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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Mrs. Mary B. Stevens, of Yale, while acting as chaplain of the Daughters of Rebekah, at their annual session in Springfield, Ill., and as she was just beginning a prayer dropped to the floor and died of heart disease.

A late rider in the American soldiers of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, was most brutally murdered by a comrade in Omaha, Neb. The motive was evidently robbery, and the murderer has fled from the city, after a most remarkable exhibition of coolness after his crime.

Edward W. Curry, chairman of the Democratic state committee, died in Des Moines, Ia., of blood poisoning, the result of an initiation into the Elks' lodge a few weeks ago. He was seated in the electric chair and was horribly burned before those operating it realized what they were doing.

Mrs. Foley, a widow, aged 60, and her unmarried daughter, Fanny, aged 40, were found murdered in their home near Liberty, Mo. It was a cold-blooded murder for the sole purpose of robbery. The robber or robbers first dispatched the women, then ransacked the house. Fifty dollars, all that was secured, was taken from the foot of a bed on which the women had slept.

A correspondent of the London Daily Mail at St. Petersburg says he is able to confirm the report that consternation existed while the czar was on his visit in Egland over the discovery of a plot against his life. The Belgian police seized a parcel of bombs, which were en route for Paris, just before the czar was leaving England. On the same night the Paris police arrested forty suspects. In the absence of absolute proof the matter was dropped.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company was reorganized at Philadelphia. The railroad was sold under foreclosure on September 23. Under the plan of reorganization there will be three companies—the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, the Philahelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and the Reading Company. The latter is known as the National Company, but an application has been filed in the court to have the title changed.

It has been definitely decided by Superintendent Irwin that the holiday session of the Oregon State Teachers' Association will be held at Salem this year, beginning on Monday, December 28, and continuing for one week.

John S. Frye, a returned Alaska miner, met an old schoolmate from Germany in Tacoma. They roomed together one night, and in the morning Frye missed $660 in gold, his sole possessions. His old schoolmate had

An angry mob attempted to lynch an old German named Breckman in Cherryville, Kan., for his brutal treatment of his daughter. She was beaten into insensibility and died from her injuries. The sheriff prevented the mob from securing Breckman and he was hurried to jail.

A three-story structure at the corner of Front and Davis streets, Portland, owned by the Ainsworth estate, was partly destroyed by fire. The building was occupied by the Oregon Cracker Company, whose plant was ruined, entailing a loss of about $20,000. The damage to the building will amount to $10,000.

The Cariboo Gold Mining Company, of Spokane, has declared a dividend of 2 cents a share. This makes a total of $125,000 paid in dividends since February, 1895. This is the mine whose manager was held up by a highwayman and robbed of $11,000 in gold bullion not long ago. The robber was afterwards killed by the foreman of the mine.

The board of fire commissioners in Spokane has decided to request the resignation of Chief Winebrener, of the fire department. Mayor Belt, after a long contest, has secured control of the commissioners, and extensive removals are probable in the various departments. It is thought that Clair Hunt, of the water department, will be the next one to go.

Burglars broke into the house of John Mirka, an old miser, of Cleveland, O. He was known to have his money hidden somewhere about the premises and the robbers tried to force him to tell them his secret hiding place. He refused and they tortured him. He was bound hand and foot and a lighted lamp placed at his feet until the flesh was literally cooked. The old man writhed in his agony, but protested that he had no money. The fiends then applied the flame to his hands, then to his body, until he finally sank into unconsciousness, in which condition he was found in the morning. The burglars got nothing.

It is understood the next step in the Venezuela affair will be that Venezuela will empower her plenipotentiary to settle and sign with the British plenipotentiary a treaty referring the boundary dispute to arbitration. It is suggested that the treaty be signed in Washington.

Jack Walker's saloon, in Baker City, Or., was visited by four masked men, who robbed the till of its contents, $10. The robbers cornered the men in the saloon with shotguns and pistols, and made good their escape.

