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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The fighting cruiser Brooklyn, the newest addition to the United States navy, has been tested and accepted by the government.

John Abel, a workman at the Nelson Morris dressed beef works, St. Louis, Mo., was horribly burned while at work. The flesh on the right leg was parboiled. Abel tripped on the greasy floor in the rendering-room, and fell into a vat of boiling grease.

Jane Shelly, the 14-year-old daughter of Joseph Shelly, a farmer living nine miles south of Olympia, Wash., was reaching for some object on the mantelpiece, when her clothes caught fire from the fire in the fireplace. She was terribly burned and died after a few days of suffering.

Delbert Crawford, a young man 19 years old, was found twelve miles from Pendleton, dead beneath an over-turned loaded wagon. He was hauling grain to the city, and the wagon ran off the grade into a canyon. His four-horse team stood all night hitched to the wagon, and were found the next morning covered with snow.

T. J. Henry, living on the Applegate, near Jacksonville, Or., on November 28 last went over to one of the mining camps to look for a job cooking for the miners. He started home over the Watkins trail. A storm started up and he wandered about in the mountains and froze to death. The whole community turned out to search for him, and succeeded in finding his body. He had crawled into a brush pile and was frozen to death. He leaves a widow and six children practically destitute.

Jennie Ward, a well-dressed young woman, created a sensation by walking along Wabash avenue, Chicago, smoking. People turned and stared at the woman, but she paid no attention to them, and continued to send blue clouds of smoke heavenward. She was placed under arrest by Detectives Woolridge and Schubert and locked up at the Harrison-street station, charged with disorderly conduct, and when her case was called for trial in Justice Richardson's court she failed to appear. "This is something terrible," said the court, "and as a warning I will fine the woman \$1 for smoking. It is terrible."

A freight train of thirty cars loaded with lumber and shingles from the West got beyond control on a heavy grade east of Mullen tunnel, on the Northern Pacific road, and ran away. Twenty-six cars were scattered along a distance of eight miles, when the engine left the track. Ed Jarbeau, head brakeman, was killed. Herman Young had his collar bone broken, and Engineer John Flinn's leg was broken, besides internal injuries. Conductor John McBean's thigh was broken, and his back wrenched. It is the worst wreck the Northern Pacific has ever had from the point of damage to track and rolling stock.

Thirteen prisoners escaped from a jail in Wyandotte, Kan. Three have been captured and the officers are in pursuit of the others.

Rev. B. M. Hill, formerly a missionary to China, was stricken with paralysis while delivering a sermon at his church in Bentonville, Ark. He cannot recover.

George W. Hill, a well-known printer and stationer, of Portland, Or., shot and killed himself. He was of a despondent nature, and about five years ago attempted suicide by taking morphine.

Farmers in the vicinity of Tacoma have lost many thousands of bushels of potatoes because of the cold. One farmer had 6,000 bushels stored in his barn, and nearly the whole lot was destroyed.

The prisoners in Bedford, Ind., made a desperate effort to escape by setting fire to the jail. But for the timely discovery of the fire by the sheriff, some of them would have escaped, and others would have been cremated.

Fifteen-year-old Emma Taylor, an orphan, has been held as an important witness against four men who, on Thanksgiving night, attempted to rob a car full of passengers in Kansas City. The young girl says that she made the masks for the robbers and knew their plans. It is believed by the police that the girl was seized by the gang and made to do their bidding.

Advices received at Tampa, Fla., from Havana are that Weyer will soon issue another tobacco order prohibiting the exportation of remedios tobacco from the islands of Cuba. This was not included in his other order, and a great deal has been exported. Havana manufacturers have petitioned Weyer to close the Cuban ports to this tobacco, as Northern and Eastern manufacturers were buying all of it for exportation to this country.

One of the boldest robberies ever perpetrated occurred in Alameda, Cal. Two unknown men called Charlie Berry from his house and relieved him of \$45 in gold. Berry went home late and was followed by the robbers, but did not know it at the time. He was called to the door by repeated knockings, and upon opening it he was grabbed by the men. His mouth was closed by one and the entire pocket cut by the other form his pants, in which he carried the money. The men then made their escape in the darkness.

