

The Coast Mail.

SATURDAY, - AUGUST 7, 1880.

Arizona News.

Dispatches of the 24th ult., from Tucson, Arizona, contain the following items of news:

The track of the S. P. R. R. is laid seventeen miles east of Benson. Grading is complete beyond Dragon Summit. The railroad roundhouse is complete. An average of eighty-five cars of railroad material go to the front daily. It is estimated that track laying will go on at the rate of two miles per day after reaching Dragon Summit.

The mill dams at Harleston broke to-day, causing temporary suspension of two quartz mills.

Treasure shipments for the week were as follows: From Tombstone, \$28,800 silver bullion; from Globe and McMillen districts, \$300,000; Silver King, \$383,287.72.

There has been considerable rain throughout southeastern Arizona during the week, with indications of much more.

Travel to Sonora is rapidly increasing, caused by large mineral discoveries in the districts of Altar and the Cienega. A large silver ledge of very rich ore has been discovered near the Canyon de Oro, 35 miles north of Tucson. The bullion out of Pima county will be doubled next month. The Hanshaw 25-stamp mill will commence work this week. The San Xavier and Santa Rita smelter will also commence operations this week.

Gen. Grant at Kansas City.

Kansas City Times.

There was a Journal reporter on the train, and one of his first exploits was to sail through the cars getting up a list of the people aboard. One of the persons he struck was a short, thick-set man, with a beard, who sat gazing pensively out of a window with a cigar in his mouth.

"Are you one of the invited guests?" asked the reporter, tapping the man on the shoulder.

The man said he was, and kept on smoking.

"From St. Joe or Leavenworth?" asked the reporter, notebook and pencil in hand.

"Illinois," replied the man, still smoking.

"I'll have to trouble you for your name," persisted the reporter.

"Grant," said the man, still smoking.

"Initials, please?" asked the reporter.

"Ulysses S. Grant," replied the man, quietly.

"Oh!" faintly ejaculated the reporter. And a strange light came into his eye, and he moved on.

Statue of Penn.

The crown of William Penn's hat which is to adorn his thirty-six foot statue surmounting the lofty tower of the new Philadelphia public buildings will be just 535 feet from the pavement. This is higher than any other tower yet constructed. Trinity steeple in New York City, which seems so imposing with its height of 284 feet, shrinks into insignificance in comparison with the lofty spire which is intended to be the crowning glory of Penn square. The highest towers which have yet been constructed are those of the Cologne Cathedral, which have at present a height of 324 feet 11 inches, or 10 feet 1 inch below Mr. Penn's proposed hat. As, however, the Cologne towers are still unfinished and aim at an ultimate attitude of 576 feet 9 inches, the Penn square tower may never enjoy the distinction of being the highest in the world.

ERICH ARDEN has turned up in the army this time. During the war of 1870, a French soldier named Teule was taken prisoner by the Germans and conveyed across the Rhine. He was shortly after condemned to death by the German authorities for shooting at the jailer while trying to escape. At the same time another French prisoner was sentenced to ten years for a similar offence. Both men were taken to the same fortress, and by some mistake changed for each other, and the wrong person was shot. Teule kept the secret to himself, and having served the ten years' imprisonment, returned to his native town the other day; but his wife in the meantime, having been informed by the French authorities that her husband had been shot, married again, and has now several children. It is not stated whether Teule has followed the example of Tennyson's hero.

THE Sacramento Record-Union says: The wheat crop this year will be larger in all probability than has ever been harvested in this State. Enumerating the probable increase over last year we think it safe to assume that the total product will be 28,000,000 bushels or 1,400,000 tons. Estimating 600,000 tons for seed and home consumption, this will give 800,000 tons for export. Last year we shipped 600,000 tons, employing 273 ships. The requirement this year will probably be at least 304 ships. At the same time the sail tonnage here and known to be coming is less than at the corresponding date for six years past, while our requirements are considerably greater.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is said that President Hayes will visit Oregon during his stay on the Pacific slope.

An English bark with yellow fever on board has arrived at Mobile. Two seamen have already died.

A large party of Jesuits expelled from France have taken an establishment at Aberdeen, New South Wales.

A colored man, communicating at Danville was broken up by roughs on the 27th. One of their number was shot.

The North Seattle barrel factory is now turning out material for 4000 barrels every twenty hours, running night and day.

It is stated that Bonanza, Idaho, is beginning to assume a lively appearance. An Eastern company recently sent out \$30,000 to assist in developing the mine.

The local authorities of Nanking, China, prohibit the importation of American kerosene on the ground that it is dangerous. They are trying hard to suppress opium smoking.

For the year ending June 30, the Government sales of postal cards, postage stamps and stamped envelopes aggregated, in round numbers, \$31,900,000—a revenue sufficient to carry on a small Government.

CONNECTICUT'S population in 1870 was 337,454, and the new census indicates a close approach to 600,000, the gain being chiefly in the shore and manufacturing towns. The State has lost by emigration during the last 50 years probably as many as it now contains.

Geo. Beckwith of New Haven died suddenly of heart disease while speaking in a temperance meeting. He was a born mathematician, though without advantages, he made progress in the higher branches, and long taught school and practiced surveying. He was locally well known in connection with an almanac which he has published ever since 1848, as well as for his many personal eccentricities.

The gold claim at Plymouth is owned by Worcester, Boston, New York and St. Louis men. The gold washes out in grains varying from the size of a mustard seed to that of a pea, and averages \$5 a day per laborer. The stream from which it is taken rushes down a gulch, in which some prospecting has been done for the quarter veins, and the company will probably put up a stamp mill after some experimental digging.

During the last political campaign in Michigan, a well-known lawyer of that State was addressing an audience composed principally of farmers in Gratiot county. In order to win the confidence of his hearers, he said, "My friends, my sympathies have always been with the tillers of the soil. My father was a practical farmer, and so was my grandfather before him. I was myself reared on a farm, and was, so to speak, born between two stacks of corn." Here the speaker was rudely interrupted by some one in the audience, who exclaimed, "A pumpkin, by Jingo!"—(Harper's Mag.)

A bold robbery was committed at the private bank of Fisher, Preston & Co., at Detroit, Michigan, a few days since. While the clerk, Fred D. Gifford, was alone, a stranger appeared at the opening of the wire screen on the counter and expressed a desire to purchase some Government bonds. As Gifford was about to reply, the stranger suddenly reached through the aperture and struck him on the temple with a slung shot. The blow felled Gifford to the floor and rendered him insensible. When he recovered it was ascertained that between \$4000 and \$5000 in currency lying on top of the counter had disappeared.

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