

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraph Columns

Four persons were killed at Nanterre, France, by a boiler explosion in a carbon factory. The damage is \$100,000.

William Steinway, the well-known piano manufacturer, died in New York of typhoid fever. He had been sick for a year.

Thirteen prisoners escaped from a jail in Wyandotte, Kan. Three have been captured and the officers are in pursuit of the others.

Rev. P. M. Hill, formerly a missionary to China, was stricken with paralysis while delivering a sermon at his church in Bentonville, Ark. He cannot recover.

George W. Hill, a well-known printer and stationer, of Portland, Or., shot and killed himself. He was of a despondent nature, and about five years ago attempted suicide by taking morphine.

Farmers in the vicinity of Tacoma have lost many thousands of bushels of potatoes because of the cold. One farmer had 6,000 bushels stored in his barn, and nearly the whole lot was destroyed.

The prisoners in Bedford, Ind., made a desperate effort to escape by setting fire to the jail. But for the timely discovery of the fire by the sheriff, some of them would have escaped, and others would have been cremated.

Fifteen-year-old Emma Taylor, an orphan, has been held as an important witness against four men who, on Thanksgiving night, attempted to rob a car full of passengers in Kansas City. The young girl says that she made the masks for the robbers and knew their plans. It is believed by the police that the girl was seized by the gang and made to do their bidding.

Advices received at Tampa, Fla., from Havana are that Weyer will soon issue another tobacco order prohibiting the exportation of remedies tobacco from the islands of Cuba. This was not included in his other order, and a great deal has been exported. Havana manufacturers have petitioned Weyer to close the Cuban ports to this tobacco, as Northern and Eastern manufacturers were buying all of it for exportation to this country.

A dynamite explosion occurred at Kosaukie by which several persons were killed.

The latest reports from Russia are to the effect that the winter crop throughout the south, excepting in the Caucasus, is in a fairly favorable condition.

A Singapore dispatch to the London Times says the Spaniards have been defeated by the insurgents in the Philippine islands, with the loss of 300 of their men.

The strike in the gas works, in Bordeaux, which necessitated the calling in of the soldiers to assist in the works to save the city from being left in darkness, has ended in a compromise.

At Webster's sawmill, on Deep Creek, in Washington, Engineer B. F. Elmore was caught by a shaft and instantly killed. The body was frightfully mangled.

The first serious frontier incident in a long time occurred near Munster, when a German forest guard shot an alleged French poacher, inflicting a flesh wound. The French government will inquire into the case.

While the employes of the Thiels enamel factory, of Hamburg, Germany, were going to work a body of strikers attacked them and a free fight followed. Shots were fired, several persons seriously wounded and many arrests made.

A Paris dispatch says the trial of Bazin's patent roller boat, which it is alleged would shorten the Atlantic passage to ninety-six hours, is expected to occur in the middle of December across the English channel from Havre, in the presence of distinguished naval authorities and possibly of President Faure, who is interested in the experiment.

A disastrous prairie fire swept over the Seminole country, Oklahoma. Sixteen persons, it is reported, were burned to death by the raging flames. A Catholic mission was saved by the heroic work of Sisters Freda and Kirk. The two sisters fought the flames for two hours with blankets, and saved the lives of twenty Indian pupils. The fire was started by outlaws, who were fleeing from a posse of deputy marshals. Most of the people burned were half-breed Indians.

The sugar planters of the Island of Mauritius have decided to join with those of the British East Indies in representations to the government of Great Britain regarding the sugar bounties paid by foreign countries, with the view of bringing about some counteracting influence to enable planters there to compete more fairly with their foreign rivals. Delegates have been appointed to present the grievances in the proper quarter.

One of the boldest robberies ever perpetrated occurred in Alameda, Cal. Two unknown men called Charlie Berry from his house and relieved him of \$45 in gold. Berry went home late and was followed by the robbers, but did not know it at the time. He was called to the door by repeated knockings, and upon opening it he was grabbed by the men. His mouth was closed by one and the entire pocket cut by the other from his pants, in which he carried the money. The men then made their escape in the darkness.

