

INTERNAL REVENUE

Report of the Bureau for the Last Fiscal Year.

GENERAL INCREASE ON TOBACCO

The Receipts Show a Trivial Increase Over the Preceding Year—Some of the Items—Approximate Expense.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The commission of internal revenue has submitted to Secretary Carlisle the preliminary report of his bureau for the year ending June 30. It shows that the receipts of internal revenue for the year ended June 30 were \$146,830,610, an increase of \$3,384,545 over the receipts of the preceding fiscal year. The expense was \$144,044,310. The net revenue was \$2,786,300. The per capita tax was \$4.04, a reduction of 1.8 as compared with the preceding year.

ENGULFED BY A TIDAL WAVE

It is Estimated That 4,000 Chinese Perished.

Shanghai, Aug. 4.—News of a most terrible disaster, which occurred on Sunday last in the province of Kiangsu, has just been brought to this city. An immense tidal wave, fully five miles in length and of great height, swept in from the sea upon the coast of Hayehang, which is in the southeastern part of the province, inundating the entire country and destroying numerous small villages in its path. At present it is estimated that 4,000 people were drowned, but it is probable that when a full investigation has been made, that number will be increased. In addition to the great loss of human life vast numbers of cattle were drowned. Rice fields were submerged, and the crops almost totally destroyed, and a famine is feared in the district during the coming autumn. Great numbers of people who escaped the fury of the waves are left utterly destitute, without food or shelter or the means of procuring it.

THE LUMBER COMBINE.

Washington Lumbermen Not Afraid That It Will Be Broken.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 4.—Manager W. H. Hanson, one of the proprietors of the Tacoma Mill Company, said that the story sent out from San Francisco, that there was likely to be a disruption of the lumber combine, is without foundation. "The millmen of this coast," he said, "have been losing money long enough, and present prices are but little higher than the actual cost of production. "If the retail dealer of Oakland or any other city sees fit to cut rates, that is his business, but he cannot expect millmen to get in any cut rates to them. My opinion of the whole trouble is that several of the retailers have been after the same business, and some of those who failed to get certain orders cut under their more successful competitors to try and get the business away from them. "It is safe to say there will be no reduction in cargo rates, for two reasons. There is no necessity for cutting, and the present rate will not stand it, as the increased price for stamptage and the greater distance the mills have to go for logs would make any such cutting a loss to the millman.

MARK TWAIN IN ENGLAND.

His Opinion of the Transvaal and Its Inhabitants.

Southampton, Aug. 4.—Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), with his wife and daughter, arrived today on the steamer Norman from Table Bay, Cape Colony. Although he started out on his tour of the world in feeble health, being obliged often to take to his bed between the delivery of lectures, and, notwithstanding an attack of sickness in India, Mr. Clemens looked the picture of health when he landed here. He has gone far and seen much, in the Sandwich islands, Australia, India, South Africa. He expressed himself as charmed with what he had seen in South Africa. "I consider the Transvaal the country of the future," said Mr. Clemens. "It has a delightful climate and boundless natural wealth. I had presented to me in Johannesburg a little nugget with figures on it showing the enormous increase of the gold output. The bulk of trade there is in the hands of English and Germans, but Americans should be able to command the lion's share of the trade in machinery, the largest portion of the machinery in the Transvaal being American. Mr. Hammond, the reform leader convicted of treason, but whose sentence was commuted, intends to bring back from the states with him \$200,000. The majority of Americans in the Transvaal are engaged in mining and engineering. The American element is small, but the mass of the Boers make no distinction between Americans and English. Indeed, all foreigners, with the exception of Germans, are deferred to.

ANOTHER HORRIBLE ACCIDENT

Express Crashes Into an Excursion Train.

