

MAKE BETTER SHOWING

Weary of Weyler's Do-
Nothing Policy.

ISSUED FROM MADRID

Make an Effort to Crush the
Insurrection—More Raids by Insurgents
Damaging Results to Spanish.New York, Aug. 9.—A dispatch to
Madrid from Havana says: It is
generally believed that General Weyler's de-
cision to Matanzas was due to orders
from Madrid, sending him to
the field some days ago, but ac-
cording to a statement made by an
insurgent at the palace, he delayed his de-
cision in order to mature a plan to
kill General Castillo.The captain-general is severely criti-
cized for not having taken the field
earlier. For three weeks now bands of
insurgents have been swarming into
the provinces and even Havana. They
have raided small towns and made
raids before large towns. Yet Gen-
eral Weyler contented himself with
waiting on the defensive and only
acting on the insurgents by issuing
orders that considerably aggravated
the sufferings of the unfortunate recon-
quered. It was only when the insur-
gents boldly attacked the suburbs of
Havana that public opinion forced himto take action. Public opinion with regard to Wey-
ler is beginning to manifest
itself. Business is at a standstill, and
merchants throw the blame upon
the government. They say General
Weyler's policy practically restricts them
from doing business with the interior.
The wholesale arrests that have been
made and the terror of the people
have driven the outskirts of the city help
to the feeling of uneasiness and dis-
content with the way the campaign is
being conducted.Insurgents recently entered Esper-
anza, a railroad town of 3,000 persons.
They met with some resistance,
there was considerable fighting in
the streets. According to official ac-
counts the insurgents left 20 killed
and 100 wounded. The commander
of the town was seriously
wounded. He admits that the insur-
gents made several stores. Bolondron,
a small town about eight leagues
from Matanzas, was also raided and
stores and buildings were de-
stroyed. Havana province on Sunday last
insurgents attacked Santiago de las
Cruces, a five leagues from the capital.
They were playing in the park at the
time and most of the citizens were out
reading. A panic was threatened.
The Spanish officers kept their heads
down and prompt steps to repel the in-
surgents. There was brisk firing in
the streets for a time, but eventually
the insurgents were forced to retreat.
On both sides were killed. The
insurgents remained close up all night
and a fire on the forts.Insurgents under Gen-
eral Castillo attacked La Chora, a town
about 10 miles from Havana, on the same
day. He also used dynamite with
effect, throwing bombs into the
streets and destroying several public
buildings. Three bombs were fired
from dynamite guns which were landed
by a small boat. The Spaniards
ventured out of the town.The authorities determined on the
morning to be revenge on the
insurgents, and arrested the family of
the Bottolas, because the daughter
was the affianced of Cas-
tello, chief of staff. Mr. and
Mrs. Bottolas, their daughter and two
sons were taken outside the town,
knelt down and were fired
by a squad of Spanish soldiers.
The wife and one child were
killed at the first volley. The daugh-
ter and her 7-year-old brother were
left on the ground. They
were the only families have moved from
the town.Claims to Be Schlatter.
man, O., Aug. 9.—A man who
is the original Schlatter has
been making a name for him
self here. T. C. C. C. C.
formerly a state senator, walk
ing the streets, was injured 12
years ago he has not walked without
a cane since that time. He
has been solicited from any one Mr.
Schlatter. He has now
made his crutches and the cane.
The story is the talk of the city and
he is jubilant over the aid
he has been given him.He had a leg broken and the
when healed would not allow
him to walk without aid. After
he had treated him he was ena-
bled to get up and walk.Drowned While Wading.
men, Ia., Aug. 6.—Four girls
drowned in Skunk river, near
here, this evening. Three were
daughters of Pierce Pample, aged 7, 12
and 15, respectively, and the other was
a stranger. They were caught in
the current while wading.Remedies for Hard Times.
Aug. 6.—The royal commis
sioner has issued a report
on various palliatives for the
depression in agriculture,
and the commission attributes main
ly to the general and persistent fall of
the foreign competition
and not likely to abate.where nature intends
that seed on flowers at night,
they select are all of a white

SEVEN WIVES CLAIM HIM.