Viceroy Li Hung Chang is again in disgrace. He entered the imperial park and hunting grounds without sanction. The punishment for the offense is to be deprived of all his ranks and decorations, but the emperor merely deprived him of a year's salary, amounting to 26,000 taels. The count, it is believed, will ask to be allowed to retire to his native province on the plea of ill-health, as he has been disappointed in obtaining a position of influence in the Peking government. Should the efforts of the empress dowager in his behalf succeed, he will become viceroy of Chihli.

Death in the Pyrenees.

A Paris dispatch says that a terrible disaster has occurred in the Pyrenees. A score of Spaniards, crossing on foot, had reached Gavarnie, in France, where they related with apparent remorse that they had left a woman, unable to proceed, with her husband and brother, two hours distant. Guides hurried back to the rescue and heard calls for help, when a sudden avalanche blocked the mountain pass so that the guides were obliged to return to Gavarnie and wait there for two days. When they finally reached the ill-fated trio, two of them were dead and the third was dying.

The Jury Didn't See Him Shoot. John Thiel, who was supposed to have fired the shot that entered the head of a young girl at a wedding party in Ritzville, Wash., has been acquitted by a jury. It was proved that he borrowed the gun, and that the shot was fired from the gun, but no one saw him fire it, and so the jury discharged him.

Fatal Ending of a Feud. A fight between old man Harrison and his two sons, Tom and Caleb, occurred in one of the mountain counties of Kentucky. The elder Morgan is dead. Both sons are dying. Both the Harrison boys are also dead.

Struck by an Electric Car. In Denver an electric car struck a carriage containing Mrs. John C. Montgomery, wife of a prominent Denver capitalist, and two other ladies. The carriage was wrecked and Mrs. Montgomery was so badly injured that she cannot recover.

Killed by Poachers. Count Finckenstein, an intimate friend of Emperor William, of Germany, has been mortally wounded on his estate. It is supposed he was shot by poachers. He was one of the wealthiest landowners in Germany.

Massacred by Kurds. A Constantinople dispatch says that under the pretext of revenging an old grievance, 10,000 Kurds raided the province of Mamourel ul Aziz, where they burned and pillaged the villages and massacred the inhabitants.

French Would Exclude Our Pork. At a mass meeting held in Paris, France, of the organized Farmers' Union, the dealers in salt meats adopted a resolution in favor of the exclusion of American pork products, in view of the fall in the prices of swine.

Jumped From a Hotel Window. Mrs. Eliza Cummings, aged 55, a wealthy woman of Hillsboro, O., committed suicide in New York by jumping from a third-story window of a hotel.

Blown Up by Natural Gas Explosion. A natural gas explosion at Monmouth, Va., followed by fire totally destroyed the \$10,000 dwelling of M. V. A. Weaver. The sensational feature was the fact that the persons in the house when its roof was lifted in the air and its four walls were blown out, all escaped with slight injuries. Mrs. Weaver, her 6-months-old babe and a 4-year-old son were thrown from a second-story window into the front yard, with no harm to the babe. The servant girl at the back kitchen door was blown across a lot, and the plumber, whose carelessness caused the explosion, came off with a few scratches.

Japan Renounces a Treaty Clause. United States Minister Denby, at Peking, has informed the department of state that the Japanese government, has officially and formally renounced that part of the treaty between China and Japan, made at the close of the recent war, which provides that all articles manufactured by Japanese subjects in China shall stand upon the same footing as those imported by Japanese subjects into China.

The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey Fight. Robert Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey fought for a purse of \$10,000 in San Francisco before the National Club. The contest was to be ten rounds, but Sharkey was knocked out in the eighth round. The referee, however, gave the fight to Sharkey, claiming that Fitzsimmons deliberately fouled Sharkey by striking him below the belt.

A Christmas Present for Bayard. The London Telegraph announces the donation of £100 as the opening of a national subscription to present to Mr. Bayard, the United States ambassador, a Christmas farewell gift of respect and good will. The paper has an editorial of unstinted eulogy of Mr. Bayard, "who," it says, "like his illustrious namesake, has been 'sans peur et sans reproche.'"

A Brutal Murder. Intense excitement prevails in East St. Louis over the brutal murder of Christopher Ludwig, aged 52, by Harry Schmeltzer, aged 28. Schmeltzer struck Ludwig on the head with an ax, killing him instantly. The murderer escaped, but is being pursued by a posse.

Miner Crushed at Murray. At Murray, Idaho, a cave-in of the Small Hopes mine, killed Gus Holmes. Holmes was working in a slope and fired a blast which probably caused the cave.

