

If miners who rush to the bleak fields of Alaska or the drought-stricken sand flats of Randsburg, or the ice-bound slopes of Rossland, or the more remote and less inviting shores of Johannesburg only knew it, they have a far better base of operations for finding gold and getting rich right here in Southern Oregon. Of course they can come here all the way in Pullman cars if they can pay the fare and they will find "grub" and mining tools just as cheap as they would in Chicago. They can get placer mines within a hundred yards of the station they alight at; can find all the way from 1 to 100 colors to the pan in any gulch they stick a good shovel into. They can camp out or sleep in the mild open air or they can board at a neighboring farm house while going down on their mine; they can eat eggs at 10 cents a dozen; they can indulge in flour at \$5 a barrel and devour white sugar at 14 pounds for a dollar; they can, if piously inclined attend divine services on Sunday within a few miles from camp, and all this while running just as much risk of getting rich as in either of the boom localities far off. If Southern Oregon were only a thousand miles from a railroad we would have a bigger boom than anybody, but we are too easy of access.

WHEN will the commission-appointing craze run itself out in the United States? President McKinley has just appointed a commission to visit Europe ostensibly in the interest of bimetalism, but the true purpose of it is to placate the silver men. What can this commission accomplish? Who will they go to see? Queen Victoria? She doesn't know anything about finance, Rothschilds? They will smile blandly at the three American gentlemen and wink at each other after they have passed on. The truth is that commissions appointed by National authority are like those created by the Oregon state legislature. They are cowardly subterfuges placed as buffers between the people and the legislators, who have the power and whose duty it is to handle all questions left to commissions. Mark the railroad commission, fish commission and state board of equalization of Oregon and put this recent National commission on the string with the rest. Appointing commissions will no longer deceive the American people.

It is to be hoped that some discretion will be used this time in summoning witnesses to the circuit court. Oregon's oversight in allowing witnesses \$2 a day has caused the abuse to assume gigantic proportions and the tax-payers are bled to continue a useless expense. Witnesses are called in all sorts of cases regardless of what they know and hosts of them pretend to know lots about the case just to get a \$2-a-day job during court week. The circuit judge and prosecuting attorney can cut a big lot of this expense off and save the tax-payers considerable on the county levy thereby. Until Oregon can take pattern after California in this respect we will have to look to court officials to save us from piling on useless expense. In California witnesses on criminal cases are paid nothing unless they swear that they are paupers and unable to pay their way. This little proviso does away with professional witness who, in Oregon, are paid so much for nothing. The witnesses are not to blame, but those who summon them are.

WAR between Greece and Turkey goes on in spite of the protests of the Powers, who of late appear to have taken the part of non-combatants and lookers-on. The sympathy of the civilized world is on the side of Greece, but the little kingdom cannot hold her own with the more powerful Turks who can overpower her with soldiers and ships of war. The island of Crete, over which they have locked horns, is peopled mostly by Greeks, though there is quite a large proportion of Turkish Mohammedans. The Greeks hold the bulk of the island, while the Turks, assisted by the Powers, hold several seaports. It is thought that hostilities will extend to continental Europe before the trouble is ended as the Powers are jealous and suspicious of each other. Let them fight.

It is high time Grant's Pass city authorities adopted measures to prevent bicycles running on the sidewalks. Almost daily collisions occur with pedestrians who have the right to the sidewalk, while the wheels have not. Before some lady or child is injured, steps should be

taken: fixing the penalty for bicycle riding on the sidewalks. The cycle as a vehicle now has the same rights on the streets that a wagon has, but none whatever on the sidewalks. Many riders realize this, but some do not, and careless riders should be made to keep where they belong. No town of any size now tolerates wheels along its sidewalks, and Grant's Pass should not be so far behind in this matter.

THE Ashland populists have denounced the populist members of the legislature who joined the republican Jonathan Bourne in his effort to hold up the legislature at Salem last winter. They also condemn the populist county officials for not reducing their own salaries as promised before the election. If populists are true reformers they must not hesitate to grapple with boodlers in their own party.