A Madrid dispatch says the government loan of 250,000,000 pesetas has been greatly over-subscribed, and reports from numerous towns in the provinces have still to come in. The Bank of Spain has been obliged to engage twenty special counters in Madrid, owing to the crush of subscribers, numbers of whom were only able to subscribe for a single bond. Captialists in Havana offered to subscribe 5,000,000 pesetas.

The Coliseum at Rome seated 87,000 spectators and 60,000 more might easily have found standing room.

Officers vs. Bandits.

Deputy United States Marshal McClinchy has had a fight with Black Jack's bandits, at Separ, N. M., killing the notorious Bob Hays, and wounding George Musgrove, alias Davis, who escaped. None of the posse was injured. Black Jack, Frank Anderson, Bill George and another escaped, and the posse is in pursuit. The fight occurred near the Southern Pacific road. This is the most desperate gang that has ever infested Arizona.

Guns for Uncle Sam's Soldiers.

It is reported that partial orders have been placed by the United States government with the Winchester Arms Company, of New Haven, Conn., for 100,000 guns of the Lee pattern. The information is given by a commercial agent who made a business call upon the company. He was told by the officers that the government was contracting for the rifles on account of a possible war with Spain.

Wires Were Crossed.

C. C. Udell, a street car conductor, of Los Angeles, Cal., while telephoning to the central station was knocked down and instantly killed by an electric shock. The telephone wires and trolley wires of the street railway had become crossed.

Struck by a Train.

Al Pollick, a young lawyer, and the Misses Lulu and Lizzie Lind, daughters of the proprietor of the Lind hotel, were instantly killed by a railway train while attempting to cross the track in a buggy at Concord, Ky.

Murder at Salt Lake.

The body of Edurado Delvecchio was found in the suburbs of Salt Lake with two bullets holes in the side. No motive is known for the murder.

Burns Midnight Oil.

President Cleveland is burning midnight oil in the preparation of his annual message to congress. The message is being written in sections and will be put together in consecutive form just before it goes to congress. All of Mr. Cleveland's messages have been distinguished by neatness and clean penmanship, and the forthcoming will be no exception. He is writing every word of it by hand.

Peace In Armenia.

A Constantinople dispatch says Monsignore Mahai Ormanian's election as the new Armenian patriarch is an excellent sign of peace in the future. An imperial iarde will be issued, approving the election, and the next day the patriarch will enter upon his functions. He has already decided that religious councils shall take immediate steps to examine the rules of organic law, which will doubtless be modified.

Selling Their Children for Bread.

Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Toronto, Canada, foreign secretary of the Presbyterian church, has received a letter from one of the missionaries in India which tells of a terrible tale of distress and suffering because of the failure of the wheat crop in that country. People are on the point of starvation; parents are selling their children for bread, while some are leaving them to perish from want.

Mrs. Bush-Martin, of San Francisco, declared innocent of murdering her husband, must stand trial for insanity. Her counsel claims the proceedings are irregular, but Judge Wallace refused to release her, ansd the case was continued two days, when the jury will pass upon her mental condition.

Li Hung Chang Disgusted.

A Singapore dispatch says it is rumored that Li Hung Chang will return to private life, being disgusted with the treatment he received on his return from his journey around the world. This dispatch also states that the new Japanese-Chinese treaty gives no concessions to foreigners.

Another Bank Fails.

The First National bank of Sioux City, Ia., has closed its doors. The failure is due to heavy withdrawals. The bank is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and was considered one of the soundest. The amount of liabilities has not yet been mad known.

Insurgents Defeated.

An official dispatch from Manilla sent to Madrid says the insurgents have been defeated in an engagmeent with the Spanish troops fought near Santa Cruz. The enemy lost 500 men killed, the government loss being slight.

The Shortage in Cereals.

According to the official report the yield of principal cereals in fifty governments of European Russia and the Caucasus in 1896 is 16,250,000 quarters below the average of the last thirteen years.

A Colliery Horror.

A firedamp explosion occurred in a colliery near Berlin, Germany. Twenty-five bodies have been recovered. Forty or fifty men are known to be still entombed.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

The boiler of Reno Bros.' sawmill, twenty miles northeast of Sedalia, Mo., exploded, demolishing the mill, killing John Reno and severely scalding Edward Reno.

