

## Washington County News

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Four thousand of the sultan's troops are in revolt.

A Seattle man was robbed of \$10,000 by pickpockets in St. Paul.

Bubonic plague has made its appearance in Caracas, Venezuela.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, is recovering from his attack of bronchitis.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is ill in Chicago.

Frederick Arthur Stanley, Earl of Derby, and ex-governor general of Canada, is dead.

American warships are gathering at San Francisco, preparatory to their trip around the world.

A Southern Pacific gatekeeper committed suicide because his gates had accidentally injured a woman.

The German kaiser cordially received the American ambassador, David Jayne Hill, and talked with him for half an hour.

Rev. S. C. Lapham says women are worse than men in supporting pernicious fads, including free love. He says oratory is taking the place of the Gospel in the modern pulpit, and that social conditions are much the same as before the flood.

Taft leaders claim he will receive 794 votes on the first ballot.

Thaw will remain in jail because he hates the asylum attendant.

Leading English steel manufacturers deny the story of a new trust.

Suffragettes of all nations are to join in a monster parade in London.

The British Columbian government has decided to deport 1,000 Hindus who are paupers.

Rapid progress is being made on repairs to the Northern Pacific roadbed in Montana.

Utah democrats have instructed their delegates for Bryan, but paid a tribute to Cleveland.

Railroad commissioners of five states met in Chicago to decide on some uniform measure of doing away with the deadly grade crossings.

The plant of the Continental Oil company at Albuquerque, N. M., has been destroyed by fire. Nearly 100,000 gallons of oil were burned.

Over 50 Japanese women who have arrived at Seattle to meet intended husbands, will be detained until each individual case is investigated.

The British ship Haddon Hall and the German ship Hamburg collided in mid-ocean. Both were damaged, but were able to reach Montevideo.

Roosevelt threatens to intervene in Panama to secure a fair election.

The special senate committee has arranged the preliminaries to consider tariff revision.

The cars in the New York to Paris automobile race are encountering many difficulties in Russia.

Unofficial estimates place the population of Chicago at 2,140,000. The population in 1904 was 1,174,744.

Thugs entered a Spanish custom office and secured \$12,000 after killing the chief official and four assistants.

An unknown steamer has been sighted off the California coast south of San Francisco with distress signals.

New York is sending 78 delegates to the Republican national convention. Of this number 23 are millionaires.

Two hundred Japanese immigrants have been stopped at Seattle until they can show that they have a right in this country.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, says he is not seeking another term.

A high wind storm near Guthrie, Okla., resulted in the death of one person.

Floods have reached their height in Kansas City. Nearly all railroads are blocked.

The New York legislature has passed a bill abolishing betting at race tracks. The measure was carried by one vote.

The steamship Lusitania has just crossed the Atlantic in four days, twenty hours and eight minutes. This is the best time yet made.

Cortelyou is mentioned as running mate for Taft.

Henry Watterson says Bryan will be nominated.

A daughter of Governor Cutler, of Utah, has eloped with a teamster.

A tornado did much damage in the vicinity of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Many persons were injured in Chicago by the collision of two heavily loaded street cars.

Republicans of the Thirteenth Indiana district have nominated Charles W. Miller for congress.

There were fewer deaths proportionately in New York last week than in any week of the city's history.

China has apologized for the recent killing of French soldiers on the Chinese frontier. France also demands the removal of the viceroy.

## IRRIGATION FLUME DESTROYED

Hood River Strawberries Perish for Want of Water.

Hood River, Or., June 16.—Giant powder was successfully used Saturday night in an effort to cause the growers composing the Farmers' Irrigating Company the loss of a large portion of their strawberry crop. Disgruntled laborers are suspected.

About 150 feet of flume on a hillside on the west side of Hood River was destroyed, and the water in the big irrigating ditch is shut off. As a result, the crop of two-thirds of the valley, about 400 acres, is without water until such time as the flume can be repaired, which will take at the least estimate three or four days.

The growers stand to lose at least 10,000 crates of berries, worth \$30,000, and if the flume cannot be repaired before Wednesday, the loss will be far greater. The damage to the ditch will not amount to more than \$500.

