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FARMING IN ALASKA

Commissioners Evans and Killin Submit Reports.

STOCKRAISING VERY LIMITED

Enough of Certain Crops May Be Grown to Sustain a Considerable Population.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Dr. W. H. Evans and Benton Killin, commissioners appointed to investigate the agricultural possibilities of Alaska, have submitted their reports to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. The reports agree that while comparatively little agriculture exists there, it is possible that enough of certain crops and animals may be grown to sustain a considerable population, provided proper methods are pursued.

While Director True, of the division of experiment stations, does not regard as feasible the establishment of agricultural experiment stations there he believes that experiments may be carried on in a number of lines with great success.

The two commissioners spent three months in investigation on the southern coast of Alaska. They report that the cultivated areas in Alaska are confined to small kitchen gardens, in which are grown many of our earlier and hardier vegetables. Stockraising is carried on to a very limited extent. The possible extension of pasturage and gardening are quite considerable.

What agriculture will be in Alaska will be subsidiary to fishing and other industries, according to Mr. Killin's special report. Fishermen will locate on Alaskan lands and make homes. At the present rate, Mr. Killin says, the salmon will soon be destroyed. They are being fished for in the spawning waters to such an extent that they have no opportunity to propogate. The halibut and herring will last forever.

Timber will not go into the market until the yellow fir, or Douglass pine, of the Pacific coast, is exhausted, as it is superior to the Alaskan spruce or hemlock. Alaskans will not feel the want of agriculture, as freight from the coast agricultural districts by sailing vessels is very cheap. It now costs but 30 cents a day to provide food for miners at Turnagain arm, the most remote part of Cook inlet. He says that the agricultural department can do nothing in experiment stations in Alaska, but it can furnish information.

Mr. Killin says that from the country will be drawn sailors for the merchant marine and navy. It can be done, he thinks, by granting to every American citizen who shall establish himself in a home for five years on the public lands and who shall engage in some occupation on his own account for the same period, 20-acre tracts of land, with about 600 feet of water front. The latter will make it possible for boats to be landed and nets to be drawn.

The timber of the 20 acres would build a boat, a house and furnish fuel.

As fast as the timber is taken off the land, small fruits and green vegetables can be grown and grass furnished for the domestic animals. Grasses grow to great perfection. Little was seen of the cultivation of cereals and small truits. Berries abounded, though practically no attention is paid to their cultivation.

As to the country from the southern boundary to Kodiak and Long island, and from the Pacific to the Alaskan mountains, the climate is extremely wet, but not cold. The winters are very long, and the feeding period will be at least seven months. Cereals will not ripen, and the vegetables will not mature.

CONVICT SHOT DEAD.

Forfeited His Life in an Attempt to Escape at Salem.

Salem, Or., Nov. 8.—Otto Krahn, a convict in the penitentiary here, forfeited his life this evening about 5 o'clock in the desperate attempt to escape.

He was employed in breaking pig-iron in a shed near the foundry, and shortly before the hour for marching the men back to their cells, adroitly improvised a ladder by nailing several cleats on a pine plank which served as a track for conveying iron pipes to a trench being dug between the prison and the insane asylum on the north. Placing the plank against the north wall of the yard, in plain sight of the wall guard, Jay McCormick, son of J. H. McCormick, of this city, and in defiance of the guards' repeated warnings, he climbed to the opening and sprang to the ground, fleeing like a deer toward the asylum. As he leaped from the wall, the guard fired low, hoping to check him by wounding him in the legs, but missed. The second shot pierced Krahn's body from the shoulder to the right side, and he fell dead in his tracks 80 feet from the wall.