Uprising in Uruguay. A Buenos Ayres dispatch states that the revolution under way in the Uruguayan republic is gradually gathering strength. Its exact proportions are as yet unknown, as the telegraph companies have been seized by the government and nothing is allowed to come out. It is reported, however, that there have been several hot skirmishes on the frontier between the rebels and government forces. Several houses have been burned, it is said, and several were killed on each side.

A Nervy Jeweler. Four men entered Jacob Niedlikow's jewelry store in Milwaukee, Wis., and attempted to rob the place. Two covered the proprietor with revolvers and ordered him to open the safe. He grappled with the men, who opened fire on him, shooting him in the hand. The jeweler's wife entered and several shots were fired at her and her child. The robbers were then frightened off, and being pursued were captured.

Woman Fires Upon Burglars. At Coland creek, Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth Belcher, who is reputed to have money at her home, heard burglars working at a back door. She stole out with a Winchester, saw three men at the door and fired three shots at them. The burglars fled. They were tracked more than three miles by blood stains.

Eleven Thousand Men Out. The American Company's lighters and ship cleaners in Hamburg, Germany have joined the big strike there, and eleven thousand men are now out.

Rebellion in Madagascar. Dispatches from Antananarivo say rebellion in Madagascar is rampant, and in the vicinity of the capital trade is paralyzed.

Disastrous Fire in Portland. The extensive plant of the Inman, Poulsen Lumber Company, of Portland, Or., was almost completely destroyed by fire Thanksgiving evening. The fire was discovered by the night watchman, and in an incredible space of time the entire plant was a seething cauldron of flames. The loss sustained is about \$85,000, covered by insurance in numerous companies to the extent of about \$40,000. The most distressing result of the fire is that 150 men are thrown out of employment, temporarily at a season of the year when they can ill afford to be idle. The firemen on duty did good service, but could not do much except to prevent the spread of the flames. Just how the fire originated is difficult to determine, but it is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. Mr. Robert P. Inman, of the company, says that although sustaining a heavy loss he is not at all disheartened and will rebuild as soon as possible. It was fortunate that a strong east wind was blowing as it carried the flames out over the river and the lumber piled up in the yard south of the mill escaped almost altogether. Had the flames reached the lumber, the loss would have fallen heavily upon the mill company, as more than \$75,000 worth of lumber was stored there.

Americans in London. The second Thanksgiving dinner of the American Society, of London, took place in the grand hall of the Hotel Cecil in that city. Henry S. Wellcome, chairman of the society, presided, in the absence of the United States ambassador, who, with Mrs. Bayard, was "commanded" to dine with the queen, at Windsor castle. The dinner was on a more elaborate scale than any of the previous gatherings of the society, and about 300 ladies and gentlemen were present. The hall was splendidly decorated. A special feature of the ornamentation, in addition to the stars and stripes, which were everywhere displayed, was a quantity of American corn specially brought over for the purpose. Many American dishes were on the menu, and some immense pumpkins had a share in providing the good things for the table. Behind the chair occupied by Mr. Wellcome was a representation of the statue of Liberty and a large American eagle, and near the chairman, on a pedestal, was an enormous pumpkin, sent as a present to Mr. Bayard, whose absence was much regretted. In the middle of the dinner there was a surprise for the guests when each one received a leather-bound souvenir book containing the portraits of Mr. Bayard and the American presidents, including President-elect McKinley. Mr. Bayard's letter of apology for not attending, and wishing "God-speed to the land we all love," was followed by a telegram from the United States ambassador at Windsor castle, in which he said: "Your charming souvenir of the day we celebrate has just been received, and the copy for her majesty will be presented before your dinner is over. All who love the United States and Great Britain will join in the mutual congratulations over the peaceful relations of the English-speaking people of the world." Mr. Bayard's sentiments were greeted with loud cheers, and Mr. Wellcome, the chairman of the society, in alluding to Mr. Bayard's regretted absence, said that it was a good omen that the United States ambassador was the guest of the queen at a Thanksgiving dinner. The toast to the queen was honored with unusual energy.