The point where the ditch was destroyed is high on a hillside. The members of the company state that it must have taken considerable work and three or four boxes of powder to produce such disastrous results. This is the ditch from which all of the water is taken to irrigate the big strawberry crop on the west side of the valley.

Although 25 men were hurried to the scene of the trouble as soon as it was known today, it is estimated that it will take three days, working day and night, to repair the damage.

The Hood River berry season is now at its height, and no water to sustain the plants and ripen the berries during the present warm weather will cut down the yield to almost nothing. For the past few days from five to seven ears of berries have been shipped daily.

An investigation started this afternoon by M. H. Nickelsen, secretary, and A. C. Staten, manager of the company, in an effort to determine if possible who the ditch destroyers were, developed the fact that the noise of the shots was heard two miles away from the spot where the explosion took place, and that it occurred about 11 o'clock. Beyond this, nothing is definitely known.

It is said, however, that the officers of the company have under suspicion several men whom they had in their employ last year, and to whom they refused to give work this summer.

## SMALLPOX ON TRANSPORT.

Sherman Reports by Wireless and Must be Quarantined.

Portland, June 16.—Wireless dispatches were received Sunday by The Oregonian from the transport Sherman while at sea that there was smallpox on board. The Sherman is bound for Portland from the Philippines with the First Infantry, 585 men in all, under command of Colonel McGonigal.

Before the vessel reached Honolulu a navy man returning died of the disease and was buried at sea. Two days ago an enlisted man was taken ill with smallpox. The two men were in different parts of the ship, so the whole vessel is considered infected. This means that under the quarantine regulations each of the 1182 men on board must be vaccinated and quarantined for 14 days and the transport must be fumigated.

This process necessitates disembarking all the men, and owing to the lack of facilities at the Columbia River station, tents must be sent from some of the army posts of the district. Colonel Rogers, in command, fears that since the men have just returned from the Orient, camping out in this climate will be injurious to their health and he has requested the department to have the transport with all on board sent to the quarantine station at San Francisco. What will be done in this matter cannot yet be known.

The First Infantry is en route to Vancouver, where it will be stationed, succeeding the Fourteenth Infantry, which was transported a few weeks ago to Manila.

## Refuse to Cut Salaries.

Manila, June 16.—After many extended and apparently hopeless conferences, the Insular Commission and the Philippine Assembly have finally arrived at an agreement upon the general appropriation bill, which, it is believed, both the commission and the assembly will ratify. The compromise measure appropriates 16,800,000 pesos, the assembly making a concession of nearly 1,500,000 pesos. The commission declined to assent to the reduction in salaries and the consolidation of some of the bureaus as proposed by the assembly.

## Plague in Venezuela.

Caracas, Venezuela, June 16.—Several cases of bubonic plague have occurred here within the past few days, indicating that the country has been widely contaminated with the disease. Great anxiety is felt because no measures have been taken to fight the disease in this city and there are no serums on hand. The railroad running from Lagunayra opened today, passengers coming from that city being required to undergo a five days' quarantine.

## American Horse Wins.

Paris, June 16.—Thousands of Americans Saturday saw W. K. Vanderbilt's bay colt, North East, with J. Childs up, capture the Grand Prix de Paris, the blue ribbon event of the French turf, which this year was worth about \$72,000. Beautiful weather favored the running of this classic, and fully 150,000 persons gathered at Longchamps to witness the race, which marked the close of the Paris season.

## Kaw River Falling.

Washington, June 16.—The Kaw river is falling, but the Missouri at Kansas City continues to rise slowly. The stage tonight was 30 feet, with a further rise of possibly one foot indicated during Monday, from water now in sight.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### PREPARING FOR FAIR.

More Space Will be Provided for Counties This Year.

Salem.—At a meeting of the building committee of the state fair board the contract was let for enlargement of the grandstand at the fair grounds so that it will accommodate an attendance of 6,000 people. McFarlane, Denison & McLaren, Salem contractors, were awarded the contract for \$3,900.

