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Mr. Cleveland has written Judge Hathaway of Rockport, Tex., that he will visit that place next fall for a few days' tarpon fishing.

Since the death of the celebrated surgeon, Dr. Hanes Agnew, the instances of his humane kindness and charity are fast multiplying.

William Astor Chandler of New York, who is to accompany a German officer on an important exploring expedition in East Africa, brought back from his last African trip probably the finest collection of trophies of the chase ever imported into the United States.

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ARIZONA'S CATTLE PROSPECTS GOOD. The Washoe Indians to Hold a Seven-Day Fandang—Mining Trouble in Idaho—Other News.

Salt Lake is warring with gamblers. Sacramento has voted for the new charter.

Near Kingman, A. T., is a wonderful salt deposit. Arizona's cattle prospects are better now than for years.

Phoenix, A. T., is putting in a sewer system that will cost \$125,000. Oregon's new settlers for the year ending May 1 amounted to over 100,000.

The Washoe Indians are to hold a grand seven-day fandango near Carson. A religious sect called the River Brethren from Pennsylvania have settled near Phoenix, A. T.

Secretary of War Elkins has directed that the new military post at Helena, Mont., be named Fort Harrison.

A. E. McDonald has been sentenced to ten years at Folsom for robbing the cathedrals at Los Angeles of sacred vessels.

Work on the Wolfey canal in Gila Bend, A. T., will begin at once. The canal will water 200,000 acres of fruit land.

A force of men have at last been set to work closing the gap in the Southern Pacific coast line between Elwood and Templeton.

The Hillside group of mines in Arizona has been purchased by an Eastern syndicate. The agreement was consummated at Prescott.

It is announced that on and after July 1 trains on the Canadian Pacific will carry all mails and passengers between Montreal and the Coast in five days.

Nicholas Grobeak, who was pardoned by President Harrison, he having been convicted of violating the Edmunds law at Salt Lake, has been convicted of a similar offense.

The purchase of the vast beds of iron ore in Hanover Valley, N. M., is announced at Chicago by a company of very wealthy men, and the property is valued at nearly \$20,000,000.

George Burnett, a young man, once a student at Berkeley, is under arrest at Chihuahua on a charge of murder, he having killed the superintendent of a mine at that Mexican town.

An investigation into the affairs of C. B. Seely, Treasurer of the Napa Insane Asylum, which was demanded by parlies at Napa, has resulted in placing the gentleman in a better position before the people.

Last year two carloads of new potatoes were shipped from San Jose to Chicago. This year seven carloads have been already sent, and orders are coming in for more. Fancy prices are paid for these potatoes.

The Committee of One Hundred at San Diego has begun war on the Santa Fe road. Suit is to be brought for a forfeiture of the railroad franchise.

The lands and franchise granted to the road are estimated to be worth \$5,000,000. Edgar A. Martin, alias Edgar A. McDuffee, has been reentered for forging the will of Frederick Heldt of Fort Bragg, who died suddenly in Martin's saloon. New evidence points to the fact that the will was made after Heldt's death. It has been declared a forgery.

At Flagstaff, A. T., the residence of Mrs. Mary Hoffman caught fire while the lady was visiting a neighbor. A child had been left in the building, and the mother rushed in to save it, but lost her life. The bodies of mother and child were found side by side.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s detectives have established the identity of the murderous stage robbers who held up the Redding stage and killed Messenger Montgomery. The wounded robber who was captured has confessed that he is Charles Ruggles, son of L. B. Ruggles, a wealthy farmer living at Traver, Tulare county.

The other robber is John D. Ruggles, an elder brother of Charles. The latter was sentenced in 1878 to seven years at San Quentin for robbing a man and woman in San Joaquin county, but was pardoned in 1880. In the Redding robbery he got away with gold valued at \$3,375.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS.

Bill Introduced in the House by Mr. Bryan to Put Rough Lumber on Free List.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has reported favorably Senator Allen's bill for a wagon road through the Fort Canby military reservation in Washington.