CLARA Anson and John Buchanan, the Clara robbers, have been sentenced to ten years apiece at San Quentin.

Dennis McCarthy, the man who murdered George Fox in Sonoma county, and who was to have been hanged on the 16th, has been granted a six months' reprieve by Gov. Budd.

There is the greatest planting of grape fruit in Southern California ever known. It has been caused by offers of \$7 to \$8 per box from eastern wholesale fruit houses.

At the election Monday at Pomona the high license faction carried their point, and shortly two saloons will be opened, at an annual license of \$1000.

Ex-Judge W. W. Page of Portland, died at his home Monday, of blood-poisoning.

Work on the shipyard at Hoquiam, Wash., is progressing. The site has been cleared off and the plans for the first vessel are being drawn. The keel will soon be laid and the new vessel will soon be well under way.

Fifty Japanese arrived at Watsonville and will work in the beet fields. There is some feeling against the Japanese, who have agreed to take contracts at \$1 a ton. White men will have to meet this figure, and if preference is given to Japs there is likely to be trouble.

The Travertine Quarry company of Bridgeport, Nev., has sold three-quarters of its stock to an English syndicate for \$125,000.

Erna E. Kokshauer of Duarte, is in jail at Los Angeles, charged with burning the house of John Baxter, while trying to rob it. He had been working for Baxter for a long time.

A five-story building at St. Louis, occupied by the St. Louis Refrigerator and Wooden Gutter Manufacturing company, was partly destroyed by fire. Loss \$60,000.

At the municipal election held at Alameda Monday, the anti-socialists were defeated.

The great around Coodee city, Wash., is long enough now for cattle to be turned on the range.

The Canadian officials have seized the American schooner Fisher Brothers, claiming her master violated the laws in shipping Indian hunters in Canadian territory.

Detective D. D. McPhee of Spokane, Wash., was shot and seriously wounded by Arthur Chappel, a thief whom he was going to arrest. Chappel fled, but being hotly pursued by a crowd and seeing escape was impossible, he shot and killed himself.

A mild sensation was created at Santa Barbara by the announcement of the resignation of Superior Judge Walter B. Cope.

Arthur Sewell, the democratic candidate for vice-president at last election is visiting in San Francisco.

The southern portion of the town of Boulder creek, Cal., was wiped out by fire. Loss \$15,000.

The statement has been made that every saloon cannery on the Columbia river will close down by May 1st. The cannery say that the eastern market will not justify them in paying 4 cents per pound for salmon as demanded by the fishermen.

Three boys who were playing in the brush along the north levee near Seventh street, Sacramento, found two rifles, two revolvers and two cartridges hidden near the roots of a willow. The weapons were identified as having belonged to Bandits Brady and Browning.

A water company has been organized at Randsburg.

Los Angeles will have a school census next month.

Pasadena lemon-growers are organizing an association.

The Redlands public library contains nearly 6000 volumes.

The lumber business of Humboldt county is reported to be utterly dead.

Santa Barbara is to have a poor farm and it will be made self-supporting.

A direct road from Placenta to Santa Ana has been built and is now open to travel.

The new sugar factory at Salinas will employ 30,000 acres of land planted to beets.

Ventura farmers still have on hand about 1000 carloads of last year's crop of beans.

Several fruit farms have been sold in the Sebastopol country during the past few weeks.

A survey is being made for a canal from Lake Elinore to Corona to supply water for that city.

There are thousands of basalt paving blocks piled up at Molita awaiting shipment to San Francisco.

It is estimated that 20,000 jack rabbits have been killed in the Traver country during the past six weeks.

The Universalist association of California holds its annual convention at Pomona, on May 12th and 13th.

In the vicinity of Ballarat, in the Panamint district, there are 150 prospectors, and more arriving every day.