From the reports that have been received the state fair this year will be one of the grandest in the history of the state. Nearly every county has signified its intention to be on hand with a large exhibit next fall.

The board has already concluded to move the administration offices to additional county exhibits, and the building committee is seriously contemplating the necessity of putting up new structures. Besides the remodeling of the grandstand, a new entrance will be constructed before the fair opens. The members of the building committee who were in session are W. F. Matlock, Frank Lee and F. W. Welch. Mike Wisdom was also in Salem with the committee inspecting the grounds.

The organization of the Portland Country club and Livestock association has been a great factor in bringing better horses to the west this year and will continue to be so in future years. It is therefore expected that the racing feature at the fair this year will be much stronger than in former years. The large purses hung at Portland will attract many drivers and breeders who have never before visited the Pacific Coast. The two fairs, coming one following the other, will enable both to get the full benefit of the exhibitions, which will be the best ever seen on the coast.

### Lower Prices for Wool.

Portland.—The second and last wool sales were as follows: William Slusher's clip, 150,000 pounds, sold to DeFour for 104c; D. Goodman's clip, 26,136 pounds, to C. H. Green for 94c; A. P. Warner, 12,121 pounds, to Kuhn, 104c; G. W. Ellis, 1,047 pounds, to Green, 124c; D. W. Chapman, 26,136 pounds, to Green, 94c; M. P. Pomeroy, 80,230 pounds, to Green, 104c; Luhr & Sons, 11,401 pounds, to Green, 10c; J. W. Groom, 9,997 pounds, to Green, 111c; Henderson & Son, 12,139 pounds, to Kuhn, 111c; Sam Warner, 9,850 pounds, to Green, 124c; J. M. Pemphill, to Judd, 84c. There will be but little wool left after this sale. Prices are lower owing to the fact that this wool from the west end of Umatilla county is heavier than that sold May 25.

### Pack Fruit in Brewery.

La Grande.—The Roesch brewery of this city, one of the largest plants of the kind in Eastern Oregon, will be closed July 1 as a result of the prohibition vote at the recent election. Plans are already on foot to convert the brewery into a fruit packing and storage warehouse. It is located convenient to the O. R. & N. depot and is a large and well arranged building and is well adapted to the purpose. Julius Roesch, proprietor of the brewery, is one of the pioneer brewers of the state and has accumulated a fortune here in the business. However, the increasing fruit culture in this vicinity will not allow his building to remain idle long after the prohibition law goes into effect.

### Lake Homesteads in Demand.

Lakeview.—Many land filings are being received at the land office—most of them homesteads. Every piece of land that can be cultivated is being taken under the laws governing this form of entry. Few timber filings are now being received as land of this character is scarce indeed in this district. Occasionally someone finds a quarter section or an 80-acre tract that has been overlooked in the rush, but most of the filings that are being made under this act are on claims that were at first taken under the homestead act.

### Plenty of Work for Woodchoppers.

Pendleton.—Wood dealers in the Blue mountains at Meacham and Kamela find it impossible to secure men to cut wood for the winter market and work at good wages for at least 1000 able-bodied men is now to be found at the wood camps at Kamela and Meacham. Dealers are now offering \$1.10 per cord for cutters, but so far none have been found to take the jobs at that price. At this price a good man can make \$2.50 to \$3 per day in a 10-hour day.

### Experts at Butteville Grange.

Salem.—Considerable preparation is being made for the horticultural meeting to be held at Butteville under the auspices of Butteville Grange, Saturday, June 20. Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural College, E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector, and prominent fruitgrowers will participate. A large attendance is expected.

### Timber Transfers in Clatsop.

Astoria.—Deeds have been filed for record whereby J. E. Wheeler, of Portland, sells to the Jones-Wheeler company 3,092.72 acres of timber land in the southwest portion of Clatsop county, and W. N. Jones, also of Portland, sells to the same company 3,104.22 acres in the same locality. The consideration named is purely nominal.

### Ready to Construct Road.

Astoria.—Not only is the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company making preparations to put a large force of men at work on its road within a short time, but it will begin active construction almost at once on the proposed road from Astoria to Nehalem valley. Sufficient work will be done this year that the line can be completed by next summer.

