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PACIFIC COAST.

Fruit-Growing in Arizona Territory.

POPULATION OF MINIVOK.

Two Hundred Miners Arrive in One Day at the New Mining Camp in Utah.

Strawberries grow in Alaska, and now is mid season for them.

Arizona hopes soon to be a rival to California in the fruit-growing line.

It is again reported that the Dunsmuirs have sold the Wellington collieries to a syndicate.

It is reported that within the last six months 150 young women have taken up timber claims in the State of Washington.

The infected Tahiti trees landed at San Pedro are being closely watched by horticulturists, who claim they are filled with insects.

The government steamer Albatross, which has been in the service of the Fish Commission since July 16, is at Astoria, and will await orders there. The Commissioners have gone East.

A party of land swindlers have been arrested at Portland. They have been locating parties on land on the payment of \$5, and claimed that a syndicate they represented would buy the land at an advance.

The sheep industry in Oregon is a growing one. Oregon is now furnishing sheep for the Black Hills country. The other day 145 carloads left Pendleton for Mandan, N. D., where they will be put on the range.

Port Townsend according to official returns cleared 117 more vessels during the first three months of this year than New York did. The tonnage of the ships cleared was a third more than that of those from New York.

The run of salmon has begun in dead earnest and large catches are reported all over the Sound. The Myers cannery at Mukilteo is receiving between 5,000 and 6,000 fish per day, and is now canning them as fast as received.

Seventeen cases in which the United States brought suit against the Puget Sound Mill Company have been decided by the acting Secretary and the rulings of the Commissioner in the same reversed. This is a victory for the company.

The crew of the bark Pisagua, which vessel has just reached Victoria, B. C., complain of having been fed with rotten meat, which they could not eat, and they had subsisted on bread for weeks. The captain had the mate and two men in irons, and charged them with mutiny.

At San Francisco Colonel C. F. Crocker was quite seriously hurt the other day

by falling from a street car. He was sitting on the railing of a car, and when it started suddenly he fell off, and his head struck the paving. He was at once taken to his home, and a surgeon was called in.

The new freight rates established by the Oregon Railroad Commission are a reduction on an average of not less than 35 per cent. on grain and millstuffs, and about 15 per cent. on horses, mules, etc., in carload lots. The Union Pacific, with the Southern Pacific, contest the matter in the courts.

At the new mining camp of La Plata, near Ogden, U. T., 200 prospectors arrived recently. At a meeting held to locate town streets a row arose, and the meeting adjourned to avoid trouble. The center of the camp has a sign, "Chinamen and Dagos, take a sneak," attached to a pole, from which hangs a rope with a noose at the end.

Fresno vineyardists have been at last obliged to employ Chinese to pick their grapes. They tried to get Indians, and sent agents to the mountains to bring all who would work, but not enough could be had to pick the crop. The Celestials are at Fresno by thousands from all parts of the State, and have entered into a combination among themselves to strike for higher wages. Many have found employment at \$1.75 a day.

The opening of the terminal road to Long Beach and San Pedro, which will take place within six weeks, will be attended with considerable improvements at those places. A new hotel will be erected either at Long Beach or on the Rattlesnake Island terminus of the line, which will be renamed and made a summer resort. The Southern Pacific will also probably erect a new hotel on the site of the structure recently burned at Long Beach.

Nearly two years ago quite a stir was made at Mills College, Cal., about the loss of a valuable diamond pin belonging to Miss Maud Sparks of Reno. Servants and pupils were suspected, and much notoriety was given to the case in the papers. Miss Sparks was removed from the school in consequence of the supposed theft. Later, when one of her old gowns was being ripped, the pin was found in the drapery of the garment, where it had been safely concealed all this time.

At San Francisco the Arbitration Committee of the Water Front Federation called upon Goodall, Perkins & Co. to arrange for a settlement of the difficulty with the striking stevedores. According to members of the committee the firm refused to concede the advance in wages asked, but agreed to take the strikers back at the old rates of 30 cents per hour and 40 cents overtime. This is said to have been acceded to by Mr. Center of the Pacific Mail Company also. The Stevedores' Union will meet to consider the proposition. The employers, however, assert that they have not agreed to discharge the non-union men whom they have employed on the dock and will give the strikers employment only as there may be opening for them.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Assessed Valuation of the Pacific Coast States and Utah.

