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News of the Week from Bevond the Rockies.

CONTRADICTORY RUMORS.

Something about the Sale of the Oregon & California Railroad,

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- Negotiations for the sale of the property of the Oregon & California railroad company to the C. P. Huntington interest, which have been pending for nearly three years, have at last been brought to an end by the conclusion of a definite contract between Andrew Haes, of the firm of Haes & Son, acting for the London committee of bondholders, and Mr. Huntington, acting for the Southern Pacific company and the Pacific improvement company.

ANOTHER STATEMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 .- A strong probability now exists that Montagu station, on the line of the California & Oregon railroad, almost directly on a line with Yreka, will be the winter terminus of the road. Mr. Seobie, masonry contractor, received word from the authorities at Fourth and Townsend streets a few days ago, ordering him to confine his work to this point. Ten miles of the track yet remain to be laid before Montagu can be reached, and it is more than probable that the force of men employed there will be taken off and put to work on the Southern California projects of the Southern Pacific. One of the reasons stated to account for the discontinuance of the work on the northern line is that a disagreement has taken place between Messrs. Stanford, Huntington, and Crocker, of the Southern Pacific, and Henry Villard of the Oregon & Califor-nia, by which the negotiations for the sale of the latter line to the Southern Pacific have fallen through. Should no satisfactory conclusion be come to the California & Oregon line will be extended to Klamath river and then continued inte

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

eastern Oregon.

The Result of the Rain in California --- Some Rumors.

news in the wheat pit which does not come from California, or which is not about California. This morning the market was sold off on news that there had been a heavy rain all over California. As there has been no rain out there at all, and as the crop was in immediate danger from drought, the news eased up what tension there was on this score, and caused a decline. The rainfall in California, even with last night's fall, does not much exceed an inch, whereas about eight inches is the usual quantity. Two years ago, however, a dry spell caused the utmost anxiety, which was not re-lieved till Jan. 25. As last night's rain of less than an inch is ahead of that date, it is expected this year's crop will be saved, as that 1884-'85 was.

This talk of drought, however, is not the most sensational part of California gossip. For nearly a week it has been taiked that there was a bull clique in wheat, which was backed by the great Bank of Nevada. This gossip has been talked all over the world. Yesterday, a cable to Alex. Geddes said positively an agent of the Bank of Nevada was a big buyer of wheat in Liverpool. Buyers begin to believe there is a basis of truth in these rumors, and that for a second time some California millionaire is long on an immense quantity of wheat, and is working all the markets of the world, all the way from Liverpool to San Fran-

WELCOME RAIN.

San Francisco, Jan. 19 .- A little over three-quarters of an inch of rain has fallen at this point during the last twentyfour hours. Plentiful rains have also fallen in northern California. An average of nearly six inches has already fallen throughout that section of the state, and although it is not enough to insure crops, no alarm is felt, as it would be more surprising if no more fell than that more should come. For middle California the average up to to-night is five and three-quarter inches. For the southern section three inches. Reports at 9 o'clock to-night announce rain falling along the southern coast and also in the great wheat-producing sections of the San Joaquin valley. The grain prospects are therefore considerably improved during the last twenty-four hours.

Marder and Lynching.

NEEDLES, Jan. 19 .- This morning J. N Berry, a saloon-keeper at Flagstaff, was shot and killed in his saloon by a man named Hawes. Hawes and his brother were quarreling with a man in the saloon. Berry interfered and was shot dead. Half an hour after the murder thers. about twenty citizens took the two brothers out and shot them to death.