It was McCormick's first day's service at the penitentiary. This was Krahn's third attempt to escape. He was a German, 25 years old. He was sentenced from Multnomah county in January, 1893, for eight years for assault with intent to commit rape.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 8.—The bill by Mr. Oliver, of Burke county, to make the birthday of Jefferson Davis a legal holiday in this state, was adversely reported by the general judiciary committee in the house of representatives here today, and Mr. Oliver called up the measure and moved to disagree with the committee. In an earnest speech he asked the house to honor the hero of the lost cause. The report of the committee was disagreed to by an almost unanimous vote.

The Fever Situation.

New Orleans, Nov. 8.—The fever situation has not improved any since yesterday, and the unfavorable turn of affairs following the cold wave and the light frost is very disappointing to Dr. Oliphant, president of the board of health. There is no let up in the new cases, there being 40, and seven deaths. Dr. Oliphant issued an order tonight raising the quarantine against all points except that passengers coming to New Orleans from Mobile, Montgomery and coast points will be required to have health certificates from their local health officers.

REPORT OF CRUCIFIXION.

Story That It Was Found in the Vatican Denied.

New York, Nov. 8.—A dispatch to the World from Rome says: The World correspondent visited the vatican to obtain authoritative information regarding the reported finding in the vatican archives of Pontius Pilate's report to Emperor Tiberius of the crucifixion of Christ. One story current was that the original report had been found, and that the pope had ordered a careful study of it. Another was that the document discovered was not Pilate's report, but a manuscript of A. D. 149, referring to it, with other fragmentary writings of the third and fifth centuries, touching the same matter, which have come to light before.

The correspondent found the vatican authorities very reticent. Some of the officials were even chary of admitting that anything had been discovered at all, and were extremely apprehensive lest they might be repesented as giving color to an expectation that contemporary accounts of the most solemn event in the world's history are in existence.

The subkeeper of the vatican archives said:

"His holiness naturally is extremely cautious about permitting the publication of any document with the imprint of the holy see the authenticity of which may afterwards be reasonably contested. His holiness has been profoundly interested in the possibilty of the discovery of the original document referred to, the one dated 149, but so far search has been fruitless."

The correspondent gathered that the manuscript of A. D. 149 only refers to the earlier report, and contains no details of any value, and that a careful, exhaustive search for the original is now being made in the vatican by experts specially commissioned by the holy father, who are also to search for reference to it in documents written earlier than A. D. 149.

The first indication of the possibility of the existene of this document was obtained accidentally by an erudite monk engaged in looking through the archives of the fifth century and gathering facts concerning the early history of the papacy. He followed the clew back to manuscripts of the third century and then again laboriously pursued his task until further allusion was found in the document of A. D. 149. There the investigation is brought to a standstill for the present, and the pope has given strict injunctions that no translation or references in the documents shall be published until submitted for his sanction.

The attitude of the vatican authorities on the matter is one of skepticism as to the likelihood of any original authentic information being unearthed.

THE OHIO ELECTION.

Republicans Have the Legislature as the Count Stands.

Columbus, O., Nov. 8.—The Ohio legislature stands 74 Republicans, 70 Democrats and one doubtful on the official returns received up to tonight, with a dozen or more of the 88 counties very close.

There have been no material changes except in Wood county, which will be claimed by both parties until the courts pass on the action of the supervisors. There have been no unusual proceedings before the returning boards of any of the counties, except that of Wood, although both parties have had their representatives and attorneys in the county seats, wherever the vote was close.

Chairman McConville, of the Democratic state committee, has not changed his claims of a Democratic majority on joint ballot, and will not do so until the official returns of all counties are in and show the final result to differ from the figures he has at hand.

Chairman McConville and others from the Democratic state headquarters went to Cincinnati to confer with John R. McLean and other party leaders regarding the contests that are to be made in the close counties.

Chairman Nash insists tonight that the legislature stands 75 Republicans to 70 Democrats, and that the majority on joint ballot for senator will not be less than five. He says he is tonight satisfied with the situation in Wood county. What he feared was that the official count might wipe out the small Republican plurality in that county. Since the official tally sheets show a plurality of 31 for the Republican representative, Judge Nash says he is willing and ready to have the court pass on the case. He says the law provides that the members of the boads of election cannot go behind the returns, and the supreme court has held that they have no ministerial powers whatever and cannot hear evidence or use their discretion in throwing out votes. That is left to the courts, and to each branch of the legislature in passing on the credentials of its members.