A special from Washington says it is believed that ex-Governor Cheney will be Secretary Proctor's successor in the Cabinet.

Information has been received that Charles W. Flint of New York has been appointed Consul-General of Chili by President Balmaceda.

The Department of State has been officially notified that the city of Trieste, Austria, has ceased to be a free port and is now on the same footing with regard to customs duties as the other ports of the Austria-Hungary Empire.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that Song Chong Hop and Hop Lee, the two Chinese boys, 17 and 15 years of age, who allege they were born in Texas and subsequently visited Canton, China, are not debarred from returning to the United States if they produce satisfactory evidence that they were born in this country.

Assistant Secretary Cranine has issued a circular to customs officers as follows: "In all cases of seizure of spirituous liquors made on account of violations of customs laws in States wherein local laws forbid the public sale of spirituous liquors Collectors will hereafter hold the articles seized and report each case to this department for such action as will not contravene local statutes."

Secretary Noble has sent the following telegram to Governor Steele of Oklahoma in reply to a dispatch inquiring as to the time and conditions for opening to settlement the Indian lands in Oklahoma Territory: "There is no day set for opening the Indian lands. The President has not been consulted, and he will have to determine. I have requested sufficient force to protect Indian lands until opened. I am sure the people will understand that they cannot go upon these lands until all conditions with the Indians are complied with and the proclamation issued. The law-abiding citizen will be protected so far as my authority goes, and those disobeying the law and committing trespasses shall gain nothing thereby, but rather incur loss. Please keep me advised."

The census bureau has issued a bulletin on the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the several States and Territories. The bulletin shows that the assessed value of all property has increased in the last decade \$7,344,597,261. Illinois shows an apparent decrease of \$59,200,000, because the State Board of Equalization declared the assessed value to be at 50 per cent., and in 1890 only 25 per cent. of the true value. Among the States showing increase are the following: California, \$486,524,000; Idaho, \$19,140,000; Montana, \$87,873,000; Nevada, \$4,628,000; Utah, \$79,933,000; Washington, \$100,985,000; Oregon, \$113,504,000. The assessed valuation per capita, exclusive of Oklahoma, in 1890 was \$3,876.20, an increase of about \$50 over 1883.

William H. Williams, who went to Seal Island three months ago as a special agent of the government, has just returned to Washington. He said that despite the presence of nearly a dozen American and English men-of-war in and around Behring Sea illicit sealing was being carried on extensively. Prevailing fogs in the sea made it easy for fast-sailing schooners to elude pursuit, and Williams is of the opinion that the illegal catch for the present season will number 20,000 seals. Of the 7,500 skins allowed privilege holders this year 6,300 caught by natives for food have already passed into the hands of the North American Commercial Company. This leaves only 1,200 seals to be captured between now and May 1 of next year; and, as that number will not supply the Aleuts on the Islands of St. Paul and St. George with food, the Commercial Company will have to keep the natives from starting. Williams is of the opinion that a couple of years' protection to seals is necessary in order to keep them from being exterminated.

CABLEGRAMS.

A Process of Photographing in Colors Patented in London.

Over 10,000 miners in South Wales have struck.

Denmark will be heard from at the World's Fair.

Severe earthquakes are reported in various portions of Italy.

Russia has authorized a temporary loan of 25,000,000 credit roubles.

A Berlin court has decided that a butcher can make and sell dog sausages if he labels them as such.

A process for photographing in colors has been patented in London, and a company is about to begin business.

Women in Sweden have now obtained official permission from the government to be received as pupils of apothecaries.

The Kaiser has sent to the Queen a fine picture of his yacht, the Hohenzollern, representing himself standing on the bridge in full naval uniform.

The inhabitants of Pivoli, incensed at a Bishop because he tried to prevent services in Roumania, seized him, pulled his beard out and dragged him through the streets.

From Hamburg comes a report that the Empress Frederick refuses to take any notice of the Princess Hissarek, and even declines to recognize her when they happen to meet in the course of their drives.