### DIP ALL MANGY CAYUSES.

Big Vat Erected for Use by Umatilla Cayuses.

Pendleton.—Every horse in Umatilla county that has the mange must be rounded up and dipped. This is the edict issued by State Veterinarian Kornick, who has been here for a couple of days in conference with Dr. S. W. McClure, head of the federal bureau of animal industry in the northwest. In order to eradicate the mange, which is so prevalent among the hundreds of Indian horses on the reservation, the government inspectors stationed here have just completed arrangements for dipping every cayuse on the Umatilla reservation, whether infected or not.

A great vat has been constructed near the site of the old agency, and for several days the reds have been engaged in the task of rounding up their ponies. County Inspector Bryant started out Tuesday to make a tour of the county, and every white man's horse found to be infected will be taken to the reservation dipping vat and given a bath, the owner being charged the nominal sum of 50 cents. The order on the part of the state veterinarian was issued at the instance of Dr. McClure, who insisted that it was little short of folly to clean up the reservation horses when those of the adjoining ranchers were in many cases just as bad.

### Normals Furnish Teachers.

Salem.—One hundred and eleven teachers will have been graduated from the four normal schools of this state when the normals close this month. Recommendations for the graduation of 102 were made by the executive board of the normal school regents Monday. Nine were graduated from Monmouth in February.

The graduates are divided among the different schools as follows: At Drain 14 will graduate; at Weston 21; at Ashland, 28, and at Monmouth, 39; which, with those who were graduated in February, makes a total of 48 graduates from Monmouth. Monmouth is one of the schools that received no appropriation from the legislature last winter.

### Klamath Should Yield Oil.

Klamath Falls.—A. L. Darrow, cashier of the Fort Sutter National bank of Sacramento, who is heavily interested in Klamath realty, has returned from a 200-mile drive over the Klamath basin and states that indications point strongly to sections of Poe and Langell valleys being great oil producing districts. Mr. Darrow has been in past years connected with the Standard Oil company and speaks from experience. The Klamath Oil company will sink experimental wells this spring.

### O. & E. Surveyors Out Again.

Eugene.—Carl Rankin, engineer in charge of the Southern Pacific survey for the Oregon & Eastern railway, or the extension of the Natron branch over the Cascade mountains to Klamath Falls and across the state, arrived in Eugene a few days ago with a large crew to resume the survey of the route. They will begin where they left off last fall. Mr. Rankin says they will be at work in the mountains till late in the fall.

### Annual Address by Dr. Hart.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The annual address before the graduating class of the University of Oregon will be delivered by Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University. Dr. Hart is a specialist in American history, and is one of the best known historians in the United States. He is a fluent and pleasing speaker.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 88@89c per bushel; red Russian, 86@87c; bluestem, 91@92c; valley, 88@89c.  
Barley—Feed, \$25.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50 per ton; gray, \$27.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$18.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.  
Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.  
Eggs—Oregon, 18@19c per dozen.  
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12@12½c per pound; fancy hens, 12½c; roosters, 8c; fryers, 20c; broilers, 22½c; ducks, 10c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed, 17@19c.  
Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.  
Potatoes—Old Oregon, \$1@1.10 per hundred.  
Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$2@2.75 per crate; cherries, \$1@1.40 per box; gooseberries, 6@7c per pound; apricots, \$1@1.50 per crate; blackberries, \$1@1.25 per crate.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per cwt.; beans, 11@12½c per pound; head lettuce, 12½@15c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50 box; eggplant, 20c pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate.  
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6c per pound; olds, 2@2½c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 10@12½c.  
Mohair—Choice, 18@15½c per pound.  
Cascara Bark—\$4@4½c per pound.  
Hogs—Best, \$6@8.25; medium, \$3.75@8; feeders, no demand.  
Cattle—Best steers, \$5; medium, \$4.50@4.75; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, best, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; calves, \$4.50@5.  
Sheep—Best sheared wethers, \$4; mixed, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.