Body Cut in Two.

Gillette, Colo., Nov. 8.—Samuel Coulter, an employe of the Midland Terminal railroad, was killed riding on the front of a switch engine. The engine had been sent after some box cars and went into them at full speed. Coulter was caught by the lower edge of a car and his body cut in two at the hips, the upper part being thrown from the tracks, while the lower extremities landed under the telescoped car.

Stored in Warehouses.

Rosalia, Wash., Nov. 8.—Up to date, 800,000 bushels of grain have been stored at Rosalia, and a large quantity is yet to come in. Threshing will be finished this week.

Tekoa Warehouses All Full.

Tekoa, Wash., Nov. 8.—All the grain warehouses of Tekoa are full, and storage sheds are being built. The total quantity shipped will aggregate 1,000,000 bushels.

Petition Twenty-One Feet Long.

Salem, Or., Nov. 8.—A very lengthy petition to the Oregon delegation in congress is being gotten up in Salem. The petition asks the delegation to use its influence in having carried out the government improvement at Yaquina bay. The petition is on paper, with rulings, the same width as foolscap. It is now 21 feet long, and is still growing. The head of the petiton is in a real estate office, where it was started, and the strip of paper runs through the front entrance, into an adjoining house, where the other end of it now is.

AN INSURGENT VICTORY

Spaniards Suffer a Crushing Defeat in Matanzas.

TOWN OF HOLGUIN CAPTURED

Conflict Rages at Many Points With Unabated Fury—Spanish Loss Convoy in Pinar Del Rio.

New York, Nov. 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The insurgent troops in the field are very active. On October 30 the Spaniards sustained the most severe loss they have met for some time. On the borders of Matanzas province General Molina was defeated by the insurgents under General Betancourt. General Molina was on his way to Havana with a brigade of troops to participate in Blanco's reception. At Aguacate he heard the rebels were encamped in Purgatory hills, and broke his march to attack them. The fight was a long one, and the Spanish loss was large. He was finally forced to retreat.

In Pinar del Rio province the rebels under command of Captain Lorr attacked a convoy that left San Cayetano and captured a large supply of clothing and ammunition.

A report apparently well-founded, is current in Havana to the effect that Holguin has been captured by rebels under Genreal Cebreco. That it has been attacked, and that 75 Spaniards were killed is admitted, but the capture is denied.

General Luque with heavy reinforcements left Havana yesterday for Holguin.

In a book on the Cuban war just published here, General Weyler writes the introduction. In one places he says:

"The system of warfare carried on by me during this campaign is not a new one. It is the same as that pursued by the Americans of the North when they fought their brethren of the South."

A million dollars in paper currency has mysteriously disappeared from the treasury here. The money was intended for the payment of the navy, and the troops. This fact, coupled with an attempt to deprive the army and navy of their pay for the months of April, May and June is causing great indignation.

RELEASED FROM MORO CASTLE.

Two Survivors of Maceo's Original Expedition Set Free.

New York, Nov. 8.—The Journal says: Of the 42 persons who landed with General Maceo near Baracoa, nearly two and a half years ago only three survive. The others, including Maceo, have perished on the battlefield, or in hospitals in Cuba. Two of the survivors are young Americans, Frank Agramonte and Julio Sainz. Word has been received in this city that through the efforts of Dr. Pulaski Hyatt, United States consul at Santiago, they have been released from Moro castle, and will sail for New York next Saturday.

Agramont is the son of Professor Emilio Agramonte, of this city. His family is one of means, so that the burden of his imprisonment has been lightened through their efforts.