The First State Dinner.

dinner to his cabinet, the first of the dollars. series of state dinners this season, took place to-night. The White house was brilliantly lighted and decorated for the In the alcoves and niches of the different rooms palms and other tropical plants were tastefully arranged. The decorations of the east room and the state dining room were especially beau-tiful. Choice flowers with a splendid dining service adorned the table. Before and after dinner the guests promenade the corridors and public rooms of th White house to concert music furnished

secretary of state, and at her left the secretary of the treasury. Senator Beck and Mrs. Sicard at one end of the table faced Commodore Harmony and Mrs. Goodyear at the other end. The other Goodyear at the other end. The other guests were the secretary of war and Mrs, Endicott, secretary of navy, post-master general, secretary of interior and Mrs. Lamar, president of senate and Mrs. Sherman, speaker of house and Mrs. Carlisle, lieutenant-general and Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Harmony, Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, and Mrs. Lee, Mr. John F. Andrew, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Andrew, Charles S. Fairchild and Mrs. Fairchild. Henry G. Davis and Mrs. Fairchild, Henry G. Davis and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. August Belmont, of New

The Alaska Commercial Company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 .- H. W. Elliot, agent in this city of the Alaska Commercial Co., says the published story, to the effect that said company has opposed the extension of the land laws to that territory, is without foundation. The compa-ny, he says, does not desire to oppose, and has not exercised any influence, either for or against the extension of the land laws to the territory; but he himself has favored such extension, because, from his knowledge of Alaska, he be-lieves it to be, as Gov. Swineford also be-

Sale of Tilden's Property.

New York, Jan. 20.-The sale, under the direction of the executors of the late S. J. Tilden, of his horses, carriage, cattle, poultry, etc., began to-day at the American Horse Exchange. There was a large attendance. A lot of Jersey cattle sold at prices varying from \$80 to \$225. A St. Bernard bitch dog sold for \$32. A Victoria carriage sold for \$550, and a landaulet for \$500. Good prices were had on most of the stock, and the aggregate was about \$10,000.

The Indiana Deadlock.

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.-The legislature met in joint convention at noon with the same double-headed arrangement as to presiding officers that was agreed upon the vote standing Turpee 75, Harrison 71, CHICAGO, Jan. 19, 1 p. m.-There is no Allen 4. The session was very tame, and among them. was not marked by incident of any kind

Hiscock Elected Senator of New York. ALBANY, Jan. 20 .- At noon to-day the two houses of the legislature met in joint session, and elected Frank Hiscock as U. S. senator to succeed Warner Miller.

The New Jersey Deadlock.

TRENTON, Jan. 20 .- The senate met this afternoon and adjourned until tomorrow morning. The democrats made no attempt to effect an organization.

A Mysterious Crime,

WHITE PLAINS, Jan. 20 .- William E. Mead, aged 27 years, was murdered tonight, being shot through the head while standing on the stoop of his father's store in this village. Two men were seen running away from the store immediately. Three policemen gave chase and overtook them. The fugitives then turned and ran back toward the town and hid themselves under a large stone bridge. When found they fired several shots at the officers and when about to be taken shot themselves and both are now dead. No motive for the murder can be assigned. LATER.-It now appears that after the shooting the two men jumped into a sleigh and drove away, but having mistaken the road returned to the village and were fired at by the chief of police and both killed. Great excitement prevails in the village.

THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE BILL.

It Passes the House by a Very Large

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.-The inter-state commerce bill reached the final vote in the house of representatives today, after a very lengthy discussion. It was passed by a vote of 217 to forty-one. Hermann voting with the majority. Since the passage of the bill by the senate the powerful railroad lobby has had no hopes of defeating it in the house. The bill now awaits the president's signature.

Van Wyck Gets Left. Lincoln, Jan. 21 .- The republicans have nominated Paddock to succeed Van

Wyck as U. S. Senator from Nebraska.

Van Wyck has made an extremely hard An Arkansas Neck-tie Party. CHICAGO, Jan. 22 .- A telegram to the News gives an account of the lynching

to-day of Hamilton and Lindberry, the Arkansas murderers of the Harris bro-

Heavy Loss by Fire. Мемриів, Jan. 22.—The Merchants Cotton Press in this city burned to-day.

New York, Jan. 21 .- C. P. Huntington said yesterday: "The purchase of the Oregon & California will not involve the issue of any new Central Pacific stock.

The amount of Central Pacific stock now outstanding is \$100,000,000. Some of this, now in the treasury, will be used to buy the O. & C. road."

