

## PACIFIC COAST.

## A Huge Block of Pure Asphaltum.

## GOLD HILL'S CINNABAR VEIN.

## Heavy Business Done Along the Rio Grande in Smuggling in Horses and Cattle.

Fresno is considerably agitated over the disposal of its mummy.

One day last week sixty tramps were put off the train between Yuma and Colton.

Oregon's State funds are all exhausted. The last legislative levy has proved insufficient.

J. T. Hayne of Portland has been elected Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon.

A tinnabar vein, sixty feet in width, has been discovered near Gold Hill, Or. The ore is immensely rich.

The Chino sugar-beet factory will run until December. So far 825 tons of granulated sugar have been turned out.

In Nevada the total tax levy throughout the State is over \$3,000,000. The total levy on railroads is nearly \$2,000,000.

It is believed the property involved in the Davis will case at Butte, Mont., will be divided among the claimants and further litigation will be suspended.

The tailors of Vancouver, B. C., are on a strike because the bosses have refused to pay extra for all pockets over four in coats. The bosses want five pockets allowed.

The British sealers Otto and E. B. Marvin, seized in Behring Sea, have been released at Vancouver, B. C., by direction of the Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty.

The Oregon Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias voted that hereafter no saloonmen shall be admitted to membership in the subordinate lodges of the order in the State.

A Fresno physician is recommending eucalyptus tea, made by boiling the leaves, to all his patients suffering from malarial troubles, and the discovery is thought to be quite an important one.

The codlin moth has done great injury to the Oregon apple crop. How to force orchardists to spray their trees to check the spread of disease is a serious question with the State Board of Horticulture.

A block of pure asphaltum, weighing two and a half tons, was recently taken from the asphaltum mine near Santa Barbara, Cal. It is believed to be the largest piece of asphaltum ever mined in one block.

"Jack the Squeezor" is again frightening women at Pomona, Cal. His mode of operation is to lie in wait in a secluded spot on a residence street and suddenly rush out on a woman and squeeze her about the waist.

From observations made by Prof. Israel C. Russell, who was sent out by the United States government and the National Geographic Society to explore the region about Mount St. Elias, the mountain is between 18,000 and 19,000 feet high.

The case of C. W. Johnson against the Southern Pacific railroad for damages received in the Lake Lahish disaster is before the court at Salem, and is attracting interest, owing to the fact that Johnson was traveling on a pass at the time he was injured.

Walter Law of the firm of W. & J. Sloane of New York City has presented \$1,000 to the Lick Observatory for the purpose of publishing a series of enlarged heliographic plates of the moon made from the photographs taken with the great telescope.

M. E. Wisdom and J. W. Bailey of Portland have purchased the Point Breeze stock farm in Baker county, Or. There are about fifty fine brood mares on the place, and the celebrated stallion Challenger is at the head of the stud. The price was \$150,000.

Santa Barbara is to have a boulevard 100 feet wide on the beach in front of the city just above high-water mark and protected from the sea by a heavy bulkhead. The sidewalks and roadway will be paved with bituminous rock and lined with double rows of trees.

The Nevada State Board of Assessors and Equalization made individual raises in Elko county to the amount of \$800,000, besides a horizontal raise of 20 per cent. The board reduced the Central Pacific railroad appraisement. A howl of indignation is the result.

A strange disease has broken out among the horses on the Dufour ranch near Cameron, Kern county, Cal., and a number of animals are afflicted. The disease is said to resemble diphtheria, but the remedies known to be efficacious in that malady are without avail in this.

A smugglers' headquarters has been discovered on Lopez Island, a small uninhabited island in Puget Sound. A vessel recently landed fifty Chinamen on the island. From there they were taken to the United States by two and three in small boats, being put ashore in the woods and guided in by white men under cover of darkness. From \$50 to \$100 is paid for each Chinaman successfully landed.

The United States revenue cutter Richard Rush has left San Francisco for Unalakleet. The vessel is ordered back to the sealing grounds, as it is reported that a number of sealers, who were not satisfied with their small catches, are waiting to make a descent on the rookeries when the revenue vessel shall have left Behring Sea. It is expected the Rush will remain in the vicinity of the seal islands until the middle of December.