A Polygamous Bookkeeper in a Chi-
cago Jail.Chicago, Aug. 9.—A warrant charg-
ing bigamy has been served on David
Ellsworth Bates in his cell at the police
station. It was sworn out by James L.
McCarthy, who said he was the father
of Mrs. Bates No. 3. The police say
Mr. Bates married at least seven women,
all of whom are living, and only one of
them divorced. This makes the lean
and sallow-faced little bookkeeper a
polygamist extraordinary.The following women have so far filed
with the police their claims to Bates as
husband:
Mrs. Bates, formerly Miss Julia Mc-
Carthy, married in Chicago three years
ago, recognized by the prisoner as his
true wife, and dwelling at 840 West
Sixty-first street.Mrs. Bates, formerly Miss Nettie
Swain, married February 25, 1897, in
Chicago, and residing at 6402 Bishop
street.Mrs. Bates, formerly Miss Anna E.
Herbert, Plainwell, Mich., a sister of
his brother's wife, married September
11, 1889, and now in Michigan.Mrs. Bates, formerly Miss Nellie
Howard, of Kalamazoo, Mich., married
in 1885, and divorced two years later.Mrs. Bates, formerly Miss Ida Cader-
wood, of Galena, Ill., who dwelt at 5401
Dearborn street, where she gave birth
to a baby. Her home is not known to
the police.Mrs. Bates, whose identity is a my-
stery, but known to have dwelt at
Forty-third and Wallace streets, where
a child was born.A Wisconsin sheriff says Bates is
really Austin O. Croven, who is under
indictment at Waupaca, Wis., for the
abduction of pretty 15-year-old Olive
Vosburg some months ago. Her photo-
graph was found in his coat. It is sug-
gested by the police that this girl may
have been his wife.

A PECULIAR COMPLICATION.

Two Commissioners Appointed for the
St. Michaels Office.Washington, Aug. 9.—A peculiar
complication has grown out of the fill-
ing of the posts of United States com-
missioners for the district of Alaska,
and two men now hold commissions
for the same office at St. Michaels.
The last sundry civil bill created four
commissionships for Alaska, to be
located at Circle City, Dyea, Unga and
St. Michaels. There were already four
commissioners there, with offices at
Sitka, Juneau, Wrangell, Kodiak and
Unalakleet.William J. Jones, a lawyer of Port
Townsend, was appointed to the St.
Michaels commission. The depart-
ment heard he had withdrawn, and
then chose L. B. Shepard, of Nebraska,
for the place. Meantime, Jones' bond
and oath of office were received, al-
though he was supposed to have with-
drawn, but the second appointee's
commission had then been forwarded.
Both men hold commissions and the
department is at sea as to how to
straighten out the tangle.

THE SWAUK DISTRICT.

G. B. Henton Reaches Seattle With
\$1,000 in Gold Nuggets.Seattle, Aug. 9.—G. B. Henton ar-
rived in this city tonight with over
\$1,000 worth of gold nuggets, the re-
sult of ten days' work on Williams
creek placer claim on the Swauk dis-
trict, Kittitas county. One nugget was
worth \$260, another \$120; others \$50
and \$60 and down to very small pieces.
He has been working the claims since
January, and since that time has taken
out \$5,000. The Swauk placers are old
and well known, but have been worked
only in a crude way. One man who
owns a claim there has been working it
quietly for six years, during which time
he has made about \$50,000. Mr. Hen-
ton sunk a shaft 103 feet to bedrock
before he made his find. He says the
Clondyke has no attractions for him.

Fishing Season to Close.

Astoria, Or., Aug. 9.—The fishing
season closes Tuesday. It is utterly
impossible as yet to make an estimate
of the pack, but it will probably be in
the neighborhood of 500,000 cases. It
is known that the fishermen's union
cannery packed 30,000 cases. Of the
other packers, some have made the
usual packs, while others have fallen
below last year's output. The fisher-
men on the upper river have done com-
paratively nothing, the catches being
very light. An up-river fisherman says
the men have barely made expenses.
On the lower river the men have done
better, and all cleaned up good wages.
The high men on the lower river have
19 tons to their credit, valued at about
\$1,500. The seiners have made light
catches, but the traps have done very
well. Fish are plentiful in the river
at present.

Canada Enforces Labor Law.

Toronto, Ontario, Aug. 9.—Canada
has begun to take means to enforce the
alien labor law against Americans.
Commissioner McCreary is here on
business in connection with work on the
Crow's Nest Pass railway through the
Rocky mountains, and he informed the
Canadian Pacific railway authorities
that any American laborers engaged for
that work would be deported to their
own country again. McCreary has in-
structions from the Canadian govern-
ment to strictly enforce the new law.

Trouble on Turko-Persian Frontier.

London, Aug. 9.—A dispatch to the
Daily News from Takiz, North Persia,
capital of the province of Azerbaijan,
says that serious trouble has broken
out on the Turko-Persian frontier, and
that both governments have dispatched
troops and guns to the scene of the
difficulty.There is nothing that helps a man in
his conduct through life more than the
knowledge of his own characteristic
weakness.