100 ARE KILLED AND INJURED

Wreck Occurred at a Railroad Crossing, and the Excursion Train Was Literally Cut in Two by the Express. Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 3.—A railroad accident, horrible in its details and sickening in its results, occurred this evening, just outside of this city, and as a result about 100 persons are either killed or injured. The Reading railroad express, which left Philadelphia at 5:40 o'clock this evening for Atlantic City, crashed into a Pennsylvania railroad excursion train at the second signal tower, about four miles out from here. The Pennsylvania train was returning to Bridgeton with a party of excursionists from that place, Millville and neighboring towns. It was loaded with passengers, and a rough estimate of the killed and injured at a late hour places the number at 100. It is hoped that this is an exaggeration, but the number is undoubtedly more than fifty. At the second signal tower, the tracks of the two roads diagonally cross. The Reading train was given the signal to stop, but the brakes either failed to work or the speed of the express was too great to be checked in time. It caught the excursion train broadside and ploughed through, literally cleaving it in two. The engine of the Reading train was shattered to pieces. Every car on the excursion train was jammed to its fullest capacity. As soon as the news reached Atlantic City, the utmost consternation prevailed, but the authorities were equal to the emergency. Relief trains were dispatched to the scene, loaded with cots and bearing staffs of surgeons. As quick as the bodies were recovered, they were carried into the local hospitals and undertaker's shops. A general fire alarm was sounded, and the department promptly responded, and aided in the heartrending work of digging for the victims. Fear grew into despair and horror as the vigorous work of the relief gangs revealed the awful extent of the disaster. The first Reading relief train bore into this city twenty-seven mangled corpses, men, women and children. The next train, not an hour later, carried fifteen of the maimed and wounded, and two of these died soon after reaching the city. As train after train plied to the scene of the wreck, and came back with its ghastly burdens, the Sanitarium, which does duty as the city hospital, quickly found its capacity overtaxed. Meanwhile others of the dead and injured were being carried to the private hospital at Ocean and Pacific avenues. Eward Farr, engineer on the Reading train, was killed outright, as was another railroad man who rode on the engine with him. This man, whose name has not yet been learned, saw the collision coming and leaped from the cab an instant before the crash came. Almost at the same instant the engine cut its way through and caught him directly in its path. His body and that of Farr were found under a heap of debris, but the engineer lay in what remained of the cab, and his right hand still clasped the throttle. He had been faithful unto death, and met it at his post. The fireman on that train leaped a few seconds before and escaped with trifling injuries. Samuel Thornton, baggage-master on the Reading train, is among the dead. James M. Bateman, a Bridgeton undertaker, is known to be killed. He was in the third car, and his hat was found lying among the mass of broken timbers. Richard Trenchard, a Bridgeton machinist, and his wife are both dead. Conductor Kelly, of the Pennsylvania train, had both arms and legs broken, and was internally injured. Albert J. Mosebach, of No. 18 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, was on the Reading train. He escaped unhurt. The excursion train was made up of fifteen cars, the foremost of which was a baggage car. This and the next two coaches caught the full force of the crash, and were utterly demolished. What remained of the third car was tumbled into a ditch at the roadside. The responsibility for the accident cannot now be fixed. William Thurlow, telegraph operator in the tower-house, was arrested tonight and held, pending an inquiry.

WRECK OF DEAD IN THE ATLANTIC CITY

Wreck Positively Fixed.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 4.—After the perplexity resulting from many of the mistaken identity, the number of dead in the Meadows was this afternoon positively fixed at forty-four. The impression prevails that the retelling of the accident rests upon Edward Farr, dead engineer, Edward Farr. There is no dispute that the signal to stop was given to the West Jersey excursion train, and if so the danger must necessarily have been given by the Reading track by an automatic signal. The theory is that Farr saw up and could not stop in time. He saw the West Jersey approaching. It is said he had his hand on the throttle for two weeks not long ago, and was making good time, and it is said he was trying to make up for his running at a high rate of speed.

UNPRECEDENTED RUN.

More Salmon Than the Lower River Canneries Can Handle.

Astoria, Or., Aug. 3.—The receipts of salmon at the various lower river canneries continue unusually heavy and are far in excess of the capacity of several of the packing establishments. Today the fish were so plentiful that one of Kinney's men delivered nearly 100, and near Sand Island it was reported that the water was almost alive with large chinooks. Many were reported to have been taken with gaff hooks by some of the men who found themselves in the midst of a great school of fish. At one or two canneries, where too many fish were received, the loss is heavy. Tons of fish are being thrown overboard at Kinney's on account of the lack of means to preserve them until they could be canned. As many as possible have been salted for the winter use by the citizens in the west end of town, and were freely given to all who would carry them away. Fishermen assert that never since the canning industry began has such a run been seen. If it continues until the close of the season, the chances are favorable for a much larger pack than had been anticipated. An unusual feature of the situation is the quality of the fish, which is fully equal to those taken in June, the flesh being exceptionally red and firm and the quality of oil abundant.

THROWN INTO A CISTERN.