Liverpool intends spending \$30,000 more in attempting to do away with that nuisance, the Liverpool bar. They have already spent \$50,000 buying two powerful dredgers and carrying away 420,000 tons of sand.

The British surveying ship Rambler has returned home after triangulating the whole coast between Shanghai and Hongkong. Many points, including lighthouses, were found to be out of position on the chart, the Breakwater Point lighthouse fully a mile.

Sir Edwin Watkin, not content with building a tower which will outdo Eiffel, has an electric light on Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales. The authorities at Trinity House have approved Sir Edwin Watkin's idea, believing it will prove a valuable addition to the beacons for the guidance of mariners on the coast of North Wales.

In Bessarabia parents are actually offering their children for sale in order to buy food, and the dealers at Constantia have purchased a considerable number of female children. Many deaths have been caused through famine, and families may be found actually perishing from hunger and huddling together in their common misery.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Cannel Coal Struck at Bath, Maine.

WYOMING TAXES BACHELORS

Ontario Confiscates Short-Weight Bread and Gives It to Charitable Institutions.

Opium-smoking is increasing in Philadelphia.

Only one Indian left in Illinois says the census.

A vein of cannel coal has been struck at Bath, Me.

The People's party in Kansas invites penny contributions.

Mr. Blaine thinks of improving his property at Bar Harbor.

The Mayor of Philadelphia cannot be elected to a second term.

The owners of apartment houses in Boston propose to organize.

Separate cars for blacks and whites in Texas have proven a failure.

The assessed valuation of real estate in Pennsylvania is \$732,300,872.

The Wyoming Legislature has passed a law taxing bachelors \$2 a year.

General Butler is having some grim enjoyment in reading his obituaries.

The Alliance speakers who are to stump Ohio will "live on the farmers."

In Ontario short-weight bread is confiscated and given to charitable institutions.

Boodle charges are now made in connection with the harbor works at Toronto.

Mr. Wanamaker is thinking of introducing a pneumatic postal service in St. Louis.

The Upper Mississippi is rapidly getting into an unsatisfactory low-water condition.

Gentlemen will probably reproduce at the Chicago Fair one of the old palaces in antique.

The Francklyn cottage, where President Garfield died, has been bought by the Trustees.

The farmers near Terre Haute, Ind., want the \$105,000 stallion Astell assessed at that figure instead of \$5,000.

Connecticut is overrun with skunks; they even perigrate into the cities and cause many unpleasant incidents.

A cotton trust is forming in the South, the object being to save the present large crop from being sacrificed to low prices.

Canadian authorities have prohibited the circulation through the mails of that country of sixteen papers printed in this country.

A leading hotel at Asbury Park, N. J., has been fined \$100 for serving oleomargarine to its guests, who did not detect the imposition.

Following the suggestion of General Booth in England, the Salvation Army in this country is proposing to go about the streets on bicycles.

The prohibitionists of Nebraska have placed Mrs. Ida M. Bittenbender, a female lawyer of Lincoln, in the field for Supreme Judge of the State.

A new dry dock is proposed for the Brooklyn navy yard, to be 600 feet long and 146 feet wide, to be of wood and concrete and to cost \$600,000.

The New York Press announces that the old John Roach ship yard has received the contract for an 8,000-ton mail steamer from the Pacific Mail Company.

Premier Abbott says the scandals unearthed by the investigations at Ottawa are very serious, but he adds the government proposes to punish the guilty parties.

The citizens of Stevens county, Kan., in which the county-seat question has caused some bloodshed, want an investigation of the finances by State authorities.

Boston has good evidence of the largeness of the peach crop. The Transcript says that already the Hub has received more of the fruit than it sometimes gets in an entire season.

The Morgan line of steamers plying between Galveston and New York has been taken off and business concentrated at New Orleans. The commercial interests of Galveston will be somewhat injured.

It is estimated by the American Agriculturist that the farm products in the United States this year will be worth \$1,000,000,000 more than they brought during any of the recent seasons of depression.