CLAIMS ARE ALL TAKEN.

Clondyke Thronged With Disappointed
Gold Hunters.San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Speaking of
the Clondyke output of gold, the chief
clerk of the mint said:
"All the gold brought to this city
from the Alaskan mines will not ex-
ceed \$800,000, and all that has been
taken out this year and sent to the
other mints of the country will not ex-
ceed \$2,000,000. The gold from that
part of the country is generally from
700 to 800 fine and some of it rates 900,
the average being worth from \$15.55 to
\$17 an ounce."J. C. Butler, of the Pullman Car
Company, is in receipt of a letter from
R. P. Taylor, a financial broker of
Seattle. A few days ago Taylor re-
ceived word from some men whom he
sent to the Clondyke region last spring,
in which they inform him that every
claim within 150 miles of Dawson
City has been taken up, and that men
are rushing all over the country look-
ing for locations. He says that star-
vation and hardship stares many of
them in the face.Captain Niebaum, of the Alaska
Commercial Company, who has made
a careful study of the situation, fears
there will be a great deal of suffering
in the mining regions this spring. He
thinks the people going are far in ex-
cess of the supplies that have been for-
warded.A letter from Hart Humber, a pros-
pector, dated Dawson City, June 18,
just received, shows that the gold seek-
er needs plenty of capital. After reach-
ing Dawson and paying the heavy duty
on his outfit, besides 30 cents a pound
for getting it over Chilkoot pass, he
will have to pay 25 cents a pound to
get his stuff from Dawson to the dig-
gings.The rush to the Clondyke gold fields
is affecting the mineowners of the
mother lode in the vicinity of Sonora,
Jackson and Sutter Creek, and if it con-
tinues will cause the closing down of
the mines in Calaveras, Amador and
Tuolumne counties, or their operation
with depleted forces.In the past week 200 men have left
Amador county alone for the gold fields
in the north and others are preparing
to follow. Some of them were hired
by mineowners in Alaska, but many of
them went on their own resources.
The other counties have also sent ex-
pected miners in large numbers.

An Expedition From Brooklyn.

New York, Aug. 9.—A half dozen
ambitious Brooklynites are organizing
an expedition to Alaska to search for
some of the Clondyke gold. David P.
Watson, of Brooklyn, clerk of the Re-
publican general committee, is making
up a party, of which he will be one,
and which will leave early in February
to seek fortunes in the gold fields of
the North.

Tacoma Is Clondyke Mad.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 9.—Desire to
rush off to the Alaska gold fields at
once, without waiting till next spring
is increasing all the time. Fourteen
steamers are scheduled to sail from
this port between now and the first of
September.

TO LAY THE DUST.

Novel Scheme of a New Jersey Railway
Engineer.New York, Aug. 9.—A dispatch to
the Herald from May's Landing, N.
J., says: The recent discovery of Chief
Engineer Nicholas, of the West Jersey
& Seashore railway, that crude oil ap-
plied to the ground along the railway
tracks would effectually lay the dust,
has proven after thorough tests to work
far better than was first expected.
Both lines of track leading from Cam-
den to Atlantic City are being thor-
oughly saturated for a distance of six
feet on both sides of the track.The oil is applied on much the same
plan as streets are sprinkled. A water
and recently an oil train with sprin-
kling apparatus sprinkled more than
20 miles. The work will be completed
in a few days. One sprinkling a year
at a cost of \$80 per mile, it is claimed,
will lay the dust effectually, but two
applications may have to be made.
The Pennsylvania system is to be
sprinkled with oil as speedily as possi-
ble.

A Michigan Tragedy.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 9.—Last
April A. H. Dailey, of Jenson, sent
a letter to Mayor Swift, saying he
wanted a wife. The letter got into
the newspapers, and as a result Dailey
received 500 answers. From among
the offers he selected Mrs. Hattie M.
Newton, a Chicago widow, and they
were married. They quarreled and
finally separated. Dailey gave his wife
three days to return. The time was up
at midnight last night and she refused
to return. Dailey forced his way into
her bedroom and shot her with a
musket. Dailey was arrested, and on
his way to jail was allowed to go into
a saloon to drink. He slipped strychn-
ine into his beer and fell over dead
in a few minutes. The woman will
recover.

Fatal Quarrel Over Cattle.

Madera, Cal., Aug. 9.—In a quarrel
over cattle in Crane valley, at Mc-
Swain ranch, yesterday, between Patsy
Reardon and L. A. Woodford, the lat-
ter was shot and instantly killed.
Reardon gave himself up.