In the Senate the bill has been passed extending for a term of two years the time for completing the Spokane and Palouse railroad through the Nez Percés Indian reservation in Idaho.

The Senate has passed Mr. Allen's bill, authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Columbia river at some point between the counties of Douglas and Kittitas, in Washington, by the Great Northern road.

The Senate has passed the bill providing that jurors and witnesses in the District and Circuit Courts of Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming should be entitled to receive 10 cents for each mile actually traveled in coming to and from the courts.

General Saint Clair has presented to the House Committee the special World's Fair souvenir bill. It provides for the issue of Treasury notes under the existing silver law in payment for bullion with which to mint souvenir coins.

There is appropriated \$100,000 instead of \$700,000, as proposed in the original measure, for medals and diplomas.

Wolcott of the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment reported to the Senate the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, making the term of office of the President and Vice-President six years, and making the President ineligible for re-election. The change to take effect March 4, 1897.

In the House the other day Representative Wilson introduced the Senate bill providing for the removal by the Legislature of the State of Washington, the restrictions upon the power of alienation of a portion of the Puyallup reservation. This bill, it will be remembered, is practically a substitute for the one introduced by Senator Allen some weeks ago.

The joint Immigration Committee of the two Houses of Congress is making rapid progress in the consideration of the bill for the better administration of the laws relating to immigration.

The other day a very full meeting of the joint committee was held and some disputed points adjusted. They merely provide for the practical and efficient enforcement of the provisions of the existing laws.

Senator Felton has proposed an amendment to the river and harbor bill, appropriating \$50,000 for restraining works on the American river, California. To remove the debris where it is now lodged will cost but a fraction of 1 cent per cubic yard, whereas it will cost 15 cents per yard to remove it after it has reached navigable rivers, according to a report of the Board of Engineers of the War Department.

Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court and Senator Morgan of Alabama, who were selected by the President as arbitrators on the part of the United States in the Behring Sea controversy, have each accepted the appointment, and agree to serve. Justice Harlan said he would probably go abroad about the latter part of July. It will be next autumn at the earliest before the commission assembles, and how long it will take them to conclude the settlement of the controversy is still a doubtful problem.

Representative Bryan of Nebraska has introduced a bill placing rough lumber on the free list and imposing duties as follows on partly or entirely finished lumber: Lumber, each side planed or finished, 50 cents per 1,000 feet; planed on one side and tongued and grooved, \$1 per 1,000 feet; planed on both sides and tongued and grooved, \$1.50 per 1,000 feet. The bill was not introduced as the result of an agreement on the lumber bill by the Democratic majority on the Ways and Means Committee, but it indicates Bryan proposes to urge the committee to settle the lumber question, which has been before it for some time, by reporting a bill on those lines.

Representative Loud of California has introduced an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, increasing the appropriation for the enforcement of the Chinese restriction laws from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Most of this amount is to be used in furnishing Chinese registration certificates. He thought this was a reasonable amount, as under Geary's Chinese exclusion bill passed by the House a provision was made for taxing the Chinese \$3 per head for certificates of registration. This would make a total of \$300,000 for this purpose, as there 110,000 Chinese in this country according to the estimate of the census bureau, and this estimate should be increased by about 50 per cent, he thought. By unanimous consent the item was passed over to give the committee time for further investigation.

The Supreme Court in its decision in the case of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company vs. Mary Bardon settled a long-mooted point. The tract of land in controversy was within the grant to the Northern Pacific, but at the date of the grant was occupied by a pre-emption claim. Subsequent to that the pre-emption claim was canceled and the land restored to the public domain. The question was whether the right of the railroad company was then attached or whether the land was subject to entry by a homestead. The court decided against the railroad company, holding that the land, having been appropriated at the date of the grant, could not, although subsequently restored to the public domain, inure to the benefit of the railroad company. There are many valuable land cases pending which this case will settle finally.