## EDUCATIONAL.

## An Iowa Public School Gives a Holiday That the Children May Attend the Races.

Wellesley College opens this year with 700 students.

New York has turned away 10,000 school children that cannot be housed.

President Angell threatens to close the University of Michigan if gambling is not stopped.

The gain in population in the United States from 1850 to 1890 was 128 per cent, and in the school enrollment 195 per cent.

There are said to be over 23,000 Indians in the United States who can read English and over 10,000 who can read Indian languages.

Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., has followed the example of Cornell and abolished the barbarous cane rush between the freshmen and sophomores.

The schoolmaster is going to be abroad in England more than ever. The London School Board is educating 20,866 more scholars now than they were three years ago.

The management of the public schools at Mason City, Ia., declared a recent Thursday afternoon a holiday in order that pupils might attend the races. The action has caused much comment.

The census statistics show the gain in population in the United States to be 24.86 per cent., while the enrollment of children in the public schools is 26.54 per cent. This is a healthful indication.

The Cornell school of law has enrolled Mrs. Mary Kennedy-Brown, a graduate of Wellesley and a young widow, as one of its students. She is the first lady whose name appears on the school list.

The endowment of the new Chicago University is now over \$2,000,000, and more than 600 students have already entered the first year's course, which will begin, it is expected, in the autumn of 1892.

Prof. Totton in a military lecture at Yale remarked that the average age of the 110 men in the class was 21 years, and he added: "Upon graduation you will have before you about forty-eight years apiece."

The largest Sunday-school in the world is in Stockport, England. It began in 1804. It now contains 5,000 pupils and 440 teachers. It has registered during its existence 70,000 scholars and 3,500 teachers.

Government schools are to be established in San Salvador, where free education will be given to women to fit them for places in the government offices as postoffice clerks, printers, telegraph and telephone operators.

Austria has not only a high school of agriculture, but fifteen intermediate and eighty-three primary agricultural schools besides nine chairs of agriculture in polytechnic establishments and agricultural experimental stations.

Prof. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education at Washington, in a letter to Assistant Postmaster Sturgeon of St. Louis, who had requested his views as to corporal punishment in schools, has replied that the fewer the cases of such punishment the better the schools are likely to be, and that enlightened sentiment is against the use of the rod.

Cornell University has opened with an attendance in excess of that in any preceding year. Up to date 1,370 students in all departments have registered, and a number are in attendance, especially post graduates, who have not yet registered. A noticeable feature is the increase of students in the courses in arts, philosophy and electrical and mechanical engineering.

A remarkable career in the teaching profession was brought to a close some two weeks since by the resignation of Miss Lucy D. Bliss from the principalship of the Plain Primary School, Stockbridge, Mass. Miss Bliss began teaching in town when 16 years old, and taught continuously, with the exception of one year, for about fifty-four years. Three generations in Stockbridge have begun their school life under the instruction of Miss Bliss.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## Use of Chloride of Gold and Manganese Successful for the Cure of Consumption.

Governor Steele of Oklahoma has resigned.

George William Curtis says Tammany is an organization for plunder and without politics.

Edward F. Searles is to present to the town of Methuen, Mass., a fine statue of George Washington.

There is much excitement at Clifton Forge, Va., over the threatened uprising of the negroes, owing to the lynching of one of their number.

The noted telescope makers, Alvan G. and George B. Clarke of Cambridge, Mass., who made the lens for the Lick telescope, have dissolved partnership.

Mrs. Parnell proposes, if she recovers her health, to write a memoir of the great leader and relieve him from much of the blame cast upon him on her account.

The original site of the old Valley Forge, Washington's headquarters in the winter of 1777-8, has just been sold for \$10 per acre. The tract embraces fifty-one acres.

There is a rumor at Washington that Governor Steele of Oklahoma is to supersede Commissioner of Pensions Raum, who, it is asserted, has resigned, to take effect November 30.

The length of the twelve-inch gun for the Monterey is thirty-seven feet, and it is designed to propel an 800-pound projectile twelve miles, necessitating a powder charge of 600 pounds.