Over Seventy Millions.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The latest offi-
cial estimate of the population of the
United States is 77,000,068. This is
made by the actuary of the treasury
office whose duty it is at fixed intervals
to report on the per capita circulation
of money in the United States. He
estimates that the present holdings of
money are \$22.53 for every man, woman
and child in the United States.It is much easier to find the man you
owe than the man who owes you.

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.A large cougar, measuring 6½ feet
from tip to tip, was killed near Alsea
last week.The Oregon Press Association will
meet in Baker City on October 16, 17
and 18.Quite a number of the Umatilla In-
dians are in the Grand Ronde valley, in
Union county, digging camas.Just outside of the town of Athena a
field of 25 acres of wheat has just been
harvested, and the yield was 52 bushels
to the acre.The salary of the principal of the
Roseburg school has been reduced to
\$70, and the under-teachers to \$37.50.
The janitor's salary was cut down to
\$18 from \$30.Last week a piece of bridge timber
70 feet long and 40 inches in diameter
was cut at Saldun's logging camp, near
Clatskanie, for the Astoria & Columbia
River railroad.At the custom-house in Astoria one
day last week \$1,200 duty on coal was
paid under the new tariff, or \$360 more
than would have been required under
the old law.Thirty-six bounty warrants for squir-
rels and gopher scalps were issued by
Marion county last week. The sums
for which the warrants were issued
amounted in the aggregate to \$94.10.Mrs. Meroy Simons, of Sodalville, is
said to be the oldest person in Linn
county, and perhaps in the state. She
is 105 years old. Mrs. Fisher, who is
95 years old, is the oldest resident in
Albany.The Columbia river annual confer-
ence of the Methodist Episcopal church
will be held in Pendleton during the
week commencing August 25. The con-
ference has about 85 ministers and
more than 90 charges. It is expected
that 150 visitors will be present.
Bishop Foss will preside.A dispatch was received in Baker
City from Weiser, Idaho, announcing
the arrival of a smelter and that the
same would be immediately forwarded
to the Seven Devils. This is the first
move of importance toward opening up
this vast copper belt. One carload of
sawmill machinery was received at the
same time. The smelter is said to be
of 75 tons capacity, and one ton of
matte will equal four tons of ore. As
the Peacock ore averages 20 per cent
copper, the lessees of the mines expect
to reap a rich harvest. Several arras-
trats are being put up for the purpose
of working some of the rich gold ledges
which abound in the same district.

Washington.

Austin has a new flouring mill.