Met Terrible Deaths. Two firemen met death while fighting flames in the St. Monica Roman Catholic church at Chelsea, N. J. They ran into the burning church with the hose, and did not heed the warning of the chief. The walls fell in burying them in the ruins.

Murder Still Goes On. A Constantinople dispatch says a massacre has occurred at Evdok, in which 100 Armenians are reported to have been killed.

Uprising at Magadoxo. News has been received by the Italian consul in Zanzibar that the captains of the Italian warships Voltorno and Staffetta and about six other officers have been killed by the Somalis at Magadoxo, on the coast, and 100 men have been wounded.

Tug Edith Burned. The tug Edith, of Seattle, burned near Dofflemeyer's point, and is practically a total loss. The tug was acting as a tender to a dredger and was on her way to Seattle.

THEY MUST NOW PAY DUES

German Vessels Will Be No Longer Exempt,

INTEREST IN SHIPPING CIRCLES

A Retaliatory Measure of President Cleveland—Proclamation Will Be in Effect After Next January.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The president has issued a proclamation suspending, after January next, the operation of the act which relieves German vessels entering United States ports from payment of tonnage dues and other shipping charges. This action was taken on proof that American vessels are denied corresponding privileges in German ports. The shipping charges under our laws are based on a sliding scale. The president's action doubtless will arouse widespread interest in shipping circles.

The president's proclamation will go into effect on the morning of January 3, after which the vessels of Germany entering our ports must pay shipping charges ranging on a sliding scale of from six to thirty cents a ton per annum.

The president mentions the fact that his proclamation of January 26, 1893, suspended the collection of the whole of the duty of six cents per ton, or not to exceed thirty cents per ton, upon German vessels entering the ports of the United States, according to section 11, act of congress, approved June 18, 1886. This suspension was proclaimed upon the proof appearing satisfactory that no tonnage or lighthouse dues or any equivalent tax or taxes whatever were imposed upon American vessels entering German ports, and that German vessels and their cargoes were not required in German ports to pay any fee or import duty higher or other than was payable by German vessels or their cargoes in the United States, as announced in the aforesaid proclamation of 1893. The suspension was to continue only so long as the reciprocal exemption of American vessels continued in German ports.

Continuing, the president says it now appears upon satisfactory proof, that such dues or an equivalent thereto are imposed upon American vessels and their cargoes and other than those imposed upon German vessels or their cargoes entering in ports of the United States. Therefore, the president revokes his former suspension of the collection of the whole duty of six cents per ton and not to exceed thirty cents per ton per annum, on German vessels entering the ports of the United States.

The effect of the president's proclamation is to reimpose upon the vessels entering from Germany the same tonnage dues that are imposed on vessels entering the United States from Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain and other maritime nations in Europe and Asia.

AN OLD QUARREL. Five Persons Mortally Wounded in a Kentucky Fight.

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 7.—News has reached here of a fatal encounter in Letcher county yesterday, in which William Harrison, along with his sons Henry and James, all of whom were very strong partisans of John D. White, the independent Republican candidate for congress in the Eleventh district, against the regular nominee, D. C. Colson, engaged in a deadly fight with William Morgan and his sons, Caleb and Thomas, all supporters of Colson. The Morgans were going to the mill, and met the Harrisons in the road. They began their old quarrel over the merits of White and Colson, and soon began shooting at each other. The battle lasted several minutes, and over a score of shots were fired.

Old man Morgan fell mortally wounded at the first fire. When all was over, the two Morgan boys lay dead and the two Morgan boys probably wounded fatally. Harrison, the father, escaped without a wound, though there were several bullet holes in his clothes. The elder Harrison surrendered to the authorities, and stated that the Morgans brought on the difficulty, and that he and his sons fired in self-defense.

There was no connection whatever between this affair and Colson being mistaken on the railway train by an angry father, supposing him to be the man who eloped with his daughter.

Chicago's Municipal Pawnshop. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Steps have been taken toward the establishment of the first municipal pawnshop in America. At a meeting of the committee from the civic federation legislative committee the organization of a corporation with a capitalization of \$200,000 was resolved upon, the plans and purposes of which will be modeled after the Moss de Piote of Belgium and Paris and the public loan banks of England and Germany. Special legislation will be required before the establishment of such an enterprise, and this is to be asked for at the coming session of the legislature. It is proposed to make the institution a quasi public affair, the mayor and governor each having the power to appoint one director.