General Russell A. Alger says he did not state that Mr. Blaine had told him that he (Blaine) would be a candidate for the Presidency. The dispatch giving General Alger credit for the statement was untrue.

Judge Seagle of Alleghany, Pa., decides that, although navigable rivers are in general the property of the Federal government, a city lying along either bank has police jurisdiction to the center of the stream.

It is said Claus Spreckels is to be prosecuted for engaging Austrians to come to this country under contract to work in his refineries. Two of the men reached New York last week, and are to be returned to their country.

Indian lands in the Indian Territory purchased during the past year by the government will be opened to settlement by proclamation by the President September 10. The knowledge of this fact has attracted many boomers already.

A New Orleans dispatch says: The Texas Farmers' Alliance is responsible for the injury to the trade of Galveston. The Texas Railroad Commission, which has fixed cotton rates, and the Texas alien land are both the work of the Alliance, and both are showing their hurtful effects.

The Keeley cure for drunkenness made famous by the publicity given it by Editor Medill of Chicago is not an unmixt blessing. It is claimed that bichloride of gold, which is the remedy, not only removes the taste for liquor, but during the period of active treatment paralyzes the memory. Patients, they say, forget the names of their friends and their own names and the names of places.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Hammond Says Well-to-Do Americans Require More Rest.

The Pope approves the exhibition of the holy coat as laudable and opportune, and promises indulgences to pilgrims.

They have a story in Cincinnati that Harry S. New, son of Consul-General New, will marry a Detroit lady soon and sail for Europe.

Miss Levina Fillmore, a relative of President Fillmore, has just celebrated her 104th birthday. She resides in Clarence, N. Y.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox would have all bachelors over 40 taxed to support the maiden ladies over 30. There might be trouble in finding out when the 30 was reached.

General Abner Doubleday, who aimed the first gun in defense of Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861, has been critically ill for weeks at his home in Mendham, N. J. He is in his 57th year.

The same day that Mrs. ex-President Polk died a letter was received at the White House, of which she was mistress so many years ago, directed to her "care of the White House."

Ex-Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil has settled into a condition of mental depression from which, Edmund Yates reports, it is impossible to arouse him. He keeps closely to his room at Vichy.

Young Mosby is reported to have apologized for shooting at Count Mitkevitch, but his father, the old cavalry partisan, thinks that the apology due from his offspring is for the failure to hit his mark.

Miss Rachel Gurney, the protegee of the Duchess of Bedford, who is to marry the young Earl of Dudley, is, besides being very handsome, extremely accomplished and one of the best amateur singers in England.

John Fiske, the historian, says Lowell was a matchless Dante scholar, and no experience was so valuable and no instruction in any college corner was pursued with so much pleasure as in his advanced class in Italian.

Secretary Bayard's daughter, the Countess Levenhaupf, intends to pass the fall and possibly the winter in Sweden. It is not improbable that she will make her permanent home in King Oscar's kingdom.

The English artist, Walter Crane, it is announced, is making arrangements for taking his family on a long holiday trip to America in the autumn. During his visit he will probably deliver a lecture on "Arts and Crafts."

Mr. Ward McAllister is quarreling with his publishers. His book has not been so profitable as he anticipated. However, it would seem as if he should not turn up his nose at \$15,000 in royalties, considering the quality of the book.

Governor Eagle of Arkansas has got a smart wife, too. She taught him how to read and write, and then she made him Governor. If Arkansas were only a pivotal State, Mrs. Eagle would probably be looking toward the White House now.

Dr. William A. Hammond says that even well-to-do Americans require more rest than any other people in the world and get less. He thinks a human being should have a succession of labors and diversions, as a farmer has rotation of crops.

The young sons of Senor Miguel Suarez Gomez, Spanish Minister to the United States, have kowtaks, of which they make free use during their present stay at Cape May. It is said they have taken more than one sly shot at the President.

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FOREIGN LANDS.

Gold and Silver Scarce in Portugal.

GERMAN CARPET-WEAVERS.

Mr. Gladstone Denies That He Knew of Mr. Parnell's Secret Whereabouts.

Prince George of Wales is to be made a commander in the royal navy.

Nordica will make a concert tour of the United States on her own account.

