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DISPATCHES report people in various portions of the United States becoming restive waiting for the dawn of prosperity consequent to a return of confidence. But these people allowed themselves to be deceived by campaign orators, partisan papers or factory owners with special axes to grind. If they had read the COURIER they would have known that our prosperity is not dependent upon McKinley's Bryans or any other man. The nation which produces and sells more than it buys is prosperous in proportion to the balance of trade in its favor. If our people had decided to return to free silver, the West would have felt the stimulus of opening silver mines, but there would have been no appreciable change for the better in the East. When Europe wants our wheat at a fair price and we have a large surplus to sell, times are good with us. This does not depend upon democracy, republicanism or populism, but on cold commercial facts and conditions. By raising a high tariff against foreign goods we stimulate other countries in producing wheat under their own flags, as it is common sense amongst nations like individuals to buy from those who buy of them. A high tariff wall will cut us off from the rest of the world more effectually than the stone wall of China shut the Tartars out. We will have a chance to prove this ere many months, as the Dingley bill will probably soon become a law.

THE millions of India continue to starve by famine and die of plague. Very little assistance has been rendered by the civilized world outside. The countries composing the latter seem to have trouble enough of their own. The dark-skinned nations of the Indies are very ignorant, very superstitious and live as closely huddled together as the Chinese do in San Francisco. A league of grain speculators seem to have combined to keep the masses in debt and in extreme poverty and what little the English people have done by way of charity only reaches a very small per cent of the cases. A black nation of five times the population of the United States is a hard thing to feed, and to the millions already starved to death will be supplemented by millions more. It would be far better for the poor people if they were all removed suddenly from the face of the earth, as only slavery and idolatry are their portion at best.

MYSTERIOUS murders follow so closely on each other's heels in San Francisco that they cannot be disposed of fast enough to prevent them from piling up. A rich Hebrew was found dead there a few weeks ago and the whole town seems to be at its wits end trying to decide whether it was murder or suicide. In the Durraot case the Federal government has been invoked by the prisoner's counsel and Governor Budd has asked the supreme court of the state to compel the warden of the penitentiary to hang the murderer on July 9. Thus there will be a clash between State and Federal authority and in the meantime the murder of one of the girls at the Baptist church in that city—Minnie Williams—has never been judiciously investigated at all. It is said that Adolph Sutor, the San Francisco millionaire, is at Durraot's back, and so money can block the legal machinery of the state for goodness knows how long.

HOSTILITIES seem to have suspended in Greece while the Powers are trying to arrange a treaty between that country and Turkey. The sultan wants a good deal more than the other nations care to grant, but Turkey, since her walkover in Thessaly feels as though she was one of the Powers herself. How the question will terminate nobody knows just now, but the kings and queens will think twice before going to war over it. A war now would alter the maps of Europe in a way that some of the crowned heads do not desire.

THE Cuban war is still going on about the same old way. The insurgents dash up almost under the guns of Havana and destroy military stores, while the Spanish troops are vainly trying to "pacify" over one half the island. The rebels of course hope for open assistance from our government, but Mr. McKinley is in no more of a hurry to help them than was his predecessor.

Sick headaches can be quickly and completely overcome by using those famous little pills known as "Dr. Williams' Little Early Bitters." W. F. Kremer.

DOINGS ON THE COAST.

THE CORPSE OF A BOY FOUND ON THE SCHOONER SIGLIG.

A Man Arrested in Oregon for Murdering His Family six Years Ago. A Fatal Boiler Explosion—Gov. Budd Makes Appointments.

A big flow of water has been struck at the city well in Santa Rosa. Bonds for \$10,000 have been voted to build a new school house in Hauford.

The lumber firm of Grover & Co. has been reorganized at Santa Cruz, and all indebtedness paid.

Allen Towle, a well-known and wealthy lumberman of the Langport ranch, died in Oakland a few days ago.

Governor Budd has appointed W. W. Foot of San Francisco a member of the Yosemite valley commission, vice John Boggs, term expired.

The date of the execution of Ben Hill, the Oakland wife murderer, has been fixed for Friday, August 27th.

Oil experts will shortly investigate oil indications on the Langport ranch, Santa Barbara county, near the ocean.