Sainz is an orphan and Dr. Hyatt has provided him with food and comforts out of the $50,000 fund appropriated by congress for the relief of Americans in Cuba.

The young men, both about 24 years of age, sailed with Maceo. The party was intercepted near Baracoa. In the skirmish 10 soldiers and a Spanish officer were killed. Agramonte and Sainz were separated from their companions and were captured a few days later.

Owing to the death of the officer, the affair assumed a serious aspect. The boys asked help from Mr. Hyatt and their youth appealed to him and he saved them from being shot. They were imprisoned in Moro castle. For two years and a half the boys have been inmates of the prison. The governor of the prison allowed any article with Hyatt's stamp to be given them.

Just before General Weyler left for Spain Hyatt wrote to him, recalling a promise to release the boys. Now news comes that the release of the young men was among the last official acts of the genreal. The boys have sent word that they will sail for New York on the Niagara.

Ore From New Discoveries.

Salem, Nov. 8.—Some large specimens of gray quartz ore were brought out from the claims located by the Gesner party near Quartzville, and are on exhibition in Salem. The specimens are of free-milling ore, and it is the purpose of the party to have them tested soon. It is hardly probable anything can be done toward developing the mines before next spring. The new discovery has been named the Rhoda.

Barcelona Anarchists Murdered.

Madrid, Nov. 5.—A dispatch from Barcelona says that 112 persons who have been confined in the fortress of Montjuich for a year on suspicion of complicity in anarchistic plots and outrages were released today.

Investigating the Ute Trouble.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The war department is investigating the recent reported uprising among the Utes in Utah. It has been practically decided to send an inspector from the interior department to investigate and report on the trouble.

The water is so clear in the fords of Norway that objects an inch and a half in diameter can be distinctly seen at a depth of 150 feet.

French Evacuated Saki.

Lagos, Coast of Africa, Nov. 8.—The French have evacuated Saki, one of the posts in the Lagos Hinterland, which was occupied by their troops in contravention, it is claimed here, of the Anglo-French agreement of 1889. When it was announced that a French expedition had occupied Saki, Governor McCullum, the British official under whose jurisdiction the place is situated, dispatched a force of British troops from Lagos to Saki. Upon the arrival of the British force near Saki, the French troops retired.

A KNIFE FOR MORAES.

Attempted Assassination of the President of Brazil.

New York, Nov. 8.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that an attempt has been made to assassinate the president of Brazil, Dr. Prudente Jose de Moraes. The president's brother, an army officer, was probably mortally wounded while shielding the chief executive. General Betancourt, minister of war, who was one of the president's party, was shot and killed.

Rio Janeiro is now under martial law, every soldier having been ordered to arms, and it is feared another revolution is at hand.

The attempt to kill the president, and the killing of the minister of war, it is believed, is the work of monarchial sympathizers. Another rumor is that they were the result of the feeling aroused by the proposed arbitration treaty with France.

Wild excitement prevails in the city. Startling rumors are heard on all sides. The belief is general in certain classes that the followers of Antonio Conseilheiro, the leader of the fanatical movement, who was recently killed in Canudos, have invaded Rio to strike their first blow for revenge.

It was the day set apart by President Moraes and his cabinet to do honor to Rrear-Admiral Barbosa, one of the conquerors of Conseilheiro's friends in Canudos. Admiral Barbosa was one of the chiefs of the Brazilian troops who several weeks ago hacked and shot down thousands of the followers of the fierce Conseilheiro, who had gathered his forces in Canudos.

It was believed then that the crushing defeat of the fanatics there and the death of Conseilheiro had put an end to Brazil's monarchial enemies.

Thousands of persons gathered to see President Moraes and his cabinet extend publicly the thanks of the republic to Barbosa and his troops, just returning on the steamer Canudos. Many members of congress and persons high in naval, military and ecclesiastical circles were present, as were also the diplomatic representatives of several foreign countries.