Oregon Swamp Lands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 .- In the matter of

number five, covering 97,000 acres, the secretary of the interior has made an or-der for the state to show cause, on or be-fore Monday, April 18th, next, why the certificate of said list should not be revoked and set aside and a re-examina-tion of the lands ordered. This action is taken as the result of an investigation from which it appears that the list was procured to be certified through the fraud of a government agent, charged with the examination of the lands, and others conspiring with him for that purpose.

Death of Mrs. Voorhees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 .- Mrs. Voorhees. wife of Senator Voorhees, died at their residence in this city at 5 o'clock of acute peritonitis. She was taken sick on Monday last with congestive chills, followed by inflammation of the bowels, which terminated fatally. The remains will be taken to Terre Haute, Ind., probably to-night, and funeral services will be held there Sunday next.

Deserved Criticism. New York, Jan. 21.-There have been no recent additions to the Grant monument fund in New York, with the exception of \$900 and \$250, transmitted to the committee by Mrs. Grant herself. A severe article on the subject from the Chicago Tribune was handed about at lieves, necessary to the development of the country.

Sale of Tilden's Property.

One of the exchanges yesterday afternoon and excited much remark. The editor, after announcing Mrs. Grant's contribution, says: "It is safe to assume that even this mortifying contribution will have no effect in stimulating New York City to do any thing more. The millionaires of that city having succeeded in their plan to bury the general in one of their public parks and to enhance the speculative value of adjacent property, have done all that can be expected of them. Fleeced of his money in Wall street while living, his bones are of no value except as money can be made out of them. Selfishness and meanness could hardly go farther. Never before has the country been compelled to witness the humiliating spectacle of the widow of an eminent man having to contribute from her own pocket to help build him a monument, and that after the millionaires of the metropolis had yesterday. Only one ballot was taken agreed to raise the money as one of the conditions of having the remains buried

Hen Owens Getting an Unenviable Na tional Reputation.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- Secretary Lamar's letter calling on the governor of Oregon to show cause on or before April 18, 1887, why the list of swamp lands, known as list No. 5, should not be revoked and canceled, makes an interest ing abstract of Special Agent Shackel-ford's report. The only report of this agent on file is the one forwarded from Salem October 21. With the report he encloses certain affidavits bearing on swamp lands. The affidavit of Peter French, a large swamp land owner, as regards money paid directly or indirectly by him to Agent Ankeny is missing. Shackleford sent the affidavit to French for correction, but on the advice of French's attorneys, Written & Gleay, of this city, it was not returned. Charles Alexander, another large swamp land owner, was asked for an affidavit of the amount of money paid J. H. Evans for Ankeny, but Alexander declined to make a statement on the ground that it would compromise him. McConneghy, who held swamp land under title from Owen, makes an affidavit to the payment of money to Evans for Ankeny. Reference is made to an affidavit of J. H. Fisk, of Portland, wherein he recites that Owen had informed him (Fisk) or Special Agent McCormick that he paid Ankeny's expenses during his examination of Oregon swamp lands.

Shackelford says he has in his posses sion the affidavit of W. H. Odell, where the latter details an attempt of Owen to bribe him, while surveyor general, to designate deputy surveyors to make surveys of all swamp lands; also of an attempt of a swamp-land claimant to induce him to take an interest in swamp lands claimed by them. Affidavits of George H. Small and Isaac Foster show that Ankeny did not inspect lands in the vicinity of Chewaucan valley, Paulina marsh, Silver lake, and Warm Springs meadows, to the amount of 36,000 acres in list No. 5. The agent says conclusive proof of fraud and collusion of Ankeny with the swamp-land claimants is found in a copy of a contract between Owen, Fisk, and Ankeny.

This written contract was in pursuance of a verbal contract between Owen and Ankeny. In this contract Ankeny became peculiarly interested in the lands upon which he was instructed to make official reports and the effect of said contract was to make it to his pecuniary advantage to report as swamp all valuable timber and agricultural lands on the list.