Bear Caused a Stamp de.

A Paris dispatch says that during a bull and bear fight at Figueras, in Spain, near the frontier of France the bear broke his chain and scrambled among the audience. Many persons were injured in the stampede before the bear was killed.

By a clever ruse a man disguised as a postman easily secured a bag of registered letters of the value of 42,000 francs from a mail cart in the Rue du Allemagne, Paris, and decamped.

The Omaha Exposition.

Governor Lord, of Oregon, is in receipt of a request from John A. Wakefield, secretary of the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition, urging the appointment of a vice-president for the state of Oregon. The exposition is to be held at Omaha, beginning in June and ending in November, 1898. The governor is anxious to learn of responsible citizens who will accept such appointment.

Denmark allows every subject, male or female, who is sixty years of age, a small pension.

SOME FACTS ABOUT SMUGGLING

Supervising Special Agent Crowley Files His Annual Report.

Washington, Nov. 23.—J. J. Crowley, supervising special agent of the treasury, in his annual report, devotes considerable attention to smuggling. Opium smuggling, the report says, has decreased largely during the last year, as the result principally of the reduction of the rate of duty from $12 to $6 per pound; 138,850 pounds of smoking opium was imported at San Francisco during the year 1895, upon which $913,404 was paid in duty. Last year the amount was 98,126 pounds, upon which duty aggregating $588,756 was paid.

The report shows there has been a noticeable increase in the smuggling of diamonds since the duty on precious stones was increased by the tariff act of 1894. A return to the rate of duty provided in the act of 1890, Mr. Crowley says, would be in favor of the revenue and of the legitimate trade.

During the past year 5,566 Chinese persons applied for admission to this country. Of these, 1,521 were in transit to other countries; 415 were rejected and 3,510 were admitted. The number of Chinese arrested for violation of the exclusion law was 198, and the number deported 120. Under the treaty betweeen the United States and China, providing for the departure from and return to this country of Chinese laborers, 936 laborers left the United States and 106 returned during the past year.

The joint resolution of congress, approved March 1, 1895, prohibiting the transportation through the United States of merchandise destined for places in the free zone of Mexico, Mr. Crowley says, now obtains of shipping goods to the zone libre, via Mexican seaports, and the only apparent result accomplished by the legislation referred to has been less business for American railway companies. It is suggested that the removal of the restrictions imposed, at least to the extent of allowing the transportation of goods consinged to places in Mexico from the seaboard to the Mexican frontier, under the usual transportation entries, would involve no danger of loss to the revenue of our government."

Attention is called to the shipments of Canadian goods in transit through the United States to points in Canada, and to the transportation of free and dutiable merchandise in bond between ports in the United States through Canada. New lines of travel have been opened, which require constant care and surveillance. The report shows that during the last calendar year, loaded cars to the number of 430,678 were sent over Canadian roads from one point in the United States to another.

CIVIL SERVICE PRINCIPLES

To Be Adopted in Chicago Schools in the Near Future.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The city board of education has decided by a practically unanimous vote to embody in its new rules the principles of the existing civil service law. The employes of the board, excepting superintendents, teachers, the business manager, chief engineer, architect, auditor, attorney and board clerks are to be placed as nearly as possible to the lines followed by the city civil service commission.

The action of last night does not give the school employes into the hands of the civil service commission in the city hall. It makes a civil service commission out of the board's own committee on rules, or a body subordinate to that committee. The action took the form of a resolution which was adopted after a lively discussion, and in which the committee on rules was directed to embody the necessary provisions in its forthcoming report.

It was generally understood that the question of civil service would come up at last night's session of the board, and there was an unusual number of visitors. Only two members were absent. The triumph of the new rule was accomplished after a sharp and spicy fight among the members.

YOUTHFUL BURGLARS.

Two of Them Caught in a Seattle Man's Residence.