Gross frauds in the purchases of coal, provisions, etc., in the Cook county (Ill.) insane asylum have been unearthed. A gang has been engaged in this work, and a great sensation is promised.

A London firm has been in the habit of fitting out women in expensive garments and then sending them to New York, where the goods were sold and the customs duties evaded. The clothes were made to fit the women, and therefore the fraud was not detected. Although the women pretended to be in entire ignorance of the uses to which they were being put, it is generally believed they easily joined the conspiracy, for they got a first-class ticket on the ocean steamers and were enabled to return to their country again, the contract so stating.

## EASTERN ITEMS.

## Carter Harrison Buys the Chicago Times.

## JOSIE MANSFIELD MARRIES.

## The Manner in Which the Ballots in Ohio Are to Be Distinguished From Each Other.

St. Paul cars have letter boxes.

Carter Harrison is said to have bought the Chicago Times for \$400,000.

Anthracite coal has been discovered in the district of Alberta, Canada.

The Italian Consul in Boston is investigating the condition of Italians.

The public schools of Oawatomie, Kan., have been closed for want of funds. Chicago will erect a building in memory of Columbus at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Ten thousand voters in Chicago have pledged themselves to vote for the People's party.

The postmaster of Philadelphia has ordered his subordinates to stay away from the races.

The government is about to begin the work of preparing a hydrographic survey of the Great Lakes.

A Justice of New York has just decided that you need not pay for a meal at a restaurant unless you eat it.

The financial statement of the Pullman Palace Car Company shows a surplus for the past year of \$2,983,223.

A moonshiners' church in Alabama and a secret oath-bound moonshiners' club in Georgia are promoting lawlessness by wholesale.

In the 6,000,000 letters that reached the dead-letter office last year there was money amounting to \$28,642 and checks and notes of the value of \$1,471,871.

Four men were shot by the Mexican military authorities a few miles across the border from Rio Grande City, Tex. They were charged with being revolutionists.

J. and F. D. Mollenhauer will start a new sugar factory in Brooklyn, with a capacity of 1,200 barrels refined per day. It will open next July. It will be independent of the trust.

The September statement of the Santa Fe Railroad Company shows that the gross earnings of the system for the fourth week in September were the largest in the history of the company.

The validity of the new constitution of Kentucky is to be contested on the ground that the Constitutional Convention made numerous changes after the instrument was ratified by the people.

Josie Mansfield, whose relations with Jim Fisk and Ed Stokes brought her into public notoriety in New York twenty years ago, was married recently in London to Robert L. Reade, a New York lawyer.

A statement prepared at the pension office shows that the pensions issued during September numbered 27,644, on which the first payments aggregated \$4,072,476. The average first payment in each case was \$137.32.

M. R. Hanson, reputed to be a wealthy lumberman at Hanson, Wood county, Wis., is alleged to have signed the name of George Hiles, a Milwaukee millionaire, to \$50,000 worth of fraudulent paper. Hanson has disappeared.

There are thousands of dead fish along the shores of the Upper Mississippi. The river fell lower than for twenty years, leaving large numbers of fish in pools which gradually dried up, and the fish have since died on the bed of scorching sand.

The Bank of Columbia and the Columbia Banking Company of Columbia, Tenn., have assigned. The capital stock of the former is \$100,000 and that of the latter \$60,000. It is claimed that the creditors of both institutions will be paid in full.

On each ballot to be cast according to the provisions of the new election law in Ohio are to be these distinguishing devices that have been adopted by the parties: Republican, eagle; Democratic, rooster; Prohibition, rose; People's, plow and hammer.

The influx of Chinamen into the United States from Mexico continues, and it is only those who are unaware of the prohibitory law that are captured. Those who know they are breaking the laws generally evade the officers. Fifteen were arrested last week.

The Cramps will enlarge their plant for ship-building on the Delaware river to eight times its present area. Seven launching ways are to be constructed, large enough to admit the building simultaneously of seven vessels of the size of the war ship Vindex.