Unit for Service. New York, Dec. 7.—The World says: The battleship Texas, which has been undergoing repairs for two weeks, was floated out of the timber drydock early yesterday morning. The ship is unfit for service, and will, in all probability, be put out of commission in the near future and undergo extensive alterations.

The Industrial Aid Society of Boston found work during the year just passed for nearly 3,700 people.

On a Frozen Island. Bayfield, Wis., Dec. 7.—John Eddy and John D. McMartin, lightkeepers at Raspberry island light, started from the island, fourteen miles away, for Bayfield, Saturday at 3 P. M., in a sailboat, and were driven around by wind and ice floes. After spending four days on the lake and uninhabited islands, they arrived on the main shore, fifteen miles away yesterday. Eddy had both hands and feet frozen and McMartin's ears are frozen. They subsisted on flour and water baked in a wash basin on one of the islands in a fishing shanty.

TO SECURE PEACE.

President Cleveland Has Determined to Force the Issue With Spain.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says a crisis in the affairs of Cuba is rapidly approaching, and there is every reason to believe that President Cleveland has already decided on action which will startle the country almost as much as his famous message on the Venezuelan question, although the exact time for the announcement depends somewhat on future operations in Cuba.

By this action, the president will not change his present policy in regard to Spain and Cuba, but will simply carry it out to its logical conclusion, which is a direct and open threat of active intervention on the part of the United States to secure peace in the island, whether by the independent action of the patriots or by voluntary action on the part of Spain. From three different sources the policy partially agreed upon between Secretary Olney and President Cleveland was learned, and the reports in each case tallied with surprising unanimity.

A definite and somewhat startling announcement on the Cuban question will be made to congress, either in the regular annual message or in a supplementary communication, as was the case with the Venezuelan question.

Minister de Lome, of the Spanish legation, has been advised of the impending announcement and he accepts what is in effect an ultimatum, believing that Spain will be able to prevent action on the part of the United States by the success of Weyer's operations in Cuba.

Haytian Cable Completed. New York, Dec. 4.—The submarine cable between New York city and Hayti is completed and was opened to the public at midnight for the transmission of messages to Hayti and other places in the West Indies. The cable approaches New York by way of Coney island and Brooklyn.

A circular issued this afternoon states that the main office of the company is at No. 1 Broad street, where the Commercial Cable Company has its office, and that messages will also be accepted at all Postal Telegraph Company offices. Peculiar interest attaches to the completion of the United States and Hayti Telegraph & Cable Company's cable, from the fact that the attorney general applied to the United States court for an injunction to prohibit the company from prosecuting its project, it being alleged that the company under this name was a mere cloak for the operations of a foreign company. The allegation was denied, however, and the allegation made that the company was a bona fide American company, and that its object was to establish a competing service.

Contracts for Steel Gun Forgings. Washington, Dec. 4.—Falling after a readvertisement in his effort to secure bids for supplying steel gun forgings at what he regarded as reasonable rates, the secretary of war has awarded the contracts under the last advertisement, the bids being a duplication of those submitted by the steel companies in answer to the first call for proposals.

Three men were killed and three were wounded in the steel company's Bethlehem Steel Company received the contract for supplying ten sets of 5-inch seige gun forgings at 25 1/2 cents per pound, and ten sets of 7-inch howitzer forgings at the same figure. The Midville Steel Company is awarded the contract for supplying twenty sets of forgings for 7-inch mortars, at 31 cents per pound, and thirty sets of forgings for the 3-inch field guns at 23 cents per pound. No award was made in the case of the forgings for three 2-inch field mortars, where the lowest bid was 60 cents per pound.

Missourians Enlist for Cuba. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 4.—It has developed that there was an enlistment of 150 men here for Cuban service, and others are expected to join when means of transportation have been arranged for by the Cuban junta in New York.

The man who has been active in securing this number for the cause of Cuba is David Berensberg, at one time a lieutenant in the regular United States army, and prior to that a soldier in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war. At the present time he holds a commission as captain of a company of state militia located at this point.

Berensberg just now is a member of the police force of this city, and the drillmaster of the force. A number of his old associates in the regular army are down on the list and all of them expect soon to be serving under the Cuban flag.