Seattle, Nov. 23.—Two young men, each under 20 years of age, are in the city jail. They gave thier names as Charles Phillips and Chris Scott. Scott is suffering from a bullet wound in the left arm, inflicted last night by H. R. Bayliss, whose residence they were burglarizing. For the last two weeks, the city has been overrun with burglars, and the police could not capture any of them, although from twelve to fifteen residences were looted. The young men made a confession to the chief of police this morning, with the result that the officers are now in possession of about $1,500 worth of stolen property that the young burglars had hidden in room 20 of the Pacific lodging-house, on Washington and South Second streets.

Tried Ling's Plan.

Athens, Nov. 23. — The socialist who killed the rich merchant, Frango Paulo, in the open street of Patras last Sunday has committed suicide by exploding a dynamite cartridge in his mouth. It is not known how he obtained the explosive.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Colonel Frederick Grant, of New York, son of General Grant, who is here attendiug the convention of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, called on Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie Davis, at their hotel, accompanied by General George V. Henry, of Jefferson barracks. He held an informal interview with the ladies which lasted about fifteen minutes. The widow of the Confederate president expressed herself as greatly pleased to meet Colonel Grant.

French Torpedo-Boats Collided.

Brest, Nov. 23 —The torpedo boats known by the numbers, 83 and 61, of the French navy, came into collision during the maneuvers off Cape de la Chevre. The former boat sank and its crew is missing. Number 61 was also badly damaged, and was towed here. Number 83 was one of a series of three boats, and her complement of men was sixteen. Her length was 114 feet, and she had a speed of twenty knots. Number 61 is slightly smaller, but also has a complement of sixteen men.

CUBA IS DESIROUS OF PEACE

Both Spaniards and Natives Tired of the War.

EDITOR CORONADO INTERVIEWED

Weyler's Latest Edict—Many Noncombatants Murdered by His Soldiers—Morro Castle Executions.

New York, Nov. 23.—Manuel M. Coronado, editor of the Cuban patriots' paper, La Discussione, published in Havana, who escaped from that city in the last days of October, after General Weyler had ordered his arrest, reached New York this morning. He brought with him important news for the junta in this city, and early this afternoon visited the headquarters. Of his escape he said:

"When I learned by private tips that General Weyler had ordered my arrest, I made immediate preparations for escape. The order was not a surprise. I had secured a disguise in the costume of an ordinary sailor. When my house was surrounded by troops, I hastily shaved off my heavy mustache, and, donning my disguise, which also included a heavy false black goatee, I stepped into the house adjoining and made my escape to the street, as I thought, unobserved. I jumped into a carriage. An alarm was given and the police pursued me in another. I worked an old game. I told my driver to keep ahead, and, watching for an opportunity, jumped from the carriage and walked back on the pavement, mingled with the crowd and made my escape to the country.

"A few dys afterwards—I prefer not to give dates, I shipped aboard a sailing vessel as a common sailor. The captain knew me, however. We reached NewOrleans after an uneventful trip, and I came to New York by rail, arrivingthis morning."

In reply to a question as to the general feeling of the people living in Cuba, he said, through an interpreter:

"Today we might say that Spain holds Cuba by sheer force of arms. The whole country, Spanish and Cuban alike, desires peace at almost any sacrifice, and although it may seem strange, the Spanish element are quite as pronounced in his feeling as the Cubans, and wish peace and independence for Cuba.

"It is thought that Cuba again under Spanishrule would be unable to pay the enormous war debt already incurred or to stand the tremendous tax that would now invariably be imposed by Spain upon Cuba, and another uprising would, under those conditions, follow. Spain would have to expend great sums of money to keep Cuba in submission. The war debt now is estimated at $500,000,000, and is accumulating at the rate of $12,000,000 a month.

"If Cuba gains her independence in this struggle, and I hope and maintain that she will, she will start afresh with wonderful possibilities for her. Spain will soon be forced, by lack of funds, to withdraw her troops. The opinion [illegible] Spaniards and Cuban. The Spaniards express this opinion in private only, as public expression would insure their execution as rebels.