Texas Man Slays His Family and Disposes of Their Bodies.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 3.—T. E. Burt, a member of one of the most respectable families, murdered his wife and two children, aged 2 and 4 years, last Friday night, and placed the dead bodies in a cistern. He left the city Saturday night following the terrible deed, after advising several neighbors not to drink the water in his cistern, as it was polluted. His relatives became alarmed at the disappearance of his family, and began an investigation, resulting in the finding of the bodies today. Burt bound his wife in a blanket, after tying her feet and neck together, and then dropped the body into the cistern. Both children had their brains knocked out. His brothers have offered a reward of \$300 for his apprehension. Burt was at one time a prominent furniture dealer in this city, but gambling got the best of him, and last year he failed and was indicted for embezzlement, but his brothers succeeded in getting him out of the trouble. The governor has offered a reward for his arrest. Nothing is known as to Burt's whereabouts, although telegrams have been sent all over the state and to outside cities. No motive for the crime is known.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Grass Valley Suffered a Severe Loss From the Flames.

Grass Valley, Cal., Aug. 3.—At 8:20 o'clock tonight, an alarm of fire was sounded for a blaze in the opera house. The fire started under a store occupied by Ismert and Webbe, and spread with great rapidity. Soon the whole building was enveloped in flames, and the adjoining buildings commenced to burn and, despite the work of the firemen, it looked as though the whole center portion of the town would be destroyed. The fire department of Nevada City came over to assist the local department, but a scarcity of water hindered them so they were of little service until an extra head of water was turned in to the supply ditch. The two departments did great work and confined the fire to the block bounded by Neal, Church, Auburn and Bank streets. The loss will exceed \$100,000, it is thought. Insurance in most cases is small, and the blow is a hard one to the city.

AN INDIANA TRAGEDY.

Vincennes, Ind., Aug. 3.—Thomas Prather, a farmer, and Miss Maud Delay, daughter of a wealthy farmer, eloped from Sanborn, this county, and drove to this city and were married. They then drove back to Sanborn, when an altercation took place between Prather and Clyde Delay, a brother of the bride. Prather fatally shot the new brother-in-law in the abdomen. The elopement was planned some time ago, but Prather's marriage license was forcibly taken from him by members of the young woman's family. Neutrality Proclamation. Washington, Aug. 3.—The president has issued a proclamation bearing date of July 27, again commanding citizens to observe the neutrality laws in respect to the Cuban insurrection, and giving notice that all violations will be vigorously prosecuted. The president cites the decision of the supreme court in the Wiborg case in order that citizens may not be misled as to the meaning of the military laws.

OIL TANK EXPLODED.

New York, Aug. 3.—Two men were fatally injured and three others severely burned by the explosion of a tank at the Standard Oil Company's works, at Cravens Point, Jersey City, today. The fatally injured are: Richard Cunningham, and John Goldsmith. The works were set on fire by the explosion, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. Driven Out by Crestans. Athens, July 30.—A large body of Mussulmans supported by Turkish troops while engaged in pillaging the Adomati district of Crete were attacked by 1,500 insurgents. The latter drove the Mussulmans and Turkish troops out of the district inflicting serious losses. To Succeed Sattoli. Rome, Aug. 3.—Father Martinelli, prior-general of Augustinians, has been appointed successor to Monsignor Sattoli as papal delegate to the Roman Catholic church in the United States.

THE WILHOIT STAGE.

Held Up by Two Masked Highwaymen and Robbed.

Oregon City, Aug. 5.—An excited messenger came galloping into town this evening with the news that the Wilhoit stage, which left this city today noon had been robbed. A dozen to twenty shots were fired, two horses were killed and the pockets and baggage of the passengers rifled. It is not known how much property was taken. The robbers were interrupted in their work by two farmers, who exchanged several shots with them, and drove them into the woods. The robbery took place within 200 yards of the Milk creek bridge, where the last of last year's hold-ups occurred. The same driver, Bill Mattoon, held the reins of the four-horse team, and as he rounded a turn in the road, two masked men stepped from the brush and commanded him to stop. Two of the horses were frightened by the sudden appearance of the men at the roadside, and they started to run. The robbers promptly took three shots at the team, bringing the leaders down, each horse having a front leg shattered, and having also a shot in the back. Of course, that stopped the stage, and the robbers at once began the search for booty. They had pretty thoroughly scared the driver, as well as the passengers, and when they called to all hands to "shell out and be quick about it," all hands "shelled out." The driver gave up his revolver and a little coin, and the passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Hiding and daughter, of Portland, and a Chinaman, delivered their valuables, but the amount is not reported. Then the robbers turned to the baggage and went through that, taking whatever they found that pleased them. It is supposed they did not get much from the baggage. While the robbery was in progress, Thomas Duffy, who carries the mail between Oregon City and Molalla, came along, and the thieves took a couple of shots at him, sending him away in a hurry. He told Phil M. Graves and Mr. Woodside, two farmers whom he met about the affair, and they went at once to the rescue, opening fire on the robbers, who retired, after answering with several shots. The wounded horses were put out of their misery, and a posse was organized on the spot and started in hot pursuit. The course taken by the robbers was up Milk creek in a rugged country leading to the mountains. The country is fairly well settled by ranchers, however, and the robbers will have a hard time to get away. Chief of Police Burns, of this city, and Deputy Sheriff Noblitt and Samson started from town this evening to push the hunt for the men. No description of them is given except that they are both tall, roughly dressed and apparently young men. Their cloth masks prevented a view of their features. The hold-up took place about 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the pursuit of the thieves was so prompt that it is thought their chances of escape are slim. The stage continued on to Wilhoit. The horses that were killed belonged to Livermyer Noblitt, and were valued at \$60. Last season the same stage was held up twice not far from the spot where today's robbery occurred. No shots were then fired, and the amount of the plunder was small. The affairs then were conducted similarly to that of today, except that one man did the work.

