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Leaves Yaquina ..... 6:10 A. M
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Arrives Albany ..... 12:15 P. M

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" Albany	12:30 p. m., 10:30 p. m.
Arrives Ashland	12:35 a. m., 11:30 a. m.
" Sacramento	5 p. m., 4:35 a. m.
" San Francisco	7:45 p. m., 8:15 a. m.
" Ogden	5:45 a. m., 11:45 a. m.
" Denver	9 a. m., 9 a. m.
" Kansas City	7:25 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Chicago	7:45 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Los Angeles	1:20 p. m., 7 a. m.
" El Paso	6 p. m., 6 p. m.
" Fort Worth	9:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
" City of Mexico	9:55 a. m., 9:55 a. m.
" Houston	4 a. m., 4 a. m.
" New Orleans	6:25 p. m., 6:25 a. m.
" Washington	6:42 a. m., 6:42 a. m.
" New York	12:43 p. m., 12:43 p. m.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Government buildings were burned at Iba.

Insurgent general Vinegra was capture at Cavite Viejo.

Germany is likely to be involved in tariff war with Russia.

Execution of Chih Siu and Hsu Cheng Yu has been ordered.

The war department will dispatch two transports from Portland, Or.

Colonel Robert Pollock, U. S. A., retired, died at Cornelius, Oregon.

Kitchener reports summary of large losses inflicted on Boers up to Feb. 18.

The draft of the British decision on the canal question is being drawn up.

The Nicaragua canal bill is not likely to be reached in the senate this week.

It is reported from a Boer source that General Delarey has been captured.

A Washington mother, in a fit of insanity, drowned her six children in a well.

Governor Geer, of Oregon, has signed the bill prohibiting nickel-in-the-slot machines.

The imperial edict regarding punishments has been delivered to powers. It meets requirements.

News of the loss of the Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro caused a profound sensation in London.

Dewets' commando has been routed by Plumer. Forty prisoners and all of his artillery were captured.

Mrs. Louise Dryfoos, wife of a well-known liquor dealer of Seattle, Wash., committed suicide by shooting herself with a 45-caliber revolver.

Transport Solace arrived at San Francisco from Manila with six officers and 17 privates sick and wounded. She brought 13 military prisoners.

John H. Mitchell was elected United States senator from Oregon, Saturday night at 12:20. It was the 25th ballot of the day and the 63d of the session.

King Edward may visit Ireland in the spring.

Kitchener narrowly escaped capture by the Boers.

The Von Waldersee expedition may be abandoned.

Admiral Sampson is sick at Boston, but not seriously.

Northwestern Pennsylvania is being swept by a blizzard.

Rockefeller has contributed $250,000 to Brown university.

General Davis will take up the duties of provost marshal of Manila.

Lord Roberts has been offered the lord wardenship of the Cinque ports.

The general agent of the Tabacaleria Company was arrested for aiding the rebels.

Belgians are implicated in a plot to kill an American officer in the Philippines.

The Chinese have offered to compromise, which the foreign envoys have accepted.

Rumor says that Minister Wu has approached bankers in an effort to secure $200,000,000 loan for China.

An earthquake 100 miles north of Vancouver, B. C., caused the crest of a mountain to slide off into Loughborough inlet.

The famous observatory on the Zeburg, at which the celebrated astronomers Euckola, Sack and Linden worked, has been burned.

Thirteen negro miners were entombed in the coal mines of the state insane asylum, two miles from Tscaloosa, Ala., by a flood of water from an abandoned shaft.

A mob took Peter Berryman, a nergo, from the Mena, Ark., city jail and hanged him to a tree. He was accused of assaulting a 12 year old girl, whose condition is critical.

The jury in the case of the state of Minnesota agt inst Frank H. Hamilton, charged with murdering Leonard R. Day, brought in a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree.

John Hudson, the husband of the woman shot in the saloon raid at Millwood, Kan., says he knows who fired the shot that killed Mrs. Hudson, and will make his name known at the proper time.

The Taft commission code requires voters in the Philippines to own real estate worth 500 pesos.

Ashea Waba, an actress, who attended the matinee at the Crescent theater, in New Orleans, was fined $15 for refusing to remove her hat, in violation of the high hat law.

The choir of the Messiah Episcopal church in New York went on a strike because the minister accused them of flirting.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

Passed the House.