One of the recent evidences of a growing interest in trade with the United States on the part of the countries to the southward is to be seen in the announcement that a permanent exposition of the products of Mexico and Central America is to be opened in New York.

The Association for the Advancement of Women at its recent meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., elected Julia Ward Howe President for the coming year. Jennie A. Froiseth of Utah and Ellen C. Sargent of California are among the Vice-Presidents. The congress closed with a symposium on the subject of "Man," that personage being handled severely by numerous witty speakers.

The commission to negotiate with the Shoshone and Arapahoe Indians of Wyoming for the cession of a part of the Wind River reservation telegraphs that the commission has effected an agreement with the Indians, under which they cede to the United States about 1,100,000 acres out of a total of 2,000,000 acres. The Indians receive \$600,000, or about 55 cents per acre.

The late John Twombly, banker and capitalist of San Antonio, Tex., bequeathed the bulk of his estate, estimated at \$3,000,000, to the Catholic Church. Miss Kate Twombly, his sister, is to receive \$2,500 per year for the first two years and \$2,000 per annum for the remainder of her life. His brother and nephew in Ireland are each entitled \$500 per annum, payable semi-annually, and to a sister in Boston he gives \$250 a year.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

## Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Will Pass the Winter in Italy—Death of Mrs. Henrietta Lamar.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone have determined to pass the winter in Florence. Tennyson, who is in excellent health, has just been giving sittings for a portrait.

Mrs. Harrison has been chosen an honorary member by the Association of the King's Daughters.

Lord Lytton is in such precarious health that he has it under consideration to resign his post of British Minister to France.

Secretary Foster's portrait has just been painted for the Treasury Department by Miss Blanche F. King, a young Washington artist.

Warner Miller has been studying the canal system of Holland and the waterway that the German government is constructing at Kiel. He is to take part in the New York State campaign.

Hon. John A. Schleicher has been appointed editor-in-chief of the New York Mail and Express, to succeed the late Major J. M. Bundy. Mr. Schleicher retires from the editorship of Frank Leslie's Weekly.

The death of Bishop William J. Boone (Episcopal) of China is announced. The Bishop, who was the son of Bishop Boone of China, did much to forward the cause of Christian missions in that country, and was entirely devoted to his work.

Mr. Spurgeon was only 19 when he preached his first sermon. Even then his eloquence was remarkable, and within a few years he had gathered about him a large congregation. At that time he was a pale and slender stripling, with a noticeably large head. His rotundity of body came many years later.

Mrs. Henrietta Lamar, relict of General Mirabeau B. Lamar, who commanded the cavalry at the battle of San Jacinto and was the second President of the Republic of Texas, died October 6. She was the daughter of Rev. John Newland Maffitt, a Methodist preacher of national reputation about half a century ago.

General Brugere, controller of President Carnot's household, holds his present place through a curious piece of bad and yet good fortune. He was a member of Marshal MacMahon's and President Grevy's households, but would have been removed by President Carnot had not the latter accidentally wounded him while out hunting.

Kate Field relates in a way that admits of a suspicion that she was the young lady in question who gave rise to the *banquet* of Walter Savage Landor. He having dropped his spectacles one day, an American girl picked them up for him, whereupon he exclaimed with much grace: "Oh, this is not the first time you have caught my eyes!"

William Cotter, Jr., of Hartford, Conn., must have a remarkable memory. He is a registrar of voters, and the *Times* says that of 12,000 names on the list he claims to be able to tell from memory the residence and politics of each one, and also in cases where a person has been absent in Europe, or staying in some other part of the country, to tell where he went and when.

One of the successful lawyers of the Pacific Slope, a son of the famous John C. Breckinridge and a brother of the Kentucky Congressman, bears the curious name of "Owen County" Breckinridge. He was born the day, 1853, that his father was nominated for Congress over ex-Governor Letcher, and as that result was brought about by the vote of Owen county, the grateful candidate bestowed the name on his new-born heir.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL.

## Annual Report of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department.

The report of Lieutenant Cowles upon the wreck of the United States steamer Despatch has been received at the Navy Department. It is merely a brief statement of the facts already well known, and contains no comment nor explanation whatever. It is customary in such cases for the officer to reserve his testimony for later use under oath.

