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The Sacramento River Overflow.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 1.—The river here has reached the highest point ever known, 26½, being one inch higher than in the flood of '78. At Reed's and Conrad's places on the Yolo side of the river, the water was washing over the top of the levees and cutting out very badly. At Hoagland's place, where the break of '78 occurred, the water was running over in a few places and gangs of men are at work repairing. At the English break, above the city, on the west side, the water was pouring over the levee, and the main levee was cutting out fast. Men are at work trying to save it. On the line of the Sacramento and Placerville railroad the whole country between Brighton and Mayhew's station is under water. It was up to the track yesterday, but this morning had receded. Cattle from the ranches have been removed. All the creeks between Folsom and Shingle springs are running tremendously high. The American river yesterday reached the highest ever known, 30 feet, but to-day it has receded 4 feet. Trestles over Willow creek was threatened last night, and not considered safe as yet. The suction pipe at the prison at Folsom is carried away. At Salmon bend, on the west side over fifteen miles above the city, there is a break of 200 feet, and a short distance below another of 100 feet. There is also a break 100 feet wide at Elkhorn. From this latter place down to the English break, a distance of about eight miles, the water is running over the levees. It is regarded here that they have the full strength of the American and Feather rivers. At two o'clock this morning a break of 200 feet occurred five miles below the city. Shortly after another break 100 feet wide occurred. The place of the break is near the Riverside house, and the country in that vicinity is already submerged, and the water is slowly backing up to Y street levee. No danger to the city is apprehended at all. There were rumors this morning that Marysville was flooded. Dispatches state that Marysville is safe, and that the dams on Yuba and Bear rivers are safe.

The Production of Iron.

The Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel association estimates the production of pig iron in the United States in 1880 at 3,300,000 gross tons; in 1879 it was 2,741,853 tons. The importation of pig iron during the year was about \$700,000 tons. These figures give the probable consumption of pig iron in 1880 at 4,000,000 gross tons. It estimates the production of rails of all kinds in the United States in 1880 at 1,200,000 gross tons; in 1879 it was 993,993 tons. Of the production of 1880 there were 775,000 tons of steel rails and 425,000 tons of iron rails; in 1879 we produced 610,682 gross tons of steel rails and 383,311 tons of iron rails. During 1880 we imported about 215,000 tons of rails of all kinds, which added to the probable production of 1,300,000 tons gives 1,475,004 as the approximate consumption of the year. In 1880 we mined in the lake Superior district about 1,950,000 tons of iron ore; in 1879 the production was 1,414,182 tons. In 1880 we imported about 400,000 tons of iron ore; in 1879 we imported 284,241 tons. In 1880 track was laid on about 6,500 miles of new railroad in the United States; in 1879 the mileage was 4,725 miles. The production of Anthracite coal in the United States in 1880 was about 23,500,000 tons; in 1879 it was 142,089 tons.

The Friday Prejudice.

A Philadelphia clergyman has objected to the execution of the death penalty on any other day than Friday, on the ground that as Christ was crucified on Friday, the selection of that day for hanging affords collateral evidence of the event. It is difficult to see any historical corroborations in this were the statement true, which is not. A usage has grown up of late years in some of our states to carry out all death sentences on Friday. It has not been universal, however, in this country, and it has never prevailed in England. Up to about forty-five years ago only forty-eight hours were allowed to intervene between the sentence and execution of a criminal. As trials were likely to begin toward the middle of the week and to be continued near to its end it happened that a large portion of the hanging took place on Monday Morning. To this circumstance the appellation, "blue Monday," owed its existence in part, though the reaction from a Sunday's debauch, so commonly felt during its hours, may, in part account for the title. Bellingham, who murdered Mr. Percival, the chancellor of the exchequer, in 1812, was hanged on Monday, and so was Courwisser, the assassin of Lord William Russell, who was executed twenty-eight years later. Wainwright, executed in London three years ago, for killing his mistress and cutting up her body, met his fate on Tuesday, and a glance at other cases would show that every secular day has been similarly employed. A former governor of the indignant minister's own state deliberately chose other days than Friday for enforcing the extreme penalty of the law with the hope of freeing Friday from superstitious associations of bad luck, and so far as these are dependent on thoughts of the scaffold he acted wisely. The need of this precaution may be doubted by some, but the stupid criticism of one who claims to be an instructor of the people shows that it was not superfluous.

A Mammoth Order.