Oregon's Trial a Success. The battleship Oregon has just returned from a short cruise, undertaken to give a board of inspection an opportunity of looking her well over. It was given out unofficially that the trial had been a very great success, and that the board was highly pleased with the ship in all details, though the real findings will not be made public until they are sent to headquarters in Washington in the form of an official report, and from there given out.

THEY WANT TO BE ANNEXED

Hawaii Cannot Long Maintain Its Government.

FOSTER'S VISIT TO THE ISLANDS

People in Constant Fear That Some Unpleasant Change May Occur—Condition of Business Is Good.

Washington, Dec. 2.—John W. Foster, former secretary of state, has returned to Washington from a four weeks' visit to Hawaii, whither he went as the representative of the Pacific Cable Company. In speaking of his visit, Mr. Foster said: "The condition of business in Hawaii is flourishing. The islands are prosperous, and their future is bright. The Pacific Mail has recently doubled its service, sending a steamer there twice a month instead of once, as formerly, and a new line is soon expected to be established by the Japanese, which will touch at the islands on the way to San Francisco. "The people of Hawaii wish to be annexed to the United States. The present government has the approval of a majority of native Hawaiians, and there is no likelihood that there ever will be a restoration of the monarchy. The English and German element, however, are opposed to annexation to the United States, because they believe it will interfere with their contract labor and so affect them commercially. "The present government in its administration is giving satisfaction; yet this government is only temporary, and the people want to be annexed to the United States. The members of the government are pledged to it, and the present constitution of the republic expresses this expectation. So it is the general belief that the matter should be decided at an early date, if possible."

He said it was not apparent that Hawaii could maintain herself as an independent government in case the United States should refuse to annex the islands. Although her people are law-abiding and the present government gets along smoothly and successfully, there is a continual fear, says Mr. Foster, that some change may occur. So far as the Hawaiians are concerned, independently of outside influences, they are capable of self-government. In Mr. Foster's opinion, however, annexation is the only way out of the situation in which Hawaii is placed.

A TREASURER ROBBED.

Dallas Official's Tough Experience With Thieves. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.—At midnight, five pistol shots in rapid succession in the vicinity of the courthouse attracted the police to that building. W. E. Coe, county treasurer, was found in his office with blood oozing from a wound in the back of the head. He was in a dazed condition and in a very excited frame of mind. He said he had been working very late in order to get the affairs of the office in shape to retire in favor of his successor. At midnight two men appeared, and one placed a gun to his temple and ordered him to open the vault. He did so and all the valuable papers and contents of the inner vault were examined by one of the robbers. After placing a considerable sum of money in a canvas sack, the robbers withdrew from the vault. Coe seized his pistol and shot at the robbers. The latter returned the fire, hitting the treasurer in the back of the head, inflicting a bad scalp wound. The treasurer says the robbers secured \$6,000, and he is confident that he shot and badly wounded one of his assailants. The police force and a large number of deputies with bloodhounds are on the trail of the robbers.

SHORT WHEAT CROP.

Frosts Stop Plowing in France and Central Europe.

London, Dec. 2.—The Mark Lane Express today, discussing the crop prospects, says: "Severe frosts in France and Central Europe have stopped plowing and sowing, and we anticipate a somewhat short wheat acreage in the entire region between the Vistula and the bay of Biscay. Winter has set in throughout Russia, the sea of Azof was closed to navigation November 24, and navigation of the Baltic is dangerous, on the northern and eastern coasts, on which there is already much ice. "Owing to the rainfall in India the deficiency in the wheat acreage is reduced. But while famine no longer threatens, a scarcity seems bound to be felt until the spring of 1897. "English wheat maintains a good price in London, but the country markets are firm. The cause of this is clear. In the counties last week, 168,684 quarters of English wheat were offered for sale, against 69,539 for the same week of 1895.

FEARED INSANITY.

Fisher, Minn., Dec. 2.—M. Sanaker, cashier of the Bank of Fisher, shot himself dead yesterday. His father died insane. He feared following his footsteps. The bank's affairs are in excellent shape.

CYCLONE IN OKLAHOMA.

Perry, O. T., Dec. 1.—Information reaches here that a very destructive cyclone struck the town of Reliston, on the Arkansas river, fifty miles northeast of here, on Thursday night at 12 o'clock and nearly wiped out the town of about 200 houses. Nearly every house in town was blown down and several people were injured, but no names can be obtained. Reliston is in the Osage Indian nation, and fifty five miles from a telegraph station.