BEYOND THE ROCKIES

Cost of the New Sault Ste. Marie Canal in Canada.

SWINDLING ENDOWMENT CONCERNS. The Payments of the Sugar Bounty for the Present Fiscal Year—Louisiana Confederate Veterans.

Baron Fava says he is glad to get back to the United States. Mrs. Grant has decided not to publish her memoirs of the General.

The prospects for a crop of cotton 15 per cent less than that of 1891-2 is promised. The cost of the new Sault Ste. Marie canal in Canada has been estimated at \$4,000,000.

The annual reunion of the Army of the Cumberland will be held at Chickamauga on September 15. Capitalists are said to be arranging to pipe oil from Portland, Ind., to Chicago for fuel purposes.

The Confederate Veterans of Louisiana will ask that the Legislature pass a pension bill for them. A bill has been passed in the Kentucky House making dealers in cigarettes pay a license of \$3.00.

The Rio Grande and connections will fight the Union Pacific by reducing its running time to the East. The necessary equipment for six miles of electric tramway is now on its way from this country to Slam.

A change of venue to St. Charles county, Mo., has been granted to Hedgcock, the noted trouble maker. A Boston syndicate has purchased eighty acres of land near Chattanooga, Tenn., and will mine for gold.

Comptroller of the Currency Lacey will soon become President of the Bankers' National Bank of Chicago. John F. Sullivan after a two weeks' theatrical engagement at Brooklyn will go into training for his match with Corbett.

Two thousand pavers and stonecutters are idle in Vermont, and the dealers say the lockout will last forever, unless the cutters give in. The census bulletin giving the statistics of dwelling houses shows that Philadelphia has 157,000 dwellings, Chicago 147,000 and New York 81,828.

Lieutenant Hetherington's father discredited the story sent out from St. Paul that Mrs. Hetherington returned to America under an assumed name. It is announced that an English syndicate is after the Kentucky distilleries, with the intention of limiting the production and sending up the price.

Senator Cameron has introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the survey of the proposed ship canal from Philadelphia to New York across New Jersey. Archbishop Eider of Cincinnati has declined to allow the Elks' funeral ceremonies in a Catholic cemetery. The Cincinnati Elks are making a great stir about it.

Omaha bankers and railroad men have refused to subscribe money to entertain the People's party National Convention on the ground that its principles are inimical to their interests. The payments of the sugar bounty for the present fiscal year have amounted to \$7,000,000, and the payment is practically completed. The estimate for the ensuing year is \$10,000,000.

The government having made no effort to remove the cattle that have been driven into the Cherokee Strip, the cowboys have established camps, and are preparing to remain all summer. According to the New York State Board of Health there has been in that State 35,193 deaths within the past three months, and that the present epidemic of grippe has already caused 10,000 deaths.

The deal for the consolidation of fourteen cotton presses in New Orleans has again fallen through. A fire interfered with the first option, and in the second the contract did not receive the signatures in time. Mortimer F. Elliott, who was defeated by only fifty-one votes for Congress in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania district, has accepted the position of general solicitor of the Standard Oil Company at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

Swindling "endowment" concerns in Massachusetts seem to have a strong political "pull" in the Legislature. The effort to protect certificate holders by proper legislative regulations has so far resulted in failure. The New York World publishes facsimiles of dispatches and checks in support of Dr. John Trumbull's charges that Consul-General McCreery speculated in the Chilean markets during the revolution, and that his profits were large.

The Court of Claims has dismissed the petition of Elizabeth Wath, formerly postmistress at Emporia, Kan. This is a test case, involving the right of postmasters to recover the balances of salary found to be due under the readjustment act. It is alleged that a number of government employees at Ellis Island, together with the employees of several steamship lines, are working in collusion to defeat the operations of the contract labor law, and an investigation into the matter has been commenced, which may result in the dismissal of some of the government employees.

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