"Weyler does as he pleases. His latest edict is that all persons, men, women and children, who are found outside of the Spanish lines, shall be considered rebels and shot as such. This edict was published only in the official gazette in Havana, which circulates among officers and officials only. There was no way in which those outside of these circles could learn of the edict. There is no railroad to Pinar del Rio from Havana, and it is in this province that the edict has cost many lives. People taken under this edict are marched outside of the gates of the city and shot down by soldiers. The reports of prisoners captured by Weyler are only the capture of these poor devils.

"The former practice of the Spanish authorities of shooting prisoners in Morro castle and throwing the bodies into the water for sharks, has been stopped, because not long ago several bodies drifted into the bay of Havana. The authorities explained to inquiring citizens that the men had probably drowned. Bullet holes in the head, however, disproved this. The people would welcome anything to hasten the end, not only on account of the loss of property and life, but on account of the massacres."

Indian Hunters Unrestrained.

Denver, Nov. 23.—A special to the News from Lander, Wyo., says: Parties arriving here from Hoback canyon report that a large party of Bannock Indians from Fort Hall reservation are slaughtering elk, antleope and deer in that vicinity, and that this has been going on for some weeks without molestation on the part of the authorities of Uintah county. White men of that vicinity say that there is no money in the county treasury to prosecute these Indians, consequently they are allowed to do as they please. An effort will be made in the next legislature to pass such laws as will provide to protect game.

London, Nov. 23.—A Daily News dispatch from Paris contains an interview with Mr. Jewett, United States consul at Sivas, Turkey, who is on his way to New York. Mr. Jewett seemed to think, says the dispatch, that M. Hanotaux, the French minister for foreign affairs, was too confident of the sultan's sincerity in his promises to accord reforms. Mr. Jewett attaches a great deal of importance to the young Turkish agitation in Turkey. He will return to Armenia in February.

Mrs. Wylie's Suicide.

Los Angeles, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Fannie Wylie committed suicide this morning by taking morphine. Mrs. Wylie was the mistress of Thomas Starr Wylie, whose suicide a few weeks ago, because of the liaison between the two, is still fresh in the public mind. She at that time made an unsuccessful attempt to end her existenec, and threatened to make a better job the next time. The woman left behind a note saying she loved Wylie in life, and had gone to join him in death. She also requested that her remains be placed near those of Wylie.

THE PLATFORM FELL.

Many Injured, Possibly Some Killed, in an Accident at Macon, Ga.

Memphis, Nov. 23.—A special from Macon, Ga., says:

Thirty people, 3,000 bales of cotton and hundreds of tons of heavy timber all went down in one loud crash at 7:30 tonight, at the Central Railway Company's compress in this city. Fourteen injured people, all employes of the compress, have been removed from the wreckage, but it is thought more are under the debris, and if so they are dead, or will be before they can be extricated. Several employes are missing, and it is feared they are under the wreck.

The platform was twenty feet high, 350 feet long, and 140 feet wide. Over 500 feet gave way without warning, the supports being rotten. It is believed that two teams and their drivers were caught beneath the platform, as it extended over the street, and the teams are said to have been going under the platform just before it fell. So great was the noise accompanying the collapse that it was heard a distance of a mile, and many people in the neighborhood were badly frightened.

All of the injured were taken to their homes and to hospitals, and given attention by surgeons. Several are badly hurt. The wreck of the platform covers several acres, and presents an appalling sight in the moonlight. The hunt for dead bodies, supposed to be buried beneath the wreckage, will not begin until tomorrow, as derricks and other appliances for raising cotton and timbers cannot be procured before then.

The damage to the machinery was only slight.

THE EXPERIMENT VERIFIED.

Optic Nerves of Blind Persons Susceptible to the Cathode Ray.

New York, Nov. 23.—Thomas A. Edison has verified the experiments reported to have been made in San Francisco by means of the cathode ray, in which a blind boy has been enabled to distinguish light. Edison experimented last night on two subjects, both blind, from Newark. Many tubes were tried, each with increased strength, and finally the subjects were enabled to distinguish flashes. One of the men was able, after a time, to say when the light was turned on and off. The most successful results were attained with a red globe, and it is Edison's intention to continue experimenting in this line until much more satisfacory results are reached, which he confidently predicts will be soon.