THE NORTHWEST STORM.

Loss of Five Lives Reported—Dynamite Used in Clearing Streets.

St. Paul, Dec. 2.—News from the great blizzard has been meager today. So far as learned, only five lives have been lost. Of course, nothing has yet been heard from the remote districts beyond the reach of the telegraph, and it may be another week before it can be positively stated that there has not been more serious loss of life.

The streets of the snowbound Dakota towns are being cleared as rapidly as possible. The extremely cold weather has frozen the snow until the immense drifts have reached the proportions of gigantic icebergs. Dynamite is being used to blast these out of the way, ordinary picks and shovels being unable to make any impression on them.

Stock on the ranges has undoubtedly suffered heavily, and a fuel famine is threatened in many of the smaller towns in the Dakotas. This is by no means a trivial matter where the mercury is ranging from 15 to 30 degrees below zero.

The railroads are beginning to get their trains running again. The Great Northern got its first train into St. Paul from the snowbound district this morning, and the Northern Pacific reports that its line is now open from Portland to St. Paul. Delayed west-bound transcontinental trains on this road, which were being held at Tower City and Fargo, left those points at 5 o'clock this evening, and the eastbound trains, held at Mandan, are moving, and will be due here tomorrow. The Northern Pacific officials do not anticipate any further trouble, and expect to have trains running on schedule time.

Tonight, farms and farm buildings along six miles of the Chippewa river are under water. The flood is being added to hourly at the rate of six inches, and before morning, unless the gorge breaks, Chippewa Falls will be partly under water. At 9 o'clock tonight, basements of all buildings on Spring street are flooded, and in some instances the lower floors are covered. In 1894 a similar flood occurred, causing a loss of many thousands of dollars.

A great deal of railway property is threatened, and many highway and railroad bridges will probably be swept away.

NO ONE TO SAVE HER.

A Blind Woman Burned to Death Near Anacortes.

Seattle, Dec. 2.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Anacortes says that about 1 o'clock this morning fire destroyed the residence of H. McDonald, a farmer, living six miles from here, and also burned to death the only person in the house at the time, Mrs. McDonald. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. McDonald had gone to the home of his son-in-law, Henry Layton, leaving his wife, who was 70 years old, and blind, at home. The burning building was first seen by J. L. Satterlee, a neighbor, but before any one could reach the spot the roof had fallen in. An examination of the debris revealed the remains, terribly charred and almost unrecognizable, of the unfortunate woman.

Want to Make New Coast Rates.

Denver, Dec. 2.—A petition has been filed with the interstate commerce commission in Washington by representatives of the Santa Fe, Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western, Southern Pacific, Colorado Midland and Union Pacific, asking that these roads be permitted to charge a less aggregate for longer distances between Colorado points and California than for shorter distances over the same lines. The purpose is that the railroads be allowed to make a schedule of lower rates from Denver and other points in the state to the Pacific coast than to Salt Lake. The interstate commerce commission has set the hearing on the petition for December 18, at Washington.

Workings of the Raines Law.

New York, Dec. 2.—A legislative inquiry into the workings of the Raines excise law was begun here today. The committee on investigation consists of five members of the state senate, with Mr. Raines, the "father" of the law, as chairman. It is expected the hearing will continue throughout the week, and one of the star witnesses will be Police Commissioner Roosevelt, who last week gave out a newspaper interview which in effect pronounced the judgment upon the law that it could not have been more inefficacious had those who framed it had the purpose of making it a statute that could not be enforced.

Three Boys Shot.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 2.—Three boys met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon. John Donovan, Harry Canty and John Strich, all 12 years of age, went out on the Alameda marsh to shoot quail with a shotgun. While crossing a creek they passed the gun, which was cocked, from one to another, handling it carelessly from stock to muzzle. The gun went off, when all three lads were in the line of fire. Canty received nearly the whole charge in his breast and face, and some of the shot entered his lungs. He is fatally injured. Donovan's little and third fingers were shot off, and Strich received a few shot in the face, but the injuries of the two last named are not serious.