In his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior Governor Prince of the Territory of New Mexico refers at length to the beneficial results which, he thinks, will accrue from a settlement of the disputed Spanish and Mexican land claims by the Court of Private Claims recently organized. The Governor insists from any point of view that New Mexico is entitled to Statehood.

The annual report of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department, showing the receipts and expenditures of the department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, has been submitted to the Postmaster-General. It shows that the postal revenues during the year were \$65,931,785. The expenditures to September 30, 1891, were \$71,662,462, leaving an excess of expenditures over all revenues of \$5,730,677. The amount placed with the Treasurer in aid of postal revenue under the act of June 30, 1890, was \$2,200,000. The excess of the expenditures over the grants is \$3,530,677.

Chief Harrington of the weather bureau in the report of the operations of the bureau since its transfer to the Department of Agriculture—July 1 last—says the service has been reorganized with a view of carrying out the expressed intention of Congress to especially develop and extend its work in the interest of agriculture. Since July 1 new service has been organized in Arizona, California, Utah, Florida, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. The most practical and the most highly complimented portion of the exclusive work of the State service is the issue of a weekly weather report bulletin. On September 30 there were over 1,300 weather signal display stations in operation, an increase of about 100 per cent, in less than three months. There are now probably 2,300 voluntary observers in the United States, reporting to the weather bureau, and steps are being taken to cover every section of each State and Territory, so as to leave no section without stations from twenty to thirty miles apart.

## FOREIGN LANDS.

## Pritchard Imitates John L. in Brutality.

## SCURVY AND TYPHUS FEVER

## Rage in the Wake of the Famine in Russia—The Czarina Gives an Immense Sum.

Berlin's debt is \$50,000,000.

Austria wants Germany to admit her hogs, too.

American cars will be used on an English road.

Government management has reduced railroad fares in Saxony.

Three thousand people in London have the influenza or la grippe.

A co-operative home for single women is to be started in Vienna.

The first consignment of American bacon has arrived in Berlin.

London theaters issue something like 50,000 free passes every year.

The sarcophagus of the Emperor Frederick has been placed in his tomb.

It is reported that Italy has decided to abolish the decree against American pork.

The German interior press is showing considerable hostility to the Chicago World's Fair.

The Czarina has given 20,000,000 roubles to the Russian famine sufferers from her private purse.

A unique present by the British war office to the Salvation Army was 30,000 worn-out helmets.

An English doctor at Simla, India, has succeeded in discovering, separating and neutralizing a special microbe of leprosy.

Russia is experimenting very extensively with the idea of using metal sleepers upon the railroads in that country.

The time limit of the Russian loan which is being taken up in France has been extended from October 31 to November 1.

It is estimated that no fewer than 70,000 girls are employed in the public houses and drinking bars of the United Kingdom.

There are said to be nine inmates of the Camberwell (England) workhouse who have reached ages varying from 103 to 108 years.

Ted Pritchard, the London pugilist, was last week sentenced to a month's imprisonment for a cowardly assault upon a barkeeper.

A new method of torture has been discovered by Siberian jailers, whereby prisoners are compelled to subsist on salt herring alone.

The endeavor to strengthen the triple alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy by commercial union is not progressing very favorably.

The fishing fleet of Yarmouth, England, have returned to port, and give fearful descriptions of the effects of the recent storms on the coast.

In Vienna the Prefect of Police has ordered an investigation of whether the long, sweeping skirts of ladies tend to spread contagious diseases.

A Judge in Glasgow has decided that the amount of copper used in tinned green peas was not dangerous, and that the process need not be stopped.

Until recently the Royal Palace at Berlin has been lighted only by candles. Emperor William has had gas put in, and is now arranging for electric lights.

The civil authorities of Leipzig, Germany, have struck a crushing blow at the sausage industry in that country by deciding that it is illegal to use dog meat in sausage.

The English Conservatives have been prematurely jubilant over having escaped the leadership of Goschen. Telegrams from Halford deny that he had been offered the leadership.