DRINK-CRAZED MURDERER.

A San Francisco Carpenter Used a Gun With Deadly Effect.

San Francisco, Nov. 23 —James H. Childs was shot and killed by John Miller, a carpenter, on Clementina street this afternoon, while attempting to prevent the latter from committing another murder. Crazed by jealousy and drink, Miller called at the residence of Miss Nellie Ryan, with the intention of killing her. His first shot, fired at her as she opened the door to admit him, missed her. She rushed into the street and called upon Childs, who was passing the house, for protection. He tried to prevent Miller from shooting again, but, exasperated by his interference, Miller turned upon him and shot Childs through the head, killing him. Before he could renew his attack upon the girl the murderer was arrested.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLEA.

Asks Governor Budd to Commute Worden's Sentence.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 23.—Governor Budd this afternoon received from President Cleveland a personal plea for the commutation of Salter D. Worden, sentenced to hang for trainwrecking in Yolo county. The president states as ground for his interest in the case that, while a resident of New York state, before his elevation to the presidency, he had formed a great friendship for Salter D. Worden's mother, a music teacher. The governor has also received a personal appeal from C. P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific, for commutation of the death sentence.

Knights Declares for Free Silver.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The general assembly of the Knights of Labor declared today for free silver by adding to the seventeenth plank the declaration submitted by the committee on law. As originally framed, this plank held that interest bearing bonds, bills of credit or notes should not be issued by the government, but that when need arises, the emergency should be met by legal tender not interest-bearing money. The added clause declares for free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, regardless of the action of any other nation.

McAuliffe and Carroll Fight

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Jack McAuliffe, the lightweight champion, and Jimmy Carroll, his old-time rival, fought ten rounds in this city tonight. The mill was an exceedingly tame one, and thought by some to have been fixed. McAuliffe was given the decision.

Shoes were not made "rights and lefts" till the year 1472.

Wounded in a Duel.

Paris, Nov. 23.—A duel has been fought between M. Pierre Legrand, a member of the chamber of deputies, and M. Henri Turot, editor of the Petit Republique Francaise. The latter was wounded in the arm.

Will Abandon Its Colony.

London, Nov. 23 —The Rome correspondent of the Times expresses the opinion that Italy will abandon Erythea, its Abyssinian colony.

Russia to Invade Asia Minor.

London, Nov. 23.—The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent reports that Russia is mobilizing the Caucasus army with the intention of invading Asia Minor on the pretext that brigandage makes the occupation of the country a necessity.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The president issued a proclamation today, readjusting the boundaries of the naval reservation in Alaska, which was found to encroach on land belonging to the Geeek church, in contravention of Russia's concession in Alaska.

SHOT AT BY A MANIAC.

A Sensational Episode at the Catholic Girl's Directory in Portland.

Portland, Or., Nov. 20.—A most sensational attempt at murder occurred last night in the dining-room of the "Girl's Directory," a charitable institution, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in the old Reid residence, corner of Sixteenth and Couch streets. The would-be-murderer was a man of all work about the place named Baylor Childs, who, from the circumstances surrounding the occurrence, is clearly insane. Miss Angela McGregor, a 16-year-old inmate of the place, was his intended victim, and only the unsteady aim of a crazy man saved her life. A few minutes after the shooting took place, Childs presented himself at the central police station, announced that he had killed a girl on the corner of Sixteenth and Couch streets and requested that he be locked up. His request was complied with, and he is at present in jail.

At 6 o'clock last night, as seven of the young girls, who are now staying at the home, were sitting in the dining-room, eating supper, Childs, wild-eyed and flourishing a pistol, came rushing into the room, and, before they realized what had happened, he began blazing away into their midst. An indescribable panic followed. The terrified girls rushed frantically about the room, and screaming and shrieking in their fright. The room was filled with smoke, and the reports of Childs' pistol made the scene more confusing.

