NEWS EXAGGERATED.

Affairs in the Far East Misrepresented and Overdrawn.

London, Jan. 1.—(Copyrighted, 1898, by the Associated Press.)—The ingenuity displayed in manufacturing news from the far east is remarkable.

Five-sixths of the statements can be safely labelled guesswork. The British and Russian foreign officers are as dumb as oysters and the German stream of conflicting communications in the semi-official press shows they do not know which foot they are standing on. France is apparently dark, while the mikado has dissolved the Japanese diet in order that their opinions should not be expressed. Under the circumstances it is not strange that accurate information is difficult to secure. Known facts wholly corroborate the statements cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday last that Great Britain is carefully watching the situation, biding her time, and will certainly not fail to act promptly and vigorously at the proper moment. It was pointed out in that dispatch that in well informed circles the scare in the newspapers in regard to the east was at least premature and that members of the government were evidently sincere in disclaiming the least alarm.

BRYAN ON MEXICO.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—W. J. Bryan and wife, accompanied by ex-Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, arrived here last night and today was tendered a reception at the home of ex-Governor Hogg. About 2500 people attended. Bryan authorized a statement by the Associated Press today that he would not make any statement on his Mexico trip until he reaches Lincoln, when he would give public his views in detail. However, he expressed himself delighted with the country and the people.

NEW ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Secretary of State Rees has issued a license incorporating the Chicago Electric Transit Co., which is designed to absorb all the trolley lines in the southwestern part of the city. The capital stock is $2,000,000, which it is said is already largely subscribed by Eastern capitalists. The company will issue 1,500,000 bonds immediately and perhaps more later.

SHARKEY CHALLENGES FITZ.

Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 1.—Tom Sharkey has issued a challenge addressed to Robert Fitzsimmons in which he demands that Fitzsimmons give him the first chance on his re-entering the ring. Sharkey claims that he won the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fiasco fairly, and that Corbett had the assistance of the police when he had Corbett beaten in their fight in San Francisco.

VAN WYCK INSTALLED.

New York, Jan. 1.—New York today became the second city of the world with Robert A. Van Wyck as its mayor. At the city hall a large crowd gathered early to witness the induction of the new mayor. Mayor Strong turned over the reins of government to Mayor Van Wyck in the presence of several thousand persons.

TEMPERATURE FOR THE YEAR.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—The weather bureau office in this city furnishes the following weather data for the year 1897: The temperature averaged 55 degrees, which is within a fraction of a degree of the average for this city. The highest temperature recorded during the year was 95 degrees on August 14, the lowest 22 degrees on January 26.

RUMOR WAS FALSE.

Report That Prince Bismarck Was Dead Created Sensation in London.

London, Jan. 2.—The usual quiet of New Year's day was disturbed yesterday afternoon by a report that Prince Bismarck was dead. This rumor, sympathetically made by the Evening News and shouted throughout London by the news boys, created a deep sensation in the minds of the general public and great excitement in newspaper circles until a denial was received by the Reuter Telegram Company. Most of the Londoners, however, went to bed last night in the belief that Prince Bismarck was dead, as the dispatch to the Reuter company from Hamburg was only published in the morning's newspapers.

THE PACK TRAIN.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The war department has placed Lieutenant Guy H. Preston, 9th cavalry, in charge of the army pack trains that are to undertake to get supplies into the Klondike region. Preston has been in Washington for some time.

The principal assistant will be Lieutenant James Ryan, 10th cavalry, who gathered up the pack trains at Forts Washakie and Robinson. The animals are already at Vancouver and will be reinforced by about 75 more selected mules from the mountain country accustomed to a moisture climate. It is proposed not to burden the expedition with wagons.

BEER DUMPED OVERBOARD.

Honolulu, Dec. 24, via Victoria, B. C., Jan. 1.—Two hundred kegs of beer from Portland were recently emptied into the harbor by the customs authorities. There was no sale for it and nobody would pay duty on it.