A Terrific Explosion

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.- 4 dispatch to the Ledger from Etnaborough, Pa., gives the intelligence that four steel boilers in the iron works there exploded this morn-ing at 5 o'clock, and completely wrecked the building. It was a terrific explosion. Loss about \$30,000.

Mrs. Vilas occupied places at the right and left respectively of the president, while at Mrs. Cleveland's right was the sign on the assembling of the fiftieth congress. He says: "There is too much aristocracy in the senate, and the growing tendency among a majority of the senators is to do every thing except what is American. I am poor and am proud of it. All the time I have been here there has been only one senator who has shown me the courtesy of inviting me to his house. This was Senator Palmer. It may be because I do not wear a dress It may be because I do not wear a dress suit I am not appreciated by my colleagues. In the event of my resignation I will enter the senate of my state and do what I can to repeal some of the odious laws that are now upon the statute books, which have been enacted under the Mahone rule. If I could control every vote in the senate Mahone would buy them away from me in fifteen minutes."

STATISTICS OF THE STATE OF THE

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Discussion of the Subject in the Senate Dolph Takes a Hand.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Following is the text of the proposed woman suffrage

mendment: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by a state on account of sex, and congress shall have power by appropriate legisla-tion to enforce the provisions of this arti-

Dolph favored the resolution. He said the stage of ridicule of the movement was passed. This resolution might not pass, but the time was not far distant, in every state and territory, when women would be admitted to an equal voice in the government, whether the federal constitu- he came. tion be amended or not. No measure involving such radical changes in society had made such great progress as the woman suffrage movement since the first convention in favor of it was held in 1848

at Seneca Falls, New York.

Eustis inquired of Dolph if he did not think if woman had the right of suffrage she also ought to be required to serve on

Dolph said that it did not necessarily follow. There was no connection between jury service and the right of suffrage. But in Washington territory, where women had the right of suffrage, they also served on juries, and to the great satisfaction of judges and lawyers. Eustis understood that under all state laws those duties were considered correlative. He asked whether it was a decent ectacle to take a mother from her nurs ing infant and keep her up all night sit-

ting on a jury.

Dolph replied that therewas nothing in that suggestion, because no woman, un-der such circumstances, would be required to serve on a jury. In conclusion, he said, "God speed the day when, not only in all the states and territories, but everywhere, women shall stand before the law freed from the shackles riveted on her by tyranny and by ignorance, not only in relation to suffrage, but in rela-tion to every other right."

A CRISIS.

The Muddle in the New Jersey Legislature-Exciting Seenes. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 25 .- A crisis was reached in the senatorial situation this afternoon, when the democratic majority in the assembly, in pursuance of their caucus programme, forced a ballot. The call of the house was made immediately upon reassembling at 3 o'clock, and within a few minutes all members were in their places except Throckmartin (dem.) His confreres were not satisfied with the reason given for his absence. Still the democrats had thirty members present to twenty-nine republicans, and they resolved to proceed. The republithey resolved to proceed. The republicans failed to secure an adjournment. A motion to proceed to ballot for United ful termination, and should they fail, the States senator was objected to by the re-publicans as illegal, the requirement being that the vote should be taken on the second Tuesday after the organization of the legislature and the senatorial half of it was not yet organized. The democrats replied that the failure to organize was the result of revolutionary methods by the republicans, and that it was unnecessary to discuss the matter further. The house then proceeded to vote on the question of taking the ballot, and it prevailed by a vote of 30 democrats. The republicans, except Hawkins, refused to vote. The speaker (Baird) and two labor men stood with the republicans. Ex-Gov. Abbott was then nominated for U. S. senator, and on the call of the roll he received 30 votes. This included all the democrats except two. None of the republicans or labor men voted. An adjournment then took place till 11:30 a. m. to-morrow when the democratic senators will join with those of the assembly in formally voting for Abbott; with 9 senators the democrats would have 39 votes, or two short of the number necessary to elect. They are hopeful, however, of having both Throckmorton and Baird with them both Throckmorton and Baird with them on the final vote. The republicans express no anxiety. The senate has adjourned to Friday. They say the action of the democrats is illegal and will not stand. They will all persist in refusing to vote. The democratic state senators elect were sworn into office by Senator Livingstone, in the attorney general's office this mersion.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24 .- This morning :

Livingstone, in the attorney general's of-fice, this morning. A Philadelphia Opinion Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—The Press says: Indirectly, the failure of the Union Pacific to get what it asked from the gov-Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary of the Navy Whitney's baby is to be named Frances Cleveland, in pursuance of a promise made to Mrs. Cleveland, wife of the president.