The mines of Butte, Mont., over 1,500,000 pounds of powder yearly, the Anaconda uses nearly two-thirds of this amount.

The ladies of Hanford will give a ministerial entertainment on April 30th for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias.

The San Bernardino Electric Light company has asked permission to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Great losses of sheep and lambs are reported from different parts of Mendocino county as a result of cold weather.

A prehistoric mammoth's tooth, weighing eight and a half pounds and nine inches long, has been found in Oregon, in the Virtue mining district.

The scheme to rebuild the Raymond hotel at Pasadena has been revived, and \$100,000 has been subscribed toward the capital of a stock company for this purpose.

The secretary of war made a recommendation to the cabinet that a military post be established at Circle city, Alaska.

All the gambling dens of Tacoma, Wash., were raided a few nights ago, and \$100,000 has been seized for arrest and the paraphernalia seized.

The war situation between Turkey and Greece has reached that point where a declaration of war seems to be but a matter of hours. Both armies are fully prepared and anxious for the conflict. During the week 3000 Greek irregulars invaded the Turkish territory and have had several lively fights, the Greeks coming out victorious, although greatly outnumbered. The invaders have taken up a position near Grevena, but intend to push into Macedonia, and by gaining a stronghold in the mountains, harass the left flank of the Turkish army. Smallpox has broken out among the Turks and many deaths have resulted.

President McKinley has announced the appointment of ex-Vice-President A. E. Stevenson, Senator O. E. Wolcott and General C. J. Paine as commissioners to investigate the proposed treaty conference to try and bring about international bimetalism.

The cashier of the Yonkers Savings bank of New York was held up and the money drawn robbed of nearly \$5000 during the noon hour.

Albert Arndt of New York gave himself up to the police and requested to be punished for shooting a man three some years ago. Arndt was tried for the crime and acquitted, but he says his friends call him a murderer and want to go to prison.

The worst of the floods in the Mississippi valley are thought to be over. The lower levees are still in danger. If they give way the inland lands of Louisiana will suffer. The relief work is being actively pushed, in which the war department is assisting.

The Lajuria recently received by W. J. Bryan, by the breaking of a platform on which he standing while delivering an address in Florida, are causing him great pain and annoyance.

The bill recently passed by the Spanish government by which the State Sherman that hereafter the imprisonment of suspects entitled to the protection of the United States for an indefinite period will not be tolerated. In past notice has been served on the prisoners of the military, but still in unmistakable terms, that this government recognizes a state of civil war on the island of Cuba, which demands treatment of prisoners taken in action by either side somewhat different from that which has heretofore been accorded them thus far.

The month of March this year was the coldest ever known in Montana. The northern and stock portions of the state suffered the most and Texas cattle failed badly.

Cashier Joseph A. Stickney of the Great Falls National bank of Somers, N. H., was brutally murdered while trying to protect the bank from robbers.

The Federation convention of Adelaide, South Australia, by a vote of 21 to 12, has rejected an amendment to allow women to vote for members of the house of representatives.

Mrs. S. M. Hanna, mother of Mark Hanna, died suddenly Friday at the Kenilworth Inn, Biltmore, N. C., of pneumonia.

Dr. J. J. Marston, an old, and the leading physician of Denver, Col., was found dead in his office chair. He had been an army surgeon and served with Sheridan and Custer in the famous Indian campaigns.

Timothy Daight, president of Yale university for many years, will soon resign.

Rear-Admiral Boardlee has been removed from command of the Pacific Naval station and ordered to do duty as president of the examining board at Washington. Rear-Admiral Miller will succeed him and join the flagship Philadelphia at Honolulu.

The Greater New York charter bill passed the senate at Albany over Mayor Strong's veto by 34 to 10.

The president has selected James Martin of Battleboro, Vt., to be assistant secretary of war.

A big battle was fought between the Cubans and Spaniards in Santa Clara province, last Thursday. The Spanish soldiers were defeated, with a loss of 200 killed and wounded.