The State Bar Association will hold
its next annual meeting in Spokane.More than \$1,000 was paid the gill-
netters in Blaine for one night's catch.The annual report of the auditor of
Adams county shows that the county
only owes \$5,000.John W. Troy, the alleged defaulting
auditor of Clallam county, has been
taken back to Port Angeles. It is prob-
able that his case will be settled out
of court.The telephone line to Goldendale
will soon be completed. The poles are
all set, and the wire in place as far as
Winans. The line will cross the river
at Winans' place, being stretched be-
tween their big stationary fishwheels.It is reported that the General Elec-
tric Company, of Portland, has had a
survey of the Klickitat falls made re-
cently for the purpose of furnishing
electricity for The Dalles and Gold-
endale and to build an electric line from
Lyle to Goldendale.So many men are leaving Skagit
county that there is a fear of crippling
the shingle industry in this county, as
the manufacturers say they can't get
enough men to keep the mills in opera-
tion. Even the farmers come to Mount
Vernon daily looking for help to work
in the hay fields.The Walla Walla Statesman says
that when the petition of the Commer-
cial Club of that place to the war de-
partment to have two troops of cavalry
sent to Walla to replace those sent to
Fort Yellowstone was referred to the
commanding officer of the department
of the Columbia, that official made a
favorable report upon the petition.Mrs. Espey and her daughter, Clara,
of Rockford, Spokane county, who
walked all the way from Spokane to
New York city, returned a few days
ago to their home. Both mother and
daughter report having had a good
time, and declare that their health was
never better, although the long journey
reduced them in flesh. Their object in
making the trip was for the purpose
of making enough money to lift a
mortgage from their farm. They were
in demand at the various museums and
other places, where salaries were paid
them as curiosities.The receiver of the bank of Puyallup
has received permission to sell the real
estate and other assets of the institu-
tion.The report of the commissioner of
fish and fisheries recently published
shows that the government has dis-
tributed in Washington state during
the fiscal year, 625 large-mouthed
black bass, 450 yellow perch and 850
zebra; in Idaho, 495 carp, 758 tench,
1,475 brook trout, 400 yellow perch,
170 large-mouthed black bass and 2,
400,000 whitefish fry.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review
of Trade.The short sellers of wheat have but
a single argument left to support their
views, viz: The admitted fact that the
wheat crop of this country will be at
least 100,000,000 bushels larger than that
of last year. The current news
during the week has been extremely
bullish and developments have materi-
ally strengthened the position of specu-
lative buyers. Probably the most im-
portant announcement was Beerbohm's
estimate placing the European shortage
compared with last year at 224,000,000
bushels. This has been emphasized
and confirmed by the active cash de-
mand and enormous sales for export.
An additional aid in enhancing values
has been furnished by the farmers
stacking their wheat at a greater ex-
tent than usual. Should the coal min-
ers' strike continue a fortnight longer
it will prove a powerful, although un-
natural, factor in enhancing values,
and in all probability result in a more
serious congestion of the market for
September delivery than has prevailed
for July contracts. The promise of an
abundant wheat crop in America, the
absence of competition in supplying
the requirements of importing coun-
tries, and the consequent increased ex-
port demand for American wheat, all
tend to benefit the American farmer.
Wheat will prove a profitable purchase
on all reactions and the general ten-
dency is toward a still higher range of
values.The American visible this week shows
a decrease of 164,000 bushels, and now
totals 17,650,000 bushels against 46,
429,000 a year ago. There is much to
be said regarding both sides of the corn
market, but after all is said it is still a
fact that values are extremely low—due
to panic and overproduction. The
growing crop is not yet assured, and
with the enhancing values ruling for
wheat compared with producing years,
the increasing activity in general trade,
corn must participate to a greater or
less extent in the general improvements,
according as the crop promise to be
above or below that of last year. In
any event, present values promise to be
well maintained, and there is little
if any inducement for speculative short
selling. Should the growing crop meet
with any mishap much higher values
will quickly obtain.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 78c; Val-
ley, 81c per bushel.Flour—Best grades, \$4.15; Graham,
\$3.65; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.Oats—Choice white, 38¢40¢; choice
gray, 37¢39¢ per bushel.Barley—Feed barley, \$16@16.50;
brewing, \$18@19 per ton.Middlings—Bran, \$14 per ton;
middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50.Timothy, \$12@13; clover,
\$10@11; California wheat, \$10@
11; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@
10 per ton.

Eggs—12@12½¢ per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35¢40¢;
fair to good, 30¢; dairy, 25¢30¢ per
roll.Cheese—Oregon, 11¢; Young
America, 12¢; California, 9¢10¢ per
pound.Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@
3.50 per dozen; broilers, \$1.50@2.75;
geese, \$3@4; ducks, \$2.50@3 per dozen;
turkeys, live, 10¢11¢ per pound.Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35¢
45¢ per sack; new potatoes, 50¢ per
sack; sweets, \$1.00@2.25 per cental.Onions—California, new, red, \$1.25;
yellow, \$1.50 per cental.Hops—10¢11¢ per pound for new
crop; 1896 crop, 4¢6¢.Wool—Valley, 11¢13¢ per pound;
Eastern Oregon, 7¢9¢; mohair, 20¢
per pound.Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers
and ewes, 2½¢2½¢; dressed mutton,
4½¢; spring lambs, 5½¢ per pound.Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4; light
and feeders, \$2.50@3; dressed, \$3@
4.25 per 100 pounds.Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3;
cows \$2.25; dressed beef, 4¢5¢ per
pound.Veal—Large, 3¢3½¢; small, 4½¢
per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Butter—Fancy native creamery,
brick, 18¢; ranch, 10¢12¢.Cheese—Native Washington, 10¢
11¢; California, 9¢.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 18¢19¢.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound,
hens, 10¢11¢; spring chickens, \$2
@3.50; ducks, \$2.50@3.75.

Wheat—Feed wheat, \$28 per ton.

Oats—Choice, per ton, \$23.

Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton,
\$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton.Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton,
\$22; whole, \$21.Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef,
steers, 6¢; cows, 5½¢; mutton sheep,
5¢; pork, 6½¢; veal, small, 6¢.Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4½¢; salmon,
4¢5¢; salmon trout, 7¢10¢; flounders
and sole, 3¢4¢; ling cod, 4¢5¢; rock
cod, 5¢; smelt, 2½¢4¢.

San Francisco Markets.

Wool—Choice foothill, 9¢12¢; San
Joaquin, 6 months' 8¢10¢; do year's
staple, 7¢9¢; mountain, 11¢13¢; Ore-
gon, 10¢13¢ per pound.

Hops—7¢9¢ per pound.

Hay—Wheat, \$12@15; wheat and oat,
\$11@