Riddleberger Talks Plainly.

New York, Jan. 24.—The World's Washington correspondent says that

PACIFIC COAST.

News by Telegraph from West of the Rockies.

THE WILY MONGOLS.

They Retain Their Residence by Virtue of Swearing Lies.

San Francisco, Jan. 21 .- A decision was made to-day in the circuit court by Judge Sawyer, which impairs still further the efficiency of the Chinese-restrictwo and a half years ago. The case was few minutes. The parricide was arrest-then dropped until last July, when U. S. Attorney Hilborn discovered that the Chinaman had never departed. Action was at once begun against his bondsmen.

When the case was called to day then was at once begun against his bondsmen. When the case was called to-day they had an array of Chinese witnesses to testify that Dew had really sailed, so the case was dismissed. Collector Hagar thinks a similar course of procedure will be adopted by the friends of every Chinaman remanded by the courts, so that in future it will be utterly impossible to get a Chinaman out of the country after he has once left the steamer on which he came.

Not yet Captured.

PORTLAND, OR., Jan. 20 .- James, Ryan, Davis, and Ross, the prisoners who escaped from the Multnomah county jail yesterday, have not yet been found, and there is no clue to their whereabouts.

The Umatilla Indians

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 21.-The Statesnan learns that the Umatilla Indians have all agreed in regard to the transfer of their land. Commissioners Pearson, Parsons, and Stanton, are now on the reservation making arrangements for a survey to be made in the spring and the Indians will be located in a compact form. There was a funeral in town, and among the attendants from Indian Mountain were Robert Turney, George Cresgan. They will not be allowed to take more leave at least 110,000 for actual settlers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 .- John H. Snyder, one of the three young men who in September last made a criminal assault upon Louise Bell near the park, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in San Quentin by Judge Hunt to-day.

Acquitted on Every Charge,

PORTLAND, OR., Jan. 22.-Judge Shattuck to-day rendered his decision in the case of X. N. Steeves, tried for disbarment, for conduct unbecoming a lawyer and a gentleman. Steeves was acquitted on every charge.

The Oregon & California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 .- Col. C. F. Crocker states that the directors of the Southern Pacific and shareholders of the Oregon & California have come to an understanding regarding the terms for the transfer of the latter road to the Southern Pacific system. Whether any papers had been signed making the sale absolute he was not certain of, but believed the transaction will be satisfactorily concluded within the next few days. The comple complete construction gang at work on the California railway will immediately be taken off and the completion of the coad delayed for an indefinite period. About fifty-one and one-half miles of road yet remain to be constructed before connection can be made with the Oregon & California, the present end of the track being about twenty-miles from the bound-

ary line.

The New Telegraph System, SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 .- It is said that a very large additional force has been placed on the line between this city and Portland, at places where the work has larged or has been interrupted by storms and deep snow. Only a few obstacles remain to be surmounted, and in all probability the original work mapped out for the Pacific system will be completed next week, with the exception of the line from this city to San Jose and on the other side of the bay to Alameda, Oakland, and Berkeley. Connection will be made with all the leading cities of the world by about Feb. 1st.