Gold and silver have almost entirely disappeared from circulation in Portugal.

Russia has not prohibited the exportation of rye before since the Crimean war.

Austria expects to reap a golden harvest out of the Russian rye prohibition with her abundant harvests.

The Princess of Wales fund for the benefit of Mrs. Grimwood, the heroine of Manipuri, amounts to \$7,500.

The famous Sevres porcelain manufactory is likely to be closed, the demand for its wares having fallen off.

The Portuguese are shamefully abusing the natives in Southeastern Africa, especially in Mozambique, and seize the women as slaves.

The English colonial office has just consented to the appointment of a Chinese Consul at Hongkong for one year as an experiment.

An Odessa Jew named Kaplan has secured the punishment of a police agent for assault, having paid the Chief of Police for protection.

Everything is quiet at Nankin, where the Viceroy is settling claims. His answer to the foreign Ministers' demands is eminently evasive.

The Manipur Regent in power at the time of the recent massacre in India and Prince Anzao Sena have been exiled for life, the death sentence having been commuted.

A mine of mercury, said to be exceedingly rich, has been recently discovered in Brazil. This is the only Brazilian mine of that kind of which we have any knowledge.

The Catholic papers at Treves urge the pilgrims not to buy relics from the Protestants, as they ridicule the holy coat now on exhibition there, although glad to profit by the exhibition.

Despite official denial it is still asserted that a government order has been dispatched to all Russian and Polish railways forbidding them to export any more wheat, rye or flour.

Load complaints continue to be made of the management of the Bayreuth musical festival. It is alleged that the Directors reduced everything to a commercial basis, and a very sordid one at that.

The English government will call the attention of the United States government to the improper packing of cotton cargoes for England, which endangers the loss of the vessel while the cargo is in transit.

Spain has given Great Britain formal notice of its intention to terminate July 1 next the treaty by which the products of Canada are admitted into the Spanish West Indies under the "favored-nation" treatment.

No prima donna of English birth, it is said, has appeared this season at Covent Garden in London. Albani was born in Canada, Melba in Melbourne, Nordica, Emma Eames and Sybil Sanderson in the United States.

In the Breslau districts in Germany cotton-weavers are in a condition of bordering on starvation. Eight of the largest mills have been closed, and some of the former employes have been glad to accept work breaking stone at 10 pence a day.

Gladstone has written a letter for publication denying that he knew of Mr. Parnell's secret whereabouts. He says he never communicated with him by letter except at his official address—the House of Commons. He was compelled last November to write to Justin McCarthy as the only means of reaching Mr. Parnell.

The very important statement is made by United States Consul Wildman at Singapore that, if an American house were to be established at Singapore, it would control at once not only all the shipments of tin to the United States, but the shipments of the \$11,000,000 of exports from the Straits settlement to the United States.

A sensation has been caused by the disappearance of the Registrar-General of Berlin, Germany, Herr Kanneysersera. He had been gambling heavily of late, and in one instance won 24,000 marks in a lottery. It is believed that his losses on the turf exceed his winnings elsewhere, and that, finding himself unable to pay his debts, he has committed suicide.

An old woman died in the south of France, aged 83, and in "grateful recognition of the intelligent and devoted care of Dr. X., which had enabled her to reach a ripe old age," she left him everything in her cabinet. After her death the executor unlocked the cabinet, and found in it, unopened, unsealed and uncorrupted, all the pills and potions prescribed for the deceased by Dr. X. during the past ten years. Is the will a forgery?

The Columbus Grove (O.) murderer and train robber has been captured and identified by Cashier Mapel, who was wounded at the time of the robbery. His name is James Roberts.

A band of armed negroes near Memphis ordered Henry Joel, a storekeeper, to open the safe. He was so frightened that he forgot the combination, and the negroes shot and fatally wounded him.

Four women have been arrested at Szenttam, Hungary, on a charge of poisoning their husbands and selling poisons to other women for a similar purpose. Orders have been issued to examine the bodies of many supposed victims.

James M. Daly, who shot and killed E. S. Buckman at San Francisco last March, was convicted of murder in the first degree, and will be sentenced to life