Forty-three of the leaders of the revolution in Uruguay are in prison at Montevideo. Dr. Pantoleon Perez was shot while trying to escape from the barracks. Martial law prevails.

Peat fuel has been found very successful in Russia. It is produced by a patent process, and is cheaper than coal, has less weight and bulk, and contains scarcely any sulphur.

The latest report from Turkestan indicates an abundant crop of cotton. The cotton grown there is from American seed, and the development within a few years has been wonderful.

The Pope in a note to the powers says the recent Pantheon disorders were of extreme importance, and insists it is impossible for both the Italian government and papacy to remain in Rome.

An agrarian lawsuit in the Caucasus, in which the plaintiff is the Prince of Mingrelia, has so many people concerned with it, the witnesses amounting to 2,000, that the court is sitting in the open air.

The British and the Portuguese, having settled their quarrel in Mashonaland, are amicably working together to construct a railroad from the Indian Ocean to their adjoining possessions in the far interior.

Some estimates of the wonderful value of the fishing industry of Great Britain can be gained from the statement that the total catch of fish on the coasts of England and Wales in 1890 was \$35,000 tons, exclusive of shell fish.

## PORTLAND MARKET.

## Produce, Fruit, Etc.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1.50@1.52½; Walla Walla, \$1.40@1.42½ per cental.

Flour—Standard, \$4.80; Walla Walla, \$4.60 per barrel.

OATS—New, 40@43c per bushel.

HAY—\$11@13 per ton.

MILKSTUFFS—Bran, \$18@19; shorts, \$20@21; ground barley, \$22.50@25; chop feed, \$20@22 per ton; feed barley, \$24 per ton; brewing barley, \$1.15 per cental.

BUTTER—Oregon fancy creamery, 35@37½c; fancy dairy, 34@35½c; fair to good, 25@27½c; common, 15@22½c.

CHEESE—Oregon, 12½c; Eastern, 14@15c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon, 30c; Eastern, 25@27½c per dozen.

POULTRY—Old chickens, \$4.50@5.00; young chickens, \$2.50@4.00; ducks, \$5.00@8.00; geese, \$9.00@10.00 per dozen; turkeys, 15c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, nominal, 75c@1 per cental; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; Onions, 75c@1 per cental; potatoes, 40@60c per sack; tomatoes, 40@60c per box; sweet potatoes, 1½@2c per pound; California celery, 75c per dozen bunches; fancy Oregon celery, 50c per dozen bunches.

FRUITS—Scilly lemons, \$8.50; California, \$5.50@6.50 per box; apples, 50@80c per box; bananas, \$3.00@3.50 a bunch; pineapples, \$4@6 per dozen; peaches, 50@75c per box; grapes, Tokay, \$1 per box; muscat and black, 75@90c per crate; pears, 65@85c per pound; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10@11 per barrel; Oregon cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel; Smyrna figs, 20c per pound; citrons, 27c per pound.

NUTS—California walnuts, 11½@12½c; hickory, 8½c; Brazils, 10@11c; almonds, 16@18c; filberts, 13@14c; pine nuts, 17@18c; pecans, 17@18c; cocoa nuts, 8c; hazel, 8c; peanuts, 8c per pound.

## Staple Groceries.

HONEY—17½@18c per pound.

SALT—Liverpool, \$14.50; \$15.50@16.50; stock, \$11@12 per ton.

RICE—Japan, \$5.00; Island, \$5.75 per cental.

BEANS—Small white, 2½c; pink, 2½c; bayos, 3½c; butter, 3½c; limas, 3½c per pound.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, 20½@21c; Rio, 21; Mocha, 30c; Java, 25½c; Arabica's, 100-pound cans, 2½c per pound.

SUGAR—Golden C, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; white extra C, 4½c; granulated, 5½c; cube crushed and powdered, 6c; confectioners' A, 5½c; maple sugar, 10c per pound.

SYRUP—Eastern, in barrels, 47@55c; half-barrels, 50@58c; in cases, 55@60c per gallon; \$2.25@2.50 per keg. California, in barrels, 30c per gallon; \$1.75 per keg.