Childs, however, was not disturbed by the confusion, but followed the McGregor girl, remarking cooly: "You'll find out you can't talk about me." As the girl shrunk, expecting instant death, into a corner, he leveled his pistol at her and fired a last shot; but his aim was wild, and the bullet buried itself harmlessly in the wall over her head. Several Sisters, who were at their prayers in the chapel upstairs, when the shooting began, heard the commotion and rushed down stairs, arriving on the scene as the maniac was firing the last shot, and, with remarkable courage, they surrounded him and endeavored to wrest the pistol from his grasp. One of them seized his arm, and shouted into his ear:

"Childs, for God's sake, what are you doing this shooting for?"

"Never you mind! You can't fool me any. I know what I am about," he howled. "Let me go," and with a powerful wrench, he tore himself loose from the grasp of the women, flung open the door, and, with smoking pistol still in hand, rushed from the room, leaving the frightened Sisters and their still more frightened charges huddled in one corner, limp with terror.

Childs' appearance at the police station was hardly less sensational than the shooting scrape itself. Captain Gritzmacher was sitting at his desk, answering reports, when the fellow suddenly burst in through the door, and pulled his still smoking pistol from his pocket. Thinkiug he was about to shoot, the captain sprang from his seat to seize him, but Childs laid down his pistol and said quietly:

"I just shot a girl out at Sixteenth and C. She hypnotized me. You better look me up."

Jailer Watson accordingly relieved the fellow of his weapon, and he was locked in a cell by himself, while Officer Sandstrom was sent out to Sixteenth and Couch streets to investigate the case.

HIS SEATTLE RECORD.

A San Quentin Convict Served There as Church Usher.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 20. — John Hardcastle Hall, who swindled John W. Blanchard, of Chicago, out of several thousand dollars on a lumber-mill deal, and who is now at Mankato, Minn., regarded as either a rouge or imbecile, has a long record. He came to Seattle about five years ago, and became a member of the fashionable St. Mark's Episcopal church, and manager of the Skookum box factory. In November, 1893, or 1894, some California people visited the church. When they returned home they wrote to the rector that they had been ushered into seats in the church by one of the greatest confidence men in the country. Hall confessed that he was from San Quentin and fled. He said that he had been imprisoned unjustly.

Says He Is an American.

Cincinnati, Nov. 20.—Lucas Reiner, of Covington, Ky., is about to become an object of international attention. He was born in Germany, but came to the United States at the age of 14, and has for several years been a naturalized citizen. Recently, on his way to South Africa, he stopped at Schramberg, Germany, and on November 3 wrote on to his cousin in Covington, saying the German authorities were trying to force him into the army. He begs his friends here to lay the matter before the secretary of state, and says he will appeal to the United States consul at Stuttgart.

To Vote Off the Tie in Cowlitz.

Kalama, Wash., Nov. 20.—A telegram was received today by the county auditor from Governor McGraw, saying that an order had been mailed calling another election to elect a representative, owing to the vote in the late election being a tie between Sims and Hargrave.

Vose's Turkey Presents.

Westerly, R. I., Nov. 20.—Horace Vose, a veteran turkey-dealer, who has furnished the White House with Thanksgiving birds for several years, has three magnificent ones at his yards here, which will be sent to three distinguished people. One will go to the White House, the second to the President-elect McKinley and the third will be sent to W. J. Bryan.

The way of the transgressor, as a general rule, is to plead not guilty.

Ruturned to His Ship.

McMinnville, Or., Nov. 20.—Corporal Ramsey, of the battle-ship Oregon, who has been visiting relatives here during his leave of absence, received a telegram yesterday to report for duty at once, as the vessel is under sailing orders. He left today for San Francisco. Corporal Ramsey thinks it likely that the action of the navy department regarding Cuba and Spain is the cause of the order.

It takes 72,000 tons of paper to make the postal cards used in the United States each year.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

Blackleg, a fatal disease among cattle, is reported as being the cause of the death of stock in many localities in Grant county.

Morrow county's warrants will hereafter bear upon their face a photolithograph of Hon. J. L. Morrow, "the father of the county."

Lane county warrants have all been called in up to March 23, 1896. There are now about 1,450 warrants outstanding. They sell readily at par.