Greece a Market for American Wheat.

Washington, Dec. 2.—United States Consul Horton, at Athens, in a report to the state department, says that in consequence of the bad wheat harvest in Russia, which supplies nearly two-thirds of the wheat used in Greece, prices of wheat are very high there and are still rising. He is confident that there is a fine opening for the introduction of American wheats into Greece, and offers to assist would-be exporters.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

Baker City has a movement well under way to secure a public library.

The Eagle woolen mills, at Brownsville, now employs sixty-one men.

There are about 500 head of cattle for sale in Eagle valley, Union county.

The Santiam river was reported to have been higher last week than since the flood of 1891.

Senator elect Harmon, of Coos, Curry and Josephine counties, makes public his approval of a registration law.

The people of Wallawa county want a special session of the circuit court. They have an overstock of criminals they wish to dispose of.

Prairie City, Grant county, has been selected as the next meeting place of the directors of the first Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society.

The hospital, employe's quarters and laundry at the Warm Springs agency have been completed and are now awaiting to be turned over to the government as soon as the new agent arrives.

The body of Ferdinez, the cook of the ill-fated Arago, was found last week on the beach, fifteen miles north of the Umpqua. The remains were identified by papers found in the pockets.

Seven miles of the new motor railway grade between Waterloo, Sodaville and Lebanon, are said to be now ready for the laying of rails. On account of the bad weather work has been discontinued until next spring.

The contractors who have been awarded the contract for furnishing and placing rock on the north jetty, on Coos bay, are preparing to begin work immediately, and are employing men with that object in view.

Harry Clay, a sheepbuyer, recently received about 6,000 head of sheep from sheepmen in the neighborhood of Monument, and drove to Arlington, from which place he shipped to Chicago. His band will be fed and placed on the market later on.

The material is on hand and the foundation of the cradle laid at Wall Bros' mill in Myrtle Point, for the construction of a new steamer to run on the upper Coquille. The machinery of the old Cumtux will be used, and the new steamer will have the same name.

A correspondent of the Independence West Side says: "Fifty-one years ago, the hand that pens these lines was paddling a canoe down the Willamette river. The writer started from the old William Prather place, went to Luckamite, stepped into the canoe, and in three days was in Oregon City. He put into the canoe what flour it would bear, and in five days was back again at the place from where he started."

WASHINGTON.

The shipments of farm products from Garfield during the month of October last, not counting wheat, amounted in value to about \$6,000.

A haystack with a dozen chickens upon it went down the Columbia river last week. The fowls were rescued for Thanksgiving purposes at Freeport.

There have been shipped out of Aberdeen by express since the first of August 315,000 pounds of fresh fish, which brings the value of the season's output of salmon up to almost \$100,000, or \$1,000 per day.

The work of floating the Glenmorag has been stopped for the present. All the men have been discharged, except the old hands. The heavy weather makes it impossible to do anything just now. When work can be resumed is uncertain.

The Spokane Falls & Northern Telegraph Company has completed the stringing of an additional wire from Spokane to Northport, and thence connecting with Rosland. The business of the company will probably necessitate the placing of another wire over the line to Nelson soon after the first of the year.

The total cargo shipments by sixteen of the leading mills of Washington in the month of October, as officially reported to the West Coast and Puget Sound Lumberman aggregated 37,727,012 feet of lumber, and 4,149,885 lath. Of the lumber, 14,944,547 feet went foreign, and 23,280,465 feet went coastwise. The total exceeds September by over 4,000,000 feet.

A winter muskmelon, or casaba, is a peculiar variety of fruit that is being exhibited by Robert Secrest. The seed was brought to Oakesdale by J. J. Durant, from the Yakima country. The seed was planted in the spring and melons were picked this fall. The fruit looks like the ordinary melon, the only difference being that the winter melon will not ripen until it has been laid away for a considerable time.

The massive jam of logs which has been wedged in between the narrow walls of the mountains on the Kalama river, and known as the "jam," is finally gone. The recent high water took it out clean and deposited it in the boom at the mouth of the river. This mass of logs has been in there for years, making a perfect and safe bridge over the river, and had been a hindrance to logging on the Upper Kalama.