Policeman Kraft of Chicago accidentally shot and killed Miss Lottie E. Jacobs while cleaning a revolver. He was to have been married in about two weeks.

Governor Culbertson of Texas has vetoed a bill appropriating \$25,000 to buy the San Jacinto battle grounds, near Houston, Tex.

On conference of latter day saints at Lamont, Ia., the presidents of the church, the high priests, the bishopric, and the twelve apostles officiated in ordination of candidates by the imposition of hands.

The committee appointed at a recent meeting of the hide and leather interests in New York met in Washington and appointed a committee of seven, who will prepare a brief setting forth the reasons why the leather interests are opposed to a duty on hides.

A shocking tragedy was enacted in the town of Oxford, Rhode Island, last week. A maniac named Mowery murdered Edward Reynolds, his wife and their adopted daughter, and then set fire to the house in hopes of covering his crime.

Incendiaries were at Kansas city a few nights ago. Seven fires broke out in the city, and in less than three hours, considerable damage was done to many fine buildings, but no very heavy losses resulted.

The president has decided to recommend to congress an appropriation as indemnity for the killing by a mob of Lynchburg, Va., citizens at Hannville, Ia., last August.

Ex-Deputy Plantener has been arrested at Paris in charge of complicity in the Panama scandal.

William Dean, who has been doing detective work for cattlemen on the Powder river, Wyo., was shot and killed. The report says that several horsemen rode up to a ranch where Dean was stopping. Dean is said to have opened fire on the party, who immediately returned the fire, killing Dean instantly.

Sam Smith Jr., who recently hacked two old women to death with a corn knife at Collins, Mo., has confessed the crime.

One of the most picturesque structures in the city of Orleans known as the Mosque black, owned by Grand & Sons, was destroyed by fire. The fire broke out about 1 o'clock, and at 2:30 the edifice had collapsed and upwards of \$400,000 had gone up in smoke.

William Sullivan, a discharged employe of the Jumper mine, near Queensmountain, Tolucaque county, shot and killed Spencer Gillard, the engineer at the mine. Sullivan said the engineer caused his discharge and he wanted revenge.

Unconditional surrender, is the only way to end the present war between De Witt's Little Early Riders will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. Dr. W. F. Kremer.

An opton attacked a row boat containing a gentleman and two ladies, near Tacoma, Wash., and fought hard for two hours before it was killed.

The secretary of the Interior has ordered a grant of \$50,000 to the Kiowas, Comanches and Apaches in Oklahoma.

The first preliminary speed trial of the composite gunboat Newport was made over the deep-sea, one-mile course off Southport, Me. On four trials she exceeded the required speed each trial.

Loaf, Cal., is to have a \$10,000 steamer.

John Christian, a prominent farmer of Danville, Cal., was drowned while out in a creek near there.

PERSONAL.—The gentlemen who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using Dr. W. F. Kremer's cough and throat remedy for throat and lung troubles. Dr. W. F. Kremer.

Edward Longan, the pioneer constable of Vallejo, Cal., succumbed to a stroke of paralysis. He was 70 years of age and was elected constable of Vallejo township, and elected time after time until four years ago.

An attachment of \$750 was issued against the city of Tacoma, Wash., in favor of John Dillon for services rendered in 1903 in connection with an issue of bonds and city bonds.

J. D. Hyde, a prominent citizen of Visalia, Cal., was found in a dying condition in a logy at Selma, and he died of heart disease a few minutes after being taken out.

Recently the Santa Rosa (Cal.) flour mills were put in operation after a cessation of several weeks, during which time all the machinery was thoroughly overhauled and repaired.

What is believed to have been a plot to get "KIP" Thompson, the convicted train robber, out of jail at Los Angeles was discovered when Trusty W. E. Kramer, who is held for forgery, was detected in the act of passing a revolver by Jailer Kennedy.

Group and whooping cough are childhood terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using the Minute Cough Cure. Dr. W. F. Kremer.