Arbitration Negotiations Futile. Hamburg, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of about 3,000 strikers today, resolutions were adopted providing for the acceptance of the proposition of the chief of police, president of the municipal council, and chairman of the trades council, that the dispute between the dockers and their employers be submitted to a court of arbitration, to be composed of the officials mentioned, one leading employer and four labor representatives, the decision to require a majority of six out of eight votes. The strikers selected four men to represent them in court.

A subsequent meeting of the employers' union, it was unanimously resolved to reject the proposals to submit the dispute to a court of arbitration.

Dr. Jameson Released. London, Dec. 4.—Dr. Leander S. Jameson was released tonight, at 9 o'clock, at Holloway jail, in compliance with the order of the home secretary, Sir Matthew White Ridley. Dr. Jameson underwent a serious operation in the jail on November 19, and the release was ordered on medical grounds. He was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment on July 28 last on a charge of violating the neutrality laws, in invading the territory of the South African republic.

Philippine Situation Futile. Berlin, Dec. 4.—The commander of the German cruiser Arcona, lying at Manila, in the Philippine islands, telegraphs to the government that the situation is critical. Spanish action, he says, is confined to the defense of Cavite and Manila, and an attack is expected daily.

Rumors of a Spanish Cabinet Crisis. London, Dec. 4.—The Standard's dispatches from Madrid say that in spite of an official denial there are persistent rumors in circulation in the Spanish capital of a cabinet crisis.

THEY WANT TO BE ANNEXED

Hawaii Cannot Long Maintain Its Government.

FOSTER'S VISIT TO THE ISLANDS

People in Constant Fear That Some Unpleasant Change May Occur—Condition of Business Is Good

Washington, Dec. 2.—John W. Foster, former secretary of state, has returned to Washington from a four weeks' visit to Hawaii, whither he went as the representative of the Pacific Cable Company. In speaking of his visit, Mr. Foster said:

"The condition of business in Hawaii is flourishing. The islands are prosperous, and their future is bright. The Pacific Mail has recently doubled its service, sending a steamer there twice a month instead of once, as formerly, and a new line is soon expected to be established by the Japanese, which will touch at the islands on the way to San Francisco."

"The people of Hawaii wish to be annexed to the United States. The present government has the approval of a majority of native Hawaiians, and there is no likelihood that there ever will be a restoration of the monarchy. The English and German element, however, are opposed to annexation to the United States, because they believe it will interfere with their contract labor and so affect them commercially."

"The present government in its administration is giving satisfaction; yet this government is only temporary, and the people want to be annexed to the United States. The members of the government are pledged to it, and the present constitution of the republic expresses this expectation. So it is the general belief that the matter should be decided at an early date, if possible."

He said it was not apparent that Hawaii could maintain herself as an independent government in case the United States should refuse to annex the islands. Although her people are law-abiding and the present government gets along smoothly and successfully, there is a continual fear, says Mr. Foster, that some change may occur. So far as the Hawaiians are concerned, independently of outside influences, they are capable of self-government. In Mr. Foster's opinion, however, annexation is the only way out of the situation in which Hawaii is placed.

A TREASURER ROBBED. Dallas Official's Tough Experience With Thieves.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.—At midnight, five pistol shots in rapid succession in the vicinity of the courthouse attracted the police to that building. W. E. Coe, county treasurer, was found in his office with blood oozing from a wound in the back of the head. He was in a dazed condition and in a very excited frame of mind. He said he had been working very late in order to get the affairs of the office in shape to retire in favor of his successor. At midnight two men appeared, and one placed a gun to his temple and ordered him to open the vault. He did so and all the valuable papers and contents of the inner vault were examined by one of the robbers. After placing a considerable sum of money in a canvas sack, the robbers withdrew from the vault. Coe seized his pistol and shot at the robbers. The latter returned the fire, hitting the treasurer in the back of the head, inflicting a bad scalp wound. The treasurer says the robbers secured \$6,000, and he is confident that he shot and badly wounded one of his assailants. The police force and a large number of deputies with bloodhounds are on the trail of the robbers.

SHORT WHEAT CROP. Frosts Stop Growing in France and Central Europe.

London, Dec. 2.—The Mark Lane Express today, discussing the crop prospects, says:

"Severe frosts in France and Central Europe have stopped growing and sowing, and we anticipate a somewhat short wheat acreage in the entire region between the Vistula and the bay of Biscay. Winter has set in through-out Russia, the sea of Azof was closed to navigation November 24, and navigation of the Baltic is dangerous, on the northern and eastern coasts, on which there is already much ice."