The Beaver Hill Coal Company has a force of men at work at Beaver Hill, Coos county, laying the mains for a complete system of water works.

It is estimated by those in a position to be fairly accurate, that 40,000 head of cattle from the Harney country have been shipped from Ontario this season.

The placer mining season is rapidly drawing to a close. The output in Eastern Oregon has exceeded all expectations, and indications point to an increased output next season.

Farms for renting in Coos county are hard to get hold of this fall, and many men who desire to rent have been unable to get places. Usually there are more farms than renters.

J. Bloodsworth, of the Flat, Union county, lost two of his best fattening hogs recently by feeding them dry barley. The barley beards collected under their tongues until the hogs were choked to death.

A number of quail and Denny pheasants have been turned loose on the John Day river and Canyon creek, in Grant county. As the law strictly forbids their destruction in the counties of Eastern Oregon, it is presumed these birds will be given a chance to multiply and stock the valley.

The Astorian says that the Foard & Stokes Company, of Astoria, received from Dublin, Ireland, a letter from a wealthy firm in that city ordering 1,000 Oregon draft horses to be shipped to Ireland as soon as the horses can be secured. The letter specifies that the horses must be without mark or blemish. Mustangs or branded horses will not be received.

A resident of Coos river, who is interested in the fishing industry, informs the Coos Bay Mail that great numbers of salmon are wantonly killed every fall in Daniels creek, and, in fact, in nearly all the creeks which empty into the main river. The salmon go up these creeks to spawn, where they prove an easy prey to boys, who kill them with clubs or throw them on the banks with pitchforks, just out of pure "cussedness," as the fish are unfit for food. Everybody on the bay is more or less interested in the fishing industry, which annually puts a large sum of money in circulation, and steps should be taken to see that the law is enforced, and that the salmon are protected during the close season.

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The city marshal of Walla Walla has been authorized to collect poll-tax from Chinamen, and 10 per cent was allowed him for an interpreter.

Fewer than 100,000 bushels of wheat remain in the warehouses in Garfield, and what there is, is the property of large wheatraisers, who can afford to hold.

Bruce Belknap shot a catamount on Long Prairie last week. The brute had become quite bold and had destroyed considerable poultry in that vicinity.

The much-discussed deal of the Northern Pacific Railway Company for a location for a depot of its own in Seattle has been consummated, and the deeds to the property filed.

Since the recent fall of snow upon the Huckleberry and Calispel ranges, many deer have been seen along the foothills overlooking the Colville valley. The snow storm has also caused other animals to approach the settlements.

The farmers of the Colville valley are shipping large quantities of hay, potatoes, cabbage and eggs to British Columbia. Shipments from farm products from that valley this year will show up as largely as from any other section on the Northern railway.

A large number of sheep were killed at the Mission-street crossing of the Great Northern in Spokane the other evening, and were the next day taken out beyond Hillyard and buried with all due ceremony. The railway company furnished a car and locomotive for the occasion.

Hill creek, a tributary of Coal creek, in Cowlitz county, was flooded the other day and several hundred thousand feet of logs were splashed into the main stream. It is a great sight to witness the flooding of logs out of a mountain stream, and the neighbors always turn out to see it.

Judge John N. Scott, brother-in-law of ex-President Harrison, is spoken of already as collector of the port of Port Townsend.

The sloop Surf Duck, trading between Aberdeen and Queets, was found outside the bar early last week upset. The tug which discovered her and towed her in found no trace of her owner, Captain Hank, and he was undoubtedly drowned. The sloop must have been caught in a squall and thrown on her beam ends.

The work of improving Olympia harbor as far as the $32,000 government appropriation will permit, will soon be begun. The dredge Oakalnd has arrived, and the crew is making ready to begin operations. A slice will be taken off of the west side of the channel already dredged, and the basin allowing steamboats to turn around at low tide will be considerably enlarged. The contract also provides for the filling in of the east waterway of the Des Chutes above Fourth street in order to prevent the filling with silt of the channel by the action of the waterr in the river.