## TWO BIG FLEETS.

Admiral Evans Wants 24 Vessels on Each Coast.

New York, June 12.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, who left for Lake Mohonk yesterday to spend the summer, said much of the criticism of the American navy was unwarranted. "Americans can go to sleep every night satisfied that, ship for ship, they have a navy able to hold its own against vessels of equal age," said he. "But we must have more ships if we want to keep on the safe side."

Asked his opinion as to the most formidable battleship, the admiral said:

"The ship that is to carry the battery that will win a fight must not be less than 25,000 tons. The 20,000-ton battleship is not big enough."

"Are you still in favor of a greater fleet?" he was asked.

"Indeed, I am," he replied. "We want 24 battleships on each coast."

## KAISER IS DISPLEASED.

Regards Anglo-Russo-French Entente as Threat of War.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—It was learned here yesterday from a competent source that the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas at Reval and the rapprochement between Great Britain, Russia and France has been made the subject of grave representations on the part of Germany, who has met the threatened birth of a new "triple alliance" with a display of the "mailed fist."

After the announcement of the Reval meeting, Russia was given to understand at Berlin that the conclusion of a formal entente among these three powers would be regarded as a measure hostile in tendency or, to quote the exact term used by the informant of the Associated Press, was a "krisesdrohung."

Whether such a development was originally contemplated from the meetings between King Edward and the president of France and King Edward and the emperor of Russia is not stated, but the immediate result of the representations made in Berlin was the publication of an obviously inspired article in the official Russia, which speaks warily of the meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas, but declares that the suggestion of new grouping of the powers at the present time was impossible.

## \* BIG WHEAT CROP.

Rain Fell at Right Time for Farmers of Northwest.

Portland, June 12.—It is estimated by the traffic department of the O. R. & N. Co., from reports received throughout the inland empire, that the condition of the wheat crop at this time is even better than it was last year at the same period, and that there is every indication of a bumper crop of wheat in the grain areas of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In nearly every section of the interior country there have been rains at times when they would do the most good to the wheat crop. Sherman county prospects are excellent and Gilliam county is in good condition. The Morrow county crop is generally favorable, but rain is needed in the northern portion. A late cool spring is said to have had unfavorable results in the valley of the Powder river, but there will be some grain and hay. In the Grand Ronde valley, the Palouse country and around Walla Walla conditions are excellent.

So far as heard Central Oregon will come to the front this year with good grain crops. The Crook county region gives favorable indications, and in higher altitudes where the late spring has held back crops the hot summer days are expected to bring everything forward rapidly from this date. It is believed Oregon will this year produce one of its greatest wheat crops in the history of the state.

## Cut Wages of Seamen.

San Francisco, June 15.—A well-defined rumor along the water front today was to the effect that a conference of the members of the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific is soon to be held, at which a lower scale of wages to be paid to all sailors and stevedores and longshoremen will be formulated and later presented to the unions to which the men afloat and ashore belong. The low rates for handling lumber and other freight on the Coast is given as the reason for the move.

## Czar Hits Russian Officials.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—A decree of the czar, sentencing the governor and vice-governor of Astrakhan prison to eight years penal servitude in the mines of Siberia, has struck terror into the ranks of the Russian officialdom, for the two men had done nothing beyond torturing a few prisoners, some of whom unfortunately had the bad taste to die, and to torture prisoners has hitherto never been considered a crime in Russia.

## Submarine Builder Invents Airship.

New York, June 12.—Plans of the new style airship, invented by Simon Lake, the submarine boat builder, were made public yesterday, together with the information that preparations for the building of the ship were already fairly under way. The airship is to be constructed by one of the best-known students of aerial navigation. The new ship is to be a combination of aeroplane, dirigible balloon and helicopter.

## Kansas Flood Falls Fast.

Kansas City, June 12.—The Kaw and Missouri flood, which has been exceeded in height only twice since the country was settled, is falling more rapidly than it rose. Owing to the Missouri's permitting free outlet from the gorged Kaw, the financial loss has been small, and within a week scarcely a trace of the inundation will remain.

## BROUGHT TO TERMS

Corporations Lose in Struggle to Rule San Francisco.