SHAFER'S DIVINING ROD.

With It He Located Fabulous Treasure in California.

Alameda, Cal., Aug. 5.—William Shafer, of this city, believes that he has located a gold mine with a divining rod upon a spot in Contra Costa county, which his wife saw in a vision. Shafer says he has struck a bonanza, and that he will be a millionaire if he can secure possession of the land where the precious metal lies hidden. Two weeks ago it was related how Mr. Shafer had a divining rod and his wife had a vision, and he had started out to locate the mine in Contra Costa county. Shafer took with him a lot of prospecting tools and his wonderful steel dip needle. This needle has such a powerful affinity for the precious metals that it can scent a 50-cent piece 100 feet away. It was made especially for Shafer by a friend, who expended three weeks labor upon it. With a similar instrument a very rich mine was located in Death valley. The mine is now owned and operated by the Redlands Mining Company. Since the story of Shafer's novel prospecting tour, as a result of his wife's vision, was published he has received letters from six states. All kinds of propositions have been made to him to locate mines. Several begged for sittings with Mrs. Shafer, that she might go into trances and locate gold mines. Next week Shafer is going on a prospecting trip for several men in San Francisco. All his expenses will be paid and he will be given a good salary. "I think I shall go into the business of locating mines with my divining rod," said Shafer. A machine has been invented by some genius which will do typewriting and the addition of figures at the same time.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Business for the past week has been satisfactory, the month of July far exceeding expectations in most lines. A noticeable feature of the trade is the fact that large orders for which prompt payment is made have been coming in from sections where not a pound of wool or a bushel of wheat has been sold, and where these two great staples are the only crop. The closing days of the fishing season are marked with an unprecedented run of salmon, and wheat has already begun to move.

Wheat Market.

The prospects for a fair yield are much better than they were reported a few weeks ago, and conservative estimates now place the total output within 10 per cent of that of 1894, or fully 30 per cent greater than in 1895. Some of this increase is due to increased acreage over last year. Quotations are as follows: Walla Walla, 49 to 50c; Valley, 53 to 53c.

Produce Market.

Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$2.85; Benton county and White Lily, \$2.85; Graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. OATS—Choice white, 29@30c per bushel; choice gray, 27@28c. Rolled oats are quoted as follows: Bags, \$4.25@5.25; barrels, \$4.50@7; cases, \$3.75. HAY—Timothy, \$10.50 per ton; cheat, \$6.50@7; clover, \$6@7; oat, \$6.50; wheat, \$5.50@6.50. BARLEY—Feed barley, \$13.50 per ton; brewing, \$14@16. MILLSUFFERS— Bran, \$14.50; shorts, \$15.50; middlings, \$18@20; ---, 90c per cental. BUTTER—Fancy creamery is quoted at 45c; fancy dairy, 35c; fair to good, 17 1/2@20c; common, 12 1/2c per roll. POTATOES.—80@90 for new, 90c per sack for old. ONIONS—Red, 75c; white, \$1 per sack. POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@3.50; broilers, \$1.50@2.50; geese, \$4.00; turkeys, live, 10@11c; ducks, \$2.00@3.00 per dozen. EGGS—Oregon, 12 1/2c per dozen. CHICKENS—Oregon, 9c; California 8c; Young America, 8c per pound. TROPICAL FRUIT—California lemons, fancy, \$4.50@5.00 per box; bananas, \$1.75@2.00 per bunch; California seedling oranges, \$2.50@2.75 per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$4 per box; pineapples, \$3.00@5.00 per dozen. OREGON VEGETABLES—Garlic, new, 10c per pound; Oregon peas, 2c; new cabbage, 1 1/2c per lb; tomatoes, \$1.00 per box; string beans, 4@5c per lb; wax, 3@4c per lb; Oregon radishes, 10c per dozen; cauliflower, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 15@25c per pound; egg plant, 15@17 1/2c per lb; rhubarb, 1 1/2@2c. FRESH FRUIT—California apples, \$1.25 @1.50 per box; cherries, Royal Anne, loose, 5c per lb, 65c a box; Black Republicans, loose, 5c per lb, 60c per box; gooseberries, 2@2 1/2c per pound; currants, 5c; raspberries, 4c; blackberries, 3c; apricots, \$1 per box; peaches, 60c@75c per box; watermelons, \$2@3.00 per dozen. DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, bleached, 4@4 1/2c; sun-dried, 3 1/2@4c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 3@4c; prunes, 3@5c per pound. WOOL—Valley, 9c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 5@7c. HORNS—Choice, Oregon 2@3c per pound; medium, neglected. NUTS—Peanuts, 6@7c per pound for raw, 10c for roasted; cocoanut, 9c per dozen; walnuts, 12 1/2@14c; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 8@10c; chestnuts, 17c; Brazil, 12c; pecans, large, 14c; Junco, 16c; filberts, 12 1/2c; fancy, large, 14c; hard-shell, 8c; paper-shell, 10@12 1/2c. PROVISIONS—Portland pack: Smoked hams are quoted at 10@10 1/2c per lb; picnic hams, 7c; boneless hams, 7 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 10c; bacon, 7c; dry salt sides, 6c; lard, 5-pound pails, 7 1/2c; 10s, 7 1/2c; 50s, 7 1/2c; tallow, 7c per pound. HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 9 1/2@10c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 10 pounds, 8c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 11@12c; dry salted, one-third less than dry flint. Salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 6c, do, 50 to 60 pounds, 5c; do, under 50 pounds and cows, 4 1/2@5c; do, kip, sound steers, 15 to 30 pounds, 4c; do, veal, 10 to 13 pounds, 5c; do, calf, under 10 pounds, 6@7c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; cuils (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, hair stripped, weather-beaten or grubby) one-third less. BEESWAX—20@22 per pound. TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 3@2 1/2c; No. 2 and grease, 2 1/2c.

Merchandise Market.

SALMON—Columbia, river No. 1, talls, \$1.25@1.60; No. 2, talls, \$2.25@2.60; fancy, No. 1, flats, \$1.75@1.85; Alaska, No. 1, talls, \$1.20@1.30; No. 2, talls, \$1.90 @2.25. CORDAGE—Manilla rope, 1 1/2-inch, is quoted at 8c; White sisal, hard twisted; Rope, 1 1/2-inch, cir. and upward, 6 1/2c; rope, 1 1/2-inch, 6 1/2c. Sugar—Golden G, 4 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; dry granulated, 5c; cube crushed and powdered, 6c per pound; 1/2c per pound discount on all grades for prompt cash; half barrels, 1 1/2c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound. COFFEE—Mocha, 27@31c per pound; Java, fancy, 24@25c; Costa Rica, 20@23 1/2c; Caracal, 22 1/2@25c; Salvador, 19 @22c; Arabucki, \$20.15; Lion, \$20.15; Columbia, \$20.15 per case. RICE—Island, \$3.50@4 per sack; Japan, \$3.75@4. COAL—Oil—Cases, 20c; barrels, 17 1/2c; tanks, 15 1/2c per gallon. WHEAT BRAN—Calcutta, \$4.25@4.37 1/2 for July and August deliveries.

Meat Market.

BEEF—Gross, top steers, \$3.25; cows, \$2.25@2.50; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c per pound. MUTTON—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$3.00; ewes, \$2.75; dressed mutton, 4 1/2 @5c per pound. VEAL—Gross, small, 4 1/2c; large, 3@3 1/2c per pound. HOGS—Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.00@3.25; light and leaders, \$2.75; dressed, 3 1/2@4c per pound.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

POTATOES—Garnet Chile, 60@65c; Early Rose, 35@45c; do, in sacks, do, in boxes, 40@55c; Burbanks, in boxes, 70 @85c; do in sacks, 40@75c. ONIONS—Red, 10@15c; yellow, 35@45c per sack. EGGS—Store, 13@15c; ranch, 15@20c; ducks, 23@14c per dozen.