The victorious troops were passing in review before President Moraes, when a soldier dashed out of the naval arsenal toward the president's party, drawing a dagger as he went.

Fearing his intention, and unable to stop the soldier, Colonel Moraes, brother of the president, stepped between the executive and his assailant, and tried to ward off the dagger thrust. In this he was successful, but the colonel received the dagger in his own body, the soldier in his frenzy striking several times before he was seized by those in the rear. The troops were thrown into a line in front of the president's party and tried to force the crowd back.

While President Moraes and the members of his cabinet were bending over the body of Colonel Moraes, a shot was heard and General Betancourt, the minister of war, staggered and fell behind the body of Colonel Moraes, with a bullet in his head.

This added to the excitement of the crowd, which was, by this time, wildly surging to and fro, the troops using their bayonets to keep it back, and those behind pressing forward.

Finally, fearing another attempt to kill the president and the members of his cabinet, more troops were called, and a strong guard was formed around the official party. Then Colonel Moraes and General Betancourt were lifted and borne to the palace. Colonel Moraes was seriously, probably mortally wounded.

General Betancourt died a few minutes after he was taken into the palace. In the meantime, fearing an attack on the palace, President Moraes ordered that the crowd be dispersed, and the troops finally succeeded in doing so, though a serious conflict at one time seemed imminent, owing to an attempt to lynch the president's assailant.

The news of the affair spread with remarkable rapidity, and within 10 minutes the city was in a fever of excitement. Rumors of a revolution were rife on all sides, and there seemed good reason to fear an uprising.

In order to avoid a possibility of this, orders were issued from the palace calling all the troops in the city to arms and declaring the city under martial law.

The soldier who tried to kill President Moraes is under arrest. He belongs to the Tenth battalion. He refused to give any reason for his attempt. The person who shot General Betancourt is unknown. No one knows whence came the fatal bullet.

The citizens generally attribute the deed to revenge on the part of Conseilheiro's followers. Some well-informed men have brought up the theory that the attempt on the president's life grew out of the proposed arbitration treaty with France on the Ampapo question. This treaty the president vigorously upheld, despite tremendous opposition in congress and among the people.

Big, and Yet It Is Sound.

Long Creek, Or., Nov. 8.—There is on exhibition in a store at this place a monster turnip. It was raised in the garden of Mr. Allen Porter, near this city; weighs 19½ pounds, and measures 39 inches in circumference. It seems to be perfectly sound, and not pithy, as is generally the case in vegetables of its size.

Hop Sales at Dallas.

Dallas, Or., Nov. 8.—H. G. Campbell sold 153 bales of hops here today at 13¼ cents to T. A. Farley, representing Horst & Lachmund. A number of other sales are reported at prices ranging from 6 to 10 cents.

A Steel Works Explosion.

Milwaukee, Nov. 8.—By an explosion at the Illinois steel works last evening five men were injured, two fatally. The fatally injured are Peter Hundt and George Kolinski.

Killed by His Pupils.

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 8.—James Allen, a teacher in a school at Wheatland, Hickory county, was beaten to death yesterday by his pupils. As a punishment for misconduct, Mr. Allen kept several boys after school was dismissed last night. When released, the youths went away angry, and later, as the schoolmaste. was on his way home, they waylaid him, pelting him with stones and clubs. Mr. Allen was knocked down and his skull crushed. He did not regain consciousness, and died this morning. The youths have been arrested.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States—Oregon.

The brickyard at Weston has sold between 600,000 and 700,000 bricks this year.

A hunter the other day brought in to Salem a Mongolian pheasant, the tail of which measured 21 inches.

A farmer of Goshen has 900 turkeys in pasture at his farm. The turkeys eat, twice a day, two bushels of wheat.

An Umpqua sportsman turned loose five pair of wild turkeys on the headwaters of the Umpqua river the other day.

Twenty Mongolian pheasants for breeding purposes have been shipped from the Wilammette valley to Harney county.