"Owing to the rainfall in India the deficiency in the wheat acreage is reduced. But while famine no longer threatens, a scarcity seems bound to be felt until the spring of 1897."

English wheat maintains a good price in London, but the country markets are firm. The cause of this is clear. In the counties last week, 166,684 quarters of English wheat were offered for sale, against 69,530 for the same week of 1895.

Fearful Insanity. Fisher, Minn., Dec. 2.—Sanaker, cashier of the Bank of Fisher, shot himself dead yesterday. His father died insane. He feared following his footsteps. The bank's affairs are in excellent shape.

Cyclone in Oklahoma. Perry, Ok., Dec. 1.—Information carries here that a very destructive cyclone struck the town of Ralston, on the Arkansas river, fifty miles north-east of here, on Thursday night at 12 o'clock and nearly wiped out the town of about 200 houses. Nearly every house in town was blown down and several people were injured, but no names can be obtained. Ralston is in the Osage Indian nation, and fifty-five miles from a telegraph station.

Fight Among Workmen. Hamburg, Nov. 26.—A dispatch from Lubeck says that while the employees of the Thiels enamel factory were going to work this morning a body of strikers belonging to the same concern attacked the workmen and a free fight followed. Shots were fired, several persons seriously wounded and many arrests made.

Omaha, Dec. 2.—The time for having the first assessment of trans-Mississippi exposition stock closed Saturday night. With slight exceptions, every subscriber paid his five per cent call.

OUR FLAG INSULTED.

Old Glory Trampled Upon by Turkish Officers.

New York, Dec. 7.—A letter from an American missionary for nearly twenty years a resident of Constantinople has been received by Rev. Dr. Strong, secretary of the American Evangelical League, which confirms the recent statement of Rev. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin with relation to the status of Americans and the American flag in Turkey, especially with regard to the occasion when the flag was torn and trampled upon in an Armenian village. The letter is dated September 30, and says:

"The rascally police officer, Hassan Chaoush, who tore down and destroyed our flag, was caught the Sunday following the massacre, with \$600 upon him, obtained from the Armenians on his promise to save their lives, and whom he had treacherously given up to death. Everybody is asking whether Mr. Torrell will do anything to vindicate the honor of our flag, but as yet we hear of nothing being done."

Another letter from Constantinople dated September 30, only five days after the occurrence, says:

"Hasseki, the house which Miss Gleason and Mrs. Seelove occupied, was looted and the servant left in charge doubtless lost his life. Men wearing uniforms headed the mob which attacked the house and pulled down and tore to shreds the United States flag that had been hung out."

A DARING HOLD-UP. Highwaymen Loot the Office of a St. Louis Brewing Company.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—Three highwaymen, with drawn revolvers, entered the office of the Home Brewing Company, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and held up the cashier, Robert Haverkamp, forcing him to hand over \$400, and then, not being satisfied with the amount, went behind the counter, looted the money drawers and secured from \$500 to \$800 additional.

When the hold-up occurred, there were present in the office the cashier, a half dozen clerks and several customers. Two of the robbers held the occupants of the office in line while the other went through the safe and money drawers.

When the desperadoes had taken all the money, they produced ropes and bound, hand and foot, everyone in the office. This required nearly ten minutes, and it seems marvelous that they were not discovered.

Having bound their victims, the robbers warned them against making a noise under pain of instant death. When the thieves had gone out, one of the clerks managed to free himself and then liberated the others. The police were at once notified by telephone.

Upon leaving the office, the robbers mounted a North Broadway car and went south when they left the car and went toward the river. The brewery employees were unable to give the police good descriptions of the men.

CAPTURED A BURGLAR. Plucky Act of a Woman Who Found a Man in Her Room.

Portland, Or., Dec. 7.—Mrs. E. E. Liddy of this city, made a plucky capture at 1:30 o'clock this morning of an aged sneakthief, who was in the act of breaking into her house. She was eating lunch upstairs with a woman, when she thought she heard a window raised in one of the side rooms, downstairs, and, rushing down, she opened a door just in time to see a man, who was half-inside an open window, make a hurried exit.