The building of the college of agriculture at the state university at Berkeley was destroyed by fire. In addition to the building, the flames consumed many valuable apparatus, records of many years' investigations and manuscripts and specimens representing the life work of Prof. E. W. Wiggard, head of the department and founder of the experiment station.

Representative Jerry Simpson did not succeed in making Speaker Reed appoint the House Committee on that general subject. The speaker, however, while the House is waiting for the Senate to act on the tariff bill, but by his continued protests he forced out the announcement from Representative Dingley, the floor leader of the republicans, that in appointing the committee, Speaker Reed was following a programme adopted by him and his party leaders, and a virtual endorsement of that programme from Representative Bailey of Texas, the democratic floor leader, who said that the democrats preferred no legislation on the part of the republicans to had legislation which they could not prevent if the republicans chose to put it through. These statements resulted in clearing the atmosphere of much, so far as the House is concerned.

Unless Postmaster General Gary changes his mind, there will be no changes among the postmasters whose income does not exceed \$100 a year, no matter how long the office has been held by the same person, except in cases where a majority of the postoffice trustees embraced in this classification will always be in political sympathy with a majority of the patrons of their offices. That policy is fair enough, but good enough to make into a binding law.

The fact that some of those who were prominently identified with the Cleveland administration have picked up some very nice sums under this administration is not altogether pleasing to the politicians who have failed to pick up anything for themselves. Ex-Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Hubert H. Work, was made Chief Statistician of the Department of Agriculture at the salary of \$4,500 a year, and Ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, John D. Long, was made a legal job in connection with the seal fisheries, for an indefinite period, at a compensation of about \$15 a day.

Fire and water did \$100,000 worth of damage in three buildings at Boston, occupied by jewelers. The principal losers are Smith, Porter & Co.; C. C. Sawyer and William Fenton.

A Wisconsin man has presented the government with a dozen homing pigeons, the offspring of which will be used in the naval department. When cruizers leave headquarters they will take the birds with them for 400 or 500 miles, and then send messages back to the coast by means of the pigeons.

A masked robber entered the saloon of Michael Farrell at Leadville, Col., and, covering the proprietor with a revolver, took from the till several hundred dollars.

The case against the steamer Danless, charged with violating the neutrality laws, came up for trial in the United States court at Jacksonville, Fla. After the government had submitted its testimony, the case was promptly dismissed. No testimony was offered by the defense, and argument was not made by counsel.

A public movement, looking to the restoration of Montezuma castle, one of the most noble and famous prehistoric ruins on the American continent, has been started at Flagstaff, Ariz.

The Idaho secretary of state has added a unique design to the state seal by placing on the silver seal a sixteenth part of gold.

The war situation in the East is as follows: The council of ministers at Constantinople, after a session at the palace, declared that war had broken out on the frontier, owing to the incursion by the Greeks on Turkish territory, and Edhem Pasha, the Turkish military commander, was ordered to prosecute the offensive. Assim Bey, the Turkish minister at Athens, has handed to M. Skouzes, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, the following note: "In consequence of the aggressive attitude of Greece, diplomatic relations between the King of the Hellenes and his imperial majesty the Sultan of Turkey and their respective governments are hereby broken off. The Greek minister at Constantinople and the Greek consuls have been ordered to quit Turkish territory. For the same reason the Turkish consuls in Greece have been recalled to Constantinople. Within a fortnight of the date of this announcement all Greek subjects must leave Turkish territory. Ottoman subjects in Greek territory have been invited to leave it within the same period."

The California Asphalt company will probably erect a refinery at Ventura soon, the purchase of the land for that purpose having been made.

Fire destroyed a great portion of the plant of the Grand Crossing Tack company at Grand Crossing, Ill. The loss was \$130,000, with insurance at \$114,000.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy state is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion and is pronounced by those who have tried it to be the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold at 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Dr. W. F. Kremer's Drug Store.

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