THE GAME A TIE.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—The football game today between the Multnomah Athletic club and the Portland Athletic club resulted in a tie, neither team being able to score. The game was probably the most stubbornly contested one ever seen in Multnomah Field.

COURTMARTIAL POSTPONED.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The courtmartial at Savannah of the crew of Captain Carter, of the engineer corps, has been postponed from January 5 to January 12, in order to allow further opportunity for the preparation of evidence.

CHINA WAKING UP.

London, Jan. 1.—According to a dispatch from Shanghai a sudden stiffening has taken place in the attitude of the Tsungli Yamen toward Germany, resulting in a demand for the evacuation of Kiao Chou and leading to the belief that Great Britain is bringing pressure to bear on Pekin.

BICYCLE RACE.

New York, Jan. 1.—Michael Jonghi defeated Taylore in the 25 mile bicycle race, time 51.54½. Taylore rode a wheel geared to 94 and Michael's was 106.

WHEAT.

On June 26 wheat sold at 63¾c. It has since sold at $1.03½. Difference, 39¾c, or $3,975 on 10,000 bushels. $100 would have made this amount by our system of joint investment accounts since June 26. Why not try this system and increase your income? Amounts of $20 and upwards received.

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A Russian thistle nine feet in circumference was recently found growing by the wayside in the Sante Fe valley, New Mexico.

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With deafening cheers from eager throats; and yet
Gladder the victory could I forget
The strained white faces of the men who failed!
—Julia Schayer, in Century.

According to Nilsson, the zoologist, the weight of the Greenland whale is 100 tons, or 224,000 pounds, or equal to that of 88 elephants or 440 bears.

The lake of Uramia in Persia contains more salt than the Dead Sea, which holds 26 per cent., or eight times as much as the ocean.

In the last publication of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, Professor Roentgen has an article in which he confirms the observation of Dr. Brandes that it is possible to make the X-rays visible to the eye.

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Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, December 18th, 1897.

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JOHN J. WALTZ.

H. E. 10,915 for the E. ½ of S. W. ¼ and Lots 6 and 7 of Sec. 6, Tp. 4 N. R. 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph J. Lynch, of Mishawaka, Oregon; Timothy Corcoran, of Mishawaka, Oregon; George Simpson, of Mishawaka, Oregon; and Albert L. Grove, of Mishawaka, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has this day been appointed assignee of Rebeccah Strauss, an insolvent debtor. Creditors of the said assignor are hereby notified to present their claims under oath to the undersigned within three months from this date at his place of business at No. 575 Commercial street, Astoria, Oregon.

Dated this eleventh day of September, 1897. N. SCHLUSSEL,
Assignee of Rebeccah Strauss, an insolvent debtor.

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BOND STREET ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by ordinance No. 2311 of the City of Astoria, confirming the assessment on roll No. 20, for the improvement of Bond street from the west line of Ninth street to the west line of blocks 16 and 17, McClure's Astoria, will be due and payable in United States gold coin at the office of the city treasurer, January 5, 1898, and if not so paid at said time the common council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