The street door was near at hand, and Mrs. Liddy, who is a muscular woman, ran out just in time to see the thief running up the street. The woman ran after him and caught him. "What d'yer want?" exclaimed the thief, at the same time trying to break away from the woman, who had hold of his collar. "I was you," answered Mrs. Liddy, as she took a firmer hold and began walking her prisoner back to the house.

A woman in the house telephoned the police station, and when the patrol wagon arrived, Mrs. Liddy turned her prisoner over to Officer Nicolai.

TRAVELS OF HIMMAN. Fought a Pitched Battle in a California Town.

Angel's Camp, Cal., Dec. 7.—A pitched battle was fought on the streets of Angel's Camp this evening between two officers and Robert Himman, the desperado who is wanted at Roseburg, Or., for breaking jail and shooting a deputy sheriff. Before the constable had an opportunity to prepare for Himman's arrest, he broke away and ran up the street, which was full of people. The officers followed him, firing at every step. Himman turned and took a shot at each of his pursuers, but without effect. The officers' ammunition was finally exhausted, and they were obliged to give up the pursuit, while their man disappeared in the darkness. A posse was organized and sent in pursuit, but up to a late hour he had not been found. It is thought by the officers that he was hit by one of the shots.

Spain has fewer daily papers than any other European country, and four-fifths of those she has, are owned and edited by Hebrews.

Burned to Death. Washington, Dec. 7.—A special dispatch received at the war department says the residence of Chaplain M. C. Blaine, at Fort Ringgold, Tex., burned this morning, and Blaine and his daughter were burned to death. Mrs. Blaine escaped. The chaplain went upstairs to save his daughter.

M. Moreau, the eminent French scientist, says that persistent dreaming is one of the most invariable symptoms of insanity.

A Deponent Sacramento Girl. Sacramento, Dec. 7.—A young woman named Nellie Heath, the daughter of a jeweler in this city, committed suicide this evening, having shot herself in the left breast, and expired a few minutes later. She was 18 years old. It is believed the girl had grown despondent over her crippled condition.

Logan, Utah, Dec. 7.—Hyrum Jeppesen, James Christiansen, sr., and his son James were buried in a snowslide yesterday afternoon in Logan canyon. Jeppesen finally extricated himself, but the father and son were both killed.

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.

Baker City has a movement well under way to secure a public library.

The Eagle woolen mills, at Brownsville, now employs sixty-one men.

There are about 500 head of cattle for sale in Eagle valley, Union county.

The Santiam river was reported to have been higher last week than since the flood of 1891.

Senator-elect Harmon, of Coos, Curry and Josephine counties, makes public his approval of a registration law.

The people of Wallawa county want a special session of the circuit court. They have an overstock of criminals they wish to dispose of.

Prairie City, Grant county, has been selected as the next meeting place of the directors of the first Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society.

The hospital, employes' quarters and laundry at the Warm Springs agency have been completed and are now awaiting to be turned over to the government as soon as the new agent arrives.

The body of Ferdinez, the cook of the ill-fated Arago, was found last week on the beach, fifteen miles north of the Umpqua. The remains were identified by papers found in the pockets.

Seven miles of the new motor railway grade between Waterloo, Sodaeville and Lebanon, are said to be now ready for the laying of rails. On account of the bad weather work has been discontinued until next spring.

The contractors who have been awarded the contract for furnishing and placing rock on the north jetty, on Coos bay, are preparing to begin work immediately, and are employing men with that object in view.

Harry Clay, a sheepbuyer, recently received about 6,000 head of sheep from sheepmen in the neighborhood of Monument, and drove to Arlington, from which place he shipped to Chicago. His band will be fed and placed on the market later on.

The material is on hand and the foundation of the cradle laid at Wall Bros' mill in Myrtle Point, for the construction of a new steamer to run on the upper Coquille. The machinery of the old Cumtux will be used, and the new steamer will have the same name.

A correspondent of the Independence West Side says: "Fifty-one years ago, the hand that pens these lines was paddling a canoe down the Willamette river. The writer started from the old William Prather place, went to Luckanite, stepped into the canoe, and in three days was in Oregon City. He put into the canoe what flour it would bear, and in five days was back again at the place from where he started."

The shipments of farm products from Garfield during the month of October last, not counting wheat, amounted in value to about \$6,000.

A haystack with a dozen chickens upon it went down the Columbia river last week. The fowls were rescued for Thanksgiving purposes at Freepoot.

There have been shipped out of Aberdeen by express