerents the Chilean Minister at La Paz has demanded his passports.

The rumored suspension of Russell & Co. of China has been confirmed, in consequence of which the New York, London and Boston branches have suspended.

The expense of governing Italy has increased from \$245,000,000 in 1881 to \$350,000,000 in 1889. The debt has advanced from \$2,014,257,932 in 1880 to \$2,324,825,329 in 1889.

The Duke of Argyll is a witness in a trial in Dunbarton concerning a certain cure for rheumatism in consequence of having given a testimonial of its value in return for free treatment.

The Japanese Cabinet has been reconstructed, with Ito as President of Council, Takato as Minister of Public Instruction, Tanaka as Minister of Justice, and Shingala as Minister of the Interior.

The King of Belgium will soon visit England, and before he leaves for home Stanley will probably have told him definitely whether he will go back to Africa as Governor of the Congo Free State.

A quarter of million Hebrews are to be driven out of Russia forthwith. Warsaw alone has given 30,000 of them notice to depart. There are supposed to be about 7,000,000 Hebrews in Russia.

At a Socialistic meeting in Paris one of the citizens present moved that the death of the Minister of the Interior, M. Constans, should be voted by the Assembly. The President refused to put the motion to a vote.

Marie Wilt, the famous retired prima donna, has been dismissed as completely cured from the private asylum at Felford, near Prague, and the free disposition over her fortune of 500,000 florins has been restored to her.

Archbishop Croke declares that many of the Irish members of the Commons are desirous of settling the trouble existing in the Nationalist party by forming a union of the factions and selecting John Dillon as their leader.

And now Germany is threatened with an invasion of cheap Italian labor, a large gang of laborers from Italy having been engaged by iron masters at Frankfurt at wages much smaller than are paid to skilled German workmen.

There is very great misery among the working classes in Rome. Owing to the decline in values and stagnation of building interests, thousands are out of employment. The multitude of beggars has never been so great or importunate.

That great engineering work, the Corinth canal, which will sever the Peloponnese from the mainland of Greece, and will permit the largest ships to pass directly from the Gulf of Athens to the Gulf of Corinth, is said to be rapidly approaching completion.

The property left by Sir Richard Sutton, who raced the Genesee for the America cup, is over \$55,000,000. The heir to the estate is a posthumous child, only just born. The accumulation by the time he comes of age will be something prodigious to think of.

PORTLAND MARKET.

It is Well Stocked With Vegetables—Staple Groceries Are Active.

Strawberries are plentiful. All fruits are in good supply and fair demand. The market is well stocked with vegetables of all kinds, but the demand is only fair. Potatoes are weak. Eggs are more plentiful. Quotations on butter are strong. Good quality is selling readily at good prices. Chickens, both old and young, are in good demand; also young geese, but there is little call for turkeys. There is practically nothing doing in the wool market. Trade in staple groceries is active, and a decline in sugar is daily looked for. The coffee market is weak.

Produce, Fruit, Etc.
WHEAT—Walla Walla, \$1.50; Valley, \$1.00 per bushel.

Flour—Quote: Standard, \$5.25; Walla Walla, \$5.00 per barrel.

OATS—Quote: 60¢@62¢c per bushel. HAY—Quote: \$16@17 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Quote: Bran, \$21.00; Shorts, \$25.00; Ground Barley, \$33.00@34.00; Chop Feed, \$25@26 per ton; Barley, \$1.25@1.30 per cental.

BUTTER—Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 25¢; fancy dairy, 22¢; fair to good, 17¢@20¢; common, 14¢; California, 22¢@24¢ per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 13¢@15¢; California, 12¢ per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 22¢@25¢c per dozen; Eastern, 22¢c.

POULTRY—Quote: Old Chickens, \$5.50@6; young chickens, \$3.50@5.00; Ducks, \$7.50@8.00; Geese, nominal, \$10 per dozen; Turkeys, 15¢ per pound.

VEGETABLES—Quote: Cabbage, \$1.50 per cental; Cauliflower, \$