A new town to be known as Silver, has been started in the Methow district.

NEWS OF THE OCEAN

Yokohama Excited Over a Mysterious Poisoning Case.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—The ship Doric arrived tonight from Kooag and Yokohama, bringing following Oriental news: Yokohama society is torn up mysterious poisoning case. R. rew, a gentleman occupying a special position, and secretary of the ohama United Club, who was married to a lady of substantial income, taken ill October 15, and died Oct. 22. A coroner's inquest was held. It was discovered that he had been poisoned. The evidence showed Mrs. Carew, just before his illness after he was sick, had purchased a quantity of arsenic from a druggist. She said she wanted a quantity of arsenic for a mysterious woman dressed in black, who called her husband October 10. Mr. Carew was not at home, and the woman after making an appointment to see him. Mr. Carew appeared to be very worried when the woman called to keep the appointment, and was very letter, addressed to Annie L. Carew was taken ill October 15, October 20, while she was in the same mysterious woman called her house. She asked where Mr. Carew bedroom was situated, and the woman after telling her, went to bed. This was the last seen of the mysterious woman, but Mrs. Carew received a letter written by Carew, which was thrown in a waste basket. Carew died, and the inquest progressed, the woman wrote to Lowder & Hall, stating that she had fooled the chemist, the doctor called "silly little wife." The police were unable to find any trace of the woman in black. The coroner brought a verdict that Mr. Carew died from the effects of arsenic poison, but by whom the poison was administered there was no evidence to Mrs. Carew was then arrested, charged with the murder of her husband, but was later released. Her trial was in progress when the steamer left.

SHE STRUCK A ROCK

The Steamer Dalles City Struck Sprague.

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 1.—The steamer Dalles City, belonging to the Portland & Astoria Navigation Company, struck a rock near Sprague yesterday and sank in six minutes. The weather was calm, blowing hard when the Dalles City, the Cascades. At 6 P. M. she was in the Sprague, feeling her way through the darkness. The boat was heavily loaded, there were fifty cattle, as many hogs and a consignment of wool on board. A sudden violent jar was felt, and immediately the steamer's bow was toward a sand bar lying in the middle of the river, and in less than five minutes she was beached. The hull was a large one, and in minutes she had settled till her keel rested nearly seven feet under water. The cause of the accident was a freeze at the Cascade locks, as the Dalles City City, which returned through to Portland, and delayed after her usual time of leaving locks. The passengers, although suffering somewhat from fright, were made comfortable by the officers and crew, and are loud in their praise of Captain Johnston and the other crew. Judge Smith, of Goldendale, and good management and coolness averted a worse accident.

THE FLORIDA COAST

Concentrating Artillery Troops at Pensacola for Gun Practice.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 1.—The military circles that are now stationed at the First artillery, now stationed at various posts on the Gulf and Atlantic coast, are to be concentrated here, which will soon be in position of practice with the modern heavy guns which will soon be in position of practice with the modern heavy guns which will soon be in position of practice with the modern heavy guns.

The selection of a site for a military men that Pensacola is heavily fortified as rapidly as possible and as the troops need practice in handling of the modern guns, the house is deemed by military men to be best that could be selected for the purpose. They would have the opportunity for target practice, and at the same time be comfortably quartered at Fort Barrancas and the navy yard.

FELL DOWN A WELL

Miraculous Escape From Death of Young Florida Lady.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 1.—Miss Wirt, eldest daughter of John Wirt of this city, had a most miraculous escape from death this afternoon. Her young lady went to a well on her father's property for drinking water, while so engaged, fell in. The well contained seven feet of water, and was nearly forty feet deep, and five feet in diameter, but, strange to say, Miss Wirt was unhurt in the fall. Upon reaching the surface of the well, she clung to the sides of the well for nearly a half hour until her friends arrived, when she was quickly hoisted to the surface.

BURNED TO DEATH

Entire Family Cremated in House Fire.

Perry, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The family of Luther Greenway, a farmer, living northeast of this village, was destroyed by fire this morning and the entire family was cremated. The building was a two-story house, and the fire was caused by a defective chimney.