MUST PAY WELL FOR PRIVILEGES

Board of Supervisors Exacts Reduction on Gas and Telephones and Rent for Trolley Franchises.

San Francisco, June 16.—The annual struggle between the city and the corporations has just come to an end, with an unexpected victory for the municipality. The members of the board of supervisors, who represent the city in the negotiations with the corporations, are for the most part business men and lawyers. It was thought that their sympathies would run naturally to the vested interests and that the local service companies, which suffered heavily in the earthquake and fire, would take advantage of the situation and make up from the public what they lost in the fire. That is exactly what the corporations tried to do. They said so openly, and argued their right to do so, but a majority of the board stood firm for the taxpayers, and the city witnessed a most encouraging example of competent government.

Pressure from every possible avenue was brought to bear on the supervisors to force them to yield to the demands of all the service companies for higher rates. The gas company wanted an increased rate, the water company threatened famine unless it should receive a 15 per cent advance in rates, the telephone company resisted to the utmost, and the street railroad company ran cars without permits, seized franchises and attempted to bottle up the traffic privileges on Market street, when the supervisors stepped in and completely blocked the game.

The gas company asked for an increase from 85-cent to \$1 gas. The board conducted an inquiry. The gas company promised to turn its books over to the supervisors for inspection. This, it afterward appeared, was a bluff, for when the supervisors asked for the records, the company refused to produce them until practically compelled to do so. It was then discovered that improper charges had been made in figuring the cost of operation. The mask was pulled aside by the "business" board and the gas company got an 85-cent rate.

An investigation into telephone rates resulted in a general reduction of from 15 to 25 per cent. The water rate was placed at the same figure as last year, with a slight increase in the allowance for hydrants. The trolley franchises which the United Railroads attempted to appropriate were withheld.

## PROSECUTE ENGLISHMAN

Editor of Paper in Seoul Is Charged With Sedition.

Seoul, June 16.—Y. Mimura, Japanese resident governor of Korea, appeared as the prosecutor of E. I. Bethel, a British subject, who was today arraigned in a British court appointed under order of the privy council. Bethel is charged with spreading sedition by the medium of a newspaper published in the Korean vernacular, and of which he is the proprietor. The court includes Judge F. St. Bourne and Prosecuting Attorney Wilkison, both of whom were specially sent from Shanghai by the British government at the suggestion of Ambassador McDonald at Tokio.

The prosecution said that it would prove that the publications in Bethel's vernacular newspaper was largely responsible for all the disturbances in Korea. M. Mimura asserted that the Korean government exists only subject to the direction of Japan. He further said he believed there were 20,000 troops now in Korea, and that half of the country was disturbed. Consequently the publications were creating a false impression regarding the real intention of the Japanese government, increasing the difficulties of the government and causing much bloodshed.

C. M. Cross, a lawyer of Kobe, who is defending Bethel, asked for a jury trial, which Judge St. Bourne refused.

## Gold From Alaska.

Seattle, Wash., June 16.—The steamship City of Seattle, which arrived in port early this morning from Southwestern Alaska, brought the first shipment of gold from Fairbanks to reach Seattle by the Skagway route. In all, she brought about \$100,000, the greater part of which was consigned to Dexter Horton & Co., bankers of this city. Another large lot was \$504,000, consigned to the Washington Trust Company from the Fairbanks Alaska Bank, its branch at Fairbanks. The gold came up the Yukon on the Prospector.

## Runaway Auto Kills Four.

New York, June 16.—Four persons were drowned tonight when an automobile carrying a pleasure party of six became unmanageable, shot at a wild speed down West Fifty-sixth street and bounded from an open pier into the North river. The machine turned over in its plunge from the pier, holding the four victims fast in their seats. John Bailer, the chauffeur, was carried into the river with the machine, but managed to free himself and swim to safety.

## Cuban Patriots Amuse Taft.

Washington, June 16.—Secretary Taft laughed today when he was told of a further report of preparations of revolutionary uprisings in Cuba based on the proposed withdrawal of American troops on or before next Friday.