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

The Steamer Sellwood Comes near Being Dashed to Pieces.

thrilling incident occurred here, at 11 o'clock. The steamer Sellwood was passing up the river, which is considerably swollen by late rains, and, when oppo-site the Jefferson-street ferry landing, one third of a mile above the Morrison-street third of a mile above the Morrison-street bridge, her wheel struck a drift log, and broke, also unshipping the rudder. She blew a signal of distress, and the captain shouted "Help! help! Come quick, for God's sake!" The Jefferson street ferry company's ferry boat "Daisy Andrews" had just reached her landing, but she immediately put out after the fated Sell-wood, which was fast drifting on to the bridge piers, and succeeded in getting a line to her, and towed her back up to the public levee, and the line made fast. The Sellwood was within fifty feet of one of the piers, and drifting broadside. In another is no prospect that it will be able to start up very soon. The supply of bran and shorts has run entirely out. The fiver is between seventeen and eighteen a little. The rains of yesterday, however, will probably raise it again.

other minute she would have experienced the fate of the Bentley. Captain Hack-ett, of the "Daisy Andrews," deserves much credit for rescuing the Sellwood, as the current runs from Jefferson street to Morrison street in less than five mi A BRUTAL MURDER.

A Hoodlum Son Stabs His Father to

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 .- One of the post brutal murders ever committed in San Francisco took place this morning. The victim was Wm. Hayes and the murderer his son Daniel. The family were seated at the breakfast table when ther the efficiency of the Chinese-restriction act. In January, 1884, a Chinaman named Long Yeck Dew came to this country in the steamer City of Peking and was refused landing by the surveyor. As is customary in such cases, he was released on a writ of habeas corpus, but, on the hearing, was remanded by Judge Hoffman. He appealed to the circuit court, and the judgment of the lower court was affirmed. This occurred nearly two and a half years ago. The case was few minutes. The parricide was arrest-

> He did not speak until he was 7 years of age, and he has always been subject to insane fits with changes of the moon, but never before did he give any evidence that he was inclined to commit acts of violence. He generally became insane when the moon was full, and for three or four days at a time we were compelled to watch him closely. Other members of the family were afraid of him when he had these spells, but I had no difficulty in controlling him. He would obey me whenever I spoke to him, but with his father he was taciturn."

A Shooting Affray.

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 24 .- Accurate deails have been received here of a shooting affray near Weston on the 20th inst. school directors, and several young men. been sent to jail some weeks ago for an act of vandalism in the school house. The young men became intoxicated during the afternoon, and made threats against the directors. When the latternoon is the latternoon of the latternoon ing the afternoon, and made threats against the directors. When the latter started home, the boys followed, applying vile epithets and firing a pistol in the air. This was kept up for several miles. Near Creagan's home the parties had a collision, and Turney shot Grant Byland, slight wounds in the face and thumb. Creagan shot Sebastian Blucher, a slight wound in the breast. He then shot Show wound in the breast. He then shot Shep-herd twice in the back, the second ball passing close to his heart, and out at the throat. Shepherd will probably die. Saturday, Turney and Creagan had a preliminary examination at Weston, and were bound over in \$500 each to appear before the grand jury, which meets at Pendleton to-day.

Buckley Dangerously III.

SAS FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.-Chris. Buckley, the noted democratic boss, is lying dangerously ill at his residence, in this city. He is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Repairs Completed.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 25 .- The repairs to the steamer N. S. Bentley have been completed. The damage was found to be much lighter than was at first sunposed. The cost of the damage did not exceed \$1500. The steamer will leave for up river points as soon as the locks are open.

cartridge exploded on the Geary street railroad in this city late last night. The damage from the explosion was slight.

Another Dynamite Explosion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 .- A dynamite

No one was hurt. Bought a Telegraph Line. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26 .- The Postal Telegraph company, the Mackay-Bennett system, has purchased the Bay and Coast

CHICAGO, Jan. 26 .- John Watts was murdered by George Wilson, in this city, this morning. The cause of the trouble was jealousy. Wilson has escaped, and

Telegraph line, which runs from San Francisco to Santa Cruz.

his whereabouts are unknown. Terrific Storm.

New York, Jan. 26,-Dispatches give news of a terrific gale on the coast of Nova Scotia last night. The schooner "Graham," from Bermuda to Halifax, was wrecked, and all on board lost.

THE WHEAT MARKET. - Wheat was quoted yesterday at 72 cents, the same