Charles Anderson, of Santa Clara county, was thrown from his wagon, while his team was running away, and killed.

Santa Cruz is making extensive preparations for the Christian Church annual state convention to be held there next month.

The Southern Pacific company announces a reduction in its rates on cattle and sheep from points in Nevada to the eastern market.

Alfred W. Nickerson, an old resident of Spokane, Wash., was killed by the collapse of the roof of a building, that was tearing down.

The Christian Endeavor societies of San Jose are making active preparations to entertain visitors during the big convention in San Francisco.

Major John A. Darling of the Fifth infantry, U. S. A., stationed at San Francisco, has been placed on the retired list at his own request.

Edward Arnold, an emigrant of San Diego, while testing a new embalming fluid, got some of the stuff in his eye, and it is in a precarious condition.

An Astoria, Or., city ordinance makes it an offense, punishable by a fine of \$20 or ten days' imprisonment, for allowing caterpillars to nest in trees.

The jury in the case of Dr. Calvin S. Hastings of Los Angeles, charged with the murder of Lillian Hattery by criminal malpractice, declared the defendant not guilty.

William O'Keefe, who was awaiting trial at Los Angeles on a charge of assault to murder has departed to unknown parts, leaving his bondsmen to pay his \$3000 bond.

Governor Budd appointed the following as members of the State Board of Agriculture to succeed themselves: J. W. Wilson, W. P. Matthews, John Boggs and C. M. Chase.

The battleship Oregon and Monitor Monterey have been ordered to Portland, Or., for July 4th. On that occasion the Oregon will receive the silver service donated by the state.

The San Diego Normal School trustees have formally accepted the offer of a site on University heights. Plans for the building were also presented and accepted by the state trustees.

Anton Planner, a wealthy banker residing at Forest Grove, Or., disappeared from Portland and cannot be found. He was melancholy at the time and other evidences point to suicide.

Mayor Fenowore of Portland, Or., has displaced Chief of Police John Myers, and appointed three months ago, and spent Captain Barry in his place, to improve to efficiency of the department.

The boiler of the smelter at Oro Grande, Cal., blew up a few days ago. Gideon Hood was instantly killed, John Coleman has since died and three others are in precarious condition. The smelting plant is a total wreck.

Bate Super, alias Lee, employed on a ranch near Ashland, Or., was arrested last week on a charge of having murdered his wife and two children, with an ax, at his former home in Cass county, Mo., six years ago. He has confessed and is also suspected of having murdered another of his sons in Portland.

Two delegations of officials of the Oregon Short Line and the Rio Grande Western roads are in Portland. The object of their visit is the arranging of affairs in that city for the lines which have been enabled by the opening of the Ogden gateway to compete for northwest business.

Hiram K. Rodgers, one of the best-known pursers on the Pacific coast, committed suicide by jumping from the steamship Santa Rosa sometime Wednesday night while the vessel was on her way south. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause.

The State Harbor commissioners are showing a disposition to compel the contractors on the new ferry buildings at San Francisco to do their work without further delay. A session of the board was held for the express purpose of calling the delinquent contractors to account and giving them a fair warning.

The corpse of a baby boy was found in the hold of the derelict schooner General Siglin when she was run up on the beach by the cutter Corwin, near Sitka, Alaska, and searched. It was the body of the son of Manager E. C. Greenfield of the Alaska Commercial company, who was a passenger on the ill-fated schooner, with his wife and three children.

Travel to the Geysers, in Sonoma county, is heavy.

But little tanbark will be peeled in Sonoma county this season.

Forest fires are raging northeast of Bejing, with ruinous results.

Covered principal streets are being sprinkled by private subscription. The usual paying block quarries on Sonoma mountains are running full blast.

The State High Court of the Foresters will be held in Santa Rosa the second week in October.

William Kettler, a pioneer resident of Humboldt county, died at his home there last week.

The run of salmon in the Sacramento river this year is greater than it has been since 1892.

Alexander Saggus, who has been a familiar figure for nearly half a century in Sonoma county, is dead.

Eureka proposes to celebrate the Fourth of July during three days, on July 3d, 4th and 5th.

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