A sperm whale came ashore on the Nehalem beach, near the Arch rocks, last week. The whale was about 65 feet long.

The town council of Marshfield has passed an ordinance which fixes a wharfage charge for all steamers that use the wharf at the foot of A street.

The two warehouses in Mission, Umatilla county, have received 400,000 bushels of wheat this season. About half of this has been shipped.

An artesian well that is being sunk on Fred Haine's Cow creek ranch, in Harney county, is now down 480 feet, and the water has risen to within six inches of the surface.

The work on the railroad bridge across the Santiam river, between Spicer and Scio, is progressing. All of the piers have been completed, and the other work is being pushed.

Joseph Vey, a sheepraiser of Butter creek, Umatilla county, lost 900 of his 14,000 head of sheep while his bands were ranging on the mountains between Grand Ronde and Hilgard recently.

The sheepmen of Morrow county have made up a fund of $1,000 for the purpose of sending detectives into Grant county to ferret out and prosecute the persons who have been shooting sheep.

It was reported in Salem last week that the surveying party now out in the Cascade mountains, back of the Santiam country, operating under State Senator Alonzo Gesner, of Marion county, had made a rich find of gold-bearing quartz.

The warehouses in Elgin are getting so full of grain that a night force has to be used to pile each day's receipts up higher, so as to make room for the next day's business. Unless more shipping is done soon, it will be necessary to raise the roofs.

Three families of Norwegians arrived in Coquille a few days ago, adding to the population, somewhat. One family brought nine children with them, while the two others reported 24 children—the grand total for the three families being 33 children.

The sheriff of Crook county has been enjoined from collecting the 1 per cent on delinquent taxes ordered by the county court. The court held that county courts have no authority of law for imposing any penalty on delinquent taxes, other than the necessary costs of levy and sale of property.

Washington.

The town of Grey, in Whitman county, is to have a flouring mill.

The Adams County bank paid out $80,000 for wheat last week.

Yakima orchardists are offered 80 cents a box for apples this year.

Pasco horse dealers shipped 250 head of "beef" horses to Linnton this week for the cannery.

The Spokane city sinking fund commission has recommended the issue of $300,000 in municipal bonds to take up outstanding warrants.

Throughout Eastern Washington thousands of sacks of wheat are lying in the fields, because of the lack of storage room in the warehouses.

In Sprague 5,000 bushels of wheat are being marketed daily. The Sprague roller mills do a business of $300,000 annually, and the business men want a bank.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company paid to the Cowlitz county treasurer last week $2,105.92, which was one-half of the company's personal taxes for 1897.

The Moxee Company, in Yakima county, is trying a sagepuller that requires four horses and two men to operate it, but the machine clears easily six more acres a day.

It is reported in New Whatcom that B. A. Seaborg, of Astoria, who owns five Columbia river salmon canneries, has decided to establish a large cannery in Whatcom county, and is now preparing to commence construction, but has not determined whether to locate at Whatcom or Blaine.

A mast and part of the deck of a ship have washed ashore at the Westport bathhouse. They are supposed to be parts of the Orion, the vessel that was run down a few weeks ago.

There are now 374 prisoners at the Walla Walla penitentiary. At the jute mill extensive repairs are still going on, 50 prisoners being employed. The mill will start about the middle of November, and will run all winter. Thirty persons are engaged in hauling clay from near Dixie. About 1,000,000 brick are on hand at the yard.

Quite a number of stockmen of Kittitas county started out on a stock round up last week. The demand for horses for the Klondike trade is reviving the horse-raising industry to some extent, though the prices being paid at this time are low.

The county auditor of King county, in Seattle, began a lease auction of about 42,000 acres of school lands. Leases were let for five years, payment being collected for one year, or one-fifth of the total amount bid. The average rent for the lands let was not quite 70 cents an acre. The total area leased was 940.90 acres, for $646.50.