The Baldwin locomotive works, says the Philadelphia Bulletin, has just received the largest order for locomotives ever given in this country. Heretofore an order for ten engines at one time was considered a large one, but the present order comes from the Denver and Rio Grande railroad company, and calls for 144 locomotives, part of which number will be delivered next fall, and the remainder during the following winter. These locomotives are intended to meet the increased equipment required by the southern extension of the Denver and Rio Grande road, for which the financial arrangements were completed a month or so ago. Sufficient of the bonds of the new division have been subscribed for to enable the company to proceed with its construction. The cost of the 144 locomotives will aggregate something over \$1,000,000, or about \$7,000 apiece, and with the present force employed in the works it would take about three months time, providing there was no interruption, before the engines could be made ready for shipment. The Baldwin company will not begin the work upon them for six months yet, and its prosecution will be in accordance with the terms of delivery, so that the resources of the works need not necessarily be diverted exclusively to the filling of this mammoth order.

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STATE AND TERRITORIAL.

By barometrical measurement the town of Ainsworth, at the junction of the Snake with the Columbia river, is 350 feet above the level of the sea and Wallula ten feet lower. Walla-walla is 242 feet altitude.

The band of cattle known as the Walker band, driven out of the Klickitat county last spring have been wintering in the Burnt district, Idaho territory. They are suffering and dying to a considerable extent, their range having been covered with snow since the first of December.

A carefully kept register of cattle passing through one of the points between eastern Washington and Cheyenne last season shows that 170,000, an enormous number, went by that route alone, while it is estimated 70,000 were driven by other routes. The cattle were from Washington, Idaho and eastern Oregon.

A business man in Walla-walla desiring to buy a load of wood, asked a teamster, who had about a quarter of a cord in his rack, how much he would take for it. "Eight dollars," was the prompt and rather abrupt reply. "But damn it!" exclaimed the first speaker, "I don't want to buy the wagon; how much for the wood?" And the disgusted woodman drove on to the next corner.

The watch worn by Lieut. Crittenden, who was killed with Gen. Custer at the battle of the Little Big Horn, has been recovered. A half-breed, who got it from a Sioux who claimed to have killed its owner, sold it for \$3 to a Canadian, and the latter identified the owner by writing to its Liverpool maker. The latter's books showed that it had been sold to an American by the name of Crittenden.

The other day as a Waitsburg reporter was, Micawber like, watching for something to turn up, out of which to make an item, he passed a man shoveling away the snow vigorously and as he stopped to regain his breath he exclaimed: "When I die I hope I shall go to a place where there is no snow to shovel." His wife standing in the doorway remarked that she thought there was no danger.

A few days ago John Jordan gave W. R. Jackson, who was recently shot at Hillsboro, a dose of carbolic acid by mistake and Jackson said immediately, "What's that you have given me?—that carbolic acid! Run for the doctor. I am bound to be killed yet." And Jordan traveled and got the doctor who relieved his patient. The carbolic acid was diluted to one-sixteenth its strength or it would have been a serious matter.

Unatilla county, Oregon, has a population of 9,614; 1,095 farms; 1,004 owners; 118,325 acres tilled; their value, \$2,861,055; live stock worth \$1,573,245, exceeded in the state only by Wasco; 16,805 horses; makes 131,385 pounds of butter; sheers 1,873,595 pounds of wool; raised this year 352,762 bushels barley; 137,766 oats; 1,048 rye; 911,274 wheat; 81,393 potatoes; 58,075 apples; 22,085 peaches; 2,252 gallons wine; has \$186,400 invested, and paid \$44,550 wages.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

The February number of this favorite periodical is even more than usually interesting. The leading article, Sport and Sports in America, by Oliver Johnson, has ten excellent illustrations of winter outdoor sports. Another admirable article also fully illustrated, is entitled London Hospitals and Scenes in Them, by Janet E. R. Rees. Madagascar, by Alvan S. Southworth, A Hunting Party in Florida, Moliere and his World, by H. Barton Baker, The First Voyage Around the World, and A Shadow, by William Ackroyd, etc., are full of interest and information. The serial, The Amber Witch, is continued, and there are numerous short stories and sketches by popular writers of great merit. Among the many excellent poems, Angel Visits, by Charles Mackay, and A Baby Song, by C. A. Burke, are especially good. The miscellany, of which there is an abundance, embraces a variety of subjects, and affords a vast source of entertainment and instruction. Each num-

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