Bracker, Theodore, lot 3, block 22 McClure's Astoria 69 62
Bowlby, J. Q. A. (trustee), lot 3, block 17, McClure's Astoria..... 63 62
Bowlby, J. Q. A. (trustee), lot 4, block 17, McClure's Astoria..... 63 62
Boelling, Mrs. P., lot 5, block 9, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Boelling, Mrs. P., lot 6, block 9, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Boelling, Mrs. P., lot 7, block 9, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Dunbar, Lilian, lot 4, block 21, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Dunbar, Lilian, lot 1, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Elliott, George H., lot 9, block 11, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Flavel, Mary C., und. half of lot 3, block 24, McClure's Astoria..... 34 81
Flavel, Mary C., und. half of lot 4, block 24, McClure's Astoria..... 34 81
Flavel, George C., und. sixth of lot 3, block 24, McClure's Astoria.....11 60
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Flavel, Nellie, und. sixth of lot 3, block 24, McClure's Astoria.....11 60
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Flavel, Katie, und. sixth of lot 3, block 24, McClure's Astoria.....11 60
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Ferguson, J. E. (as guardian of Ernest E. Ferguson), lot 3, block 21, McClure's Astoria 69 62
First National Bank, lot 6, block 10, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Hobson, Anna K., lot 3, block 20, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Hobson, Anna K., lot 4, block 20, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Hyland, Martha E., lot 6, block 11, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Kamm, Jacob, lot 7, block 13, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Kamm, Jacob, lot 8, block 13, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Munson, J. W., lot 1, block 21, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Munson, J. W., lot 2, block 21, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Page, C. H., lot 2, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Patton, F. (trustee), lot 8, block 10, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Parker, C. L., lot 1, block 24, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Parker, C. L., lot 6, block 13, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Parker, C. L., lot 5, block 13, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Parker, Catherine H., lot 5, block 12, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Parker, Catherine H., lot 6, block 12, McClure's Addition 69 62
Rohr, Charles H., lot 7, block 11, McClure's Astoria 69 62
United States, lot 1, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62
United States, lot 2, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62
United States, lot 3, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62
United States, lot 4, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62

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The following are payable in installments, the first installment January 5, 1898:

Bottom, Harriet A., lot 1, block 17, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Bottom, Harriet A., lot 8, block 16, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Bergman, Isaac, lot 7, block 10, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Bergman, Isaac, und. half of lot 7, block 12, McClure's Astoria..... 34 81
Bergman, Isaac, und. half of lot 8, block 12, McClure's Astoria..... 34 81
Christianson, H. und. half of lot 7, block 12, McClure's Astoria..... 34 81
Christianson, H., und. half of lot 8, block 12, McClure's Astoria..... 34 81
Crosby, F. A., lot 4, block 22, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Carnahan, R. N., lot 3, block 19, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Carnahan, R. N., lot 4, block 19, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Davidson, George, lot 1, block 20, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Davidson, George, lot 2, block 20, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Gearhart, J. W., heirs of, John Neal Gearhart, Edgar G. Gearhart, Philip E. Gearhart, Esther Gearhart, and Celestia Gearhart, widow, lot 8, block 9, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Hahn, John, lot 1, block 18, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Hahn, John, lot 2, block 18, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Loeb, William L., lot 2, block 24, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Marion, R. R., lot 5, block 16, McClure's Astoria 63 62
McPharland, Mary A., lot 2, block 17, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Nolan, Michael, lot 1, block 19, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Nolan, Michael, lot 2, block 19, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Progressive Loan and Building Association, lot 5, block 11, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Parker, H. B., lot 5, block 10, McClure's Astoria 69 62
Parker, Alice C., und. fifth of lot 7, block 16, McClure's Astoria..... 12 72
Parker, W. W., lot 5, block 14, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Parker, W. W., lot 6, block 14, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Parker, W. W., lot 7, block 14, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Parker, W. W., lot 8, block 14, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Reed, Granville, lot 3, block 18, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Reed, Granville, lot 4, block 18, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Rasmussen, Thomas, lot 6, block 15, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Ryrie, Mary J., und. fifth of lot 7, block 16, McClure's Astoria..... 12 72
Sharpstein, Lucy E., und. fifth of lot 7, block 16, McClure's Astoria.. 12 72
Trullinger, Agnus, und. two-fifths of lot 7, block 16, McClure's Astoria.. 25 44
Trenchard, C. J., lot 6, block 15, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Trenchard, C. J., lot 7, block 15, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Trenchard, C. J., lot 8, block 15, McClure's Astoria 63 62
Trenchard, George, lot 5, block 15, McClure's Astoria 63 62

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