House bill 47, fixing the compensation of county commissioners, passed the house Wednesday. Under the bill passed the compensation of county commissioners is as follows: "That each of the commissioners of the county court in the several counties within this state shall receive as compensation for each day employed in the transaction of county business a per diem of $3, except in the counties of Lake, Klamath, Jackson, Yamhill, Gilliam, Coos, Curry and Douglas, where they shall receive $4 per day, and in the counties of Union, Malheur, Grant, Umatilla, Marion and Morrow, where they shall receive $5 per day for every day employed in the transaction of county business." The bill exempts Multnomah county from its operations.

In the Senate.

The following bills were passed by the senate Wednesday: House bill 146, to punish destruction of boundary marks on mining claims; house bill 111, to reimburse the Second Oregon volunteers to the amount of $12,000; house bill 26, Fearman's new military code; house bill 24, amending the act for the relief of indigent soldiers; house bill 100, to protect union labels; house bill 62, consolidating the offices of clerk of the circuit court, clerk of the county court and recorder of conveyances; house bill 18, fixing the time of court in the First judicial district; senate bill 189, relating to filing reports of state officers; house bill 102, to prevent coercion and intimidation of voters at elections by corporations, etc; house bill 44, to appropriate money for Oregon Historical Society; house bill 144, to protect dramatic plays; senate bill 232, to provide for manner of building branch lines of railroads; house bill 249, to fix the salaries of county judges; house bill 311, increasing salary of county judge of Malheur county; house bill 313, to fix salary of county judge of Baker county; house bill 402, relating to levy of taxes; 215, to provide for clerks of justice courts in Multnomah county; senate bill 178, to authorize a right of way for the Siuslaw & Eastern railroad; house bill 110, new game code; house bill 5, to fix terms of circuit court in the Second district; senate bill 210, to prohibit the sale of liquor within one mile of an operating mine; senate bill 209, to prohibit saloons within 300 feet of public schools; senate bill 197, to prevent the sale of goods in bulk to defraud creditors.

In the House.

The following were passed by the house Wednesday: House bill 29, repealing act prohibiting driving of stock on public highways; house bill 19, providing for the erection of telephone poles on county roads; house bill 294, constituting Vancouver avenue a county road; house bill 5, fixing the time of holding courts in the Second judicial district; house bill 262, amending act regulating the sale of public lands; house bill 189, to repeal the law creating a separate board of county commissioners for Multnomah county. The house concurred in the senate amendments to house bill 110, for the protection of game.

The Ballot for Senator.

The ballot Wednesday for United States senator was as follows: H. W. Corbett 34; Binger Hermann 27; R. D. Inman, 26; George H. Williams, 2; A. G. Bennett, 1.

To Prevent Hoboing.

A bill to prevent persons beating their way on railroad trains was passed by the house Monday. The bill was introduced by Foorman, at the request of railway employes and managers. It is a copy of the law now in force in Alabama, and is designed to put a stop to the tramp nuisance. The result of such laws in Alabama was shown by Mr. Foorman to be far reaching in its effect, putting a stop to car robbing. The bill was passed, there being no negative votes.

Passed by the Senate.

The senate passed the following bills Monday: House bill 11, to authorize clerks of school districts and county judges to bid in property sold for taxes and to direct the manner in which such property may be disposed of; senate bill 222, to regulate surety companies; by Senator Booth, fixing the salaries of the county treasurers of the state; senate bill 227, to authorize the capitol building commissioners to construct a ditch in order to secure water for the state institutions.

To Pay State Taxes Twice a Year.

Senate bill 223 was passed by the senate Monday. It provides that state taxes shall be payable by the counties in two semi-annual installments. This change in the law is proposed in order to harmonize with the new law which makes taxes payable in the counties semi-annually.

The Senatorial Vote.

The vote for senator Monday stood: H. W. Corbett, 32; Binger Hermann, 28; R. D. Inman, 26; George H. Williams, 1; C. E. S. Wood, 1; absent, 2.

Oregon Notes.

The recorder and clerk of Washington county collected $211.80 in fees last month.

The Robins saw mill, six miles east of Union has been leased by a man from the East.

It is announced from Harrisburg that David Busey has sold his farm on Lake Creek to Mr. Busbee, from Washington. The consideration is said to have been $7,000.

A $31,000 SHORTAGE

Discovered in the Books of the Oregon Land Office.

IT COVERS THE YEARS 1894 AND 1895

Total Collections in That Period Were $99,689.03—Only $68,739.30 Has Been Accounted For as Yet.

Salem, Feb. 22.—The discovery of a defalcation of $30,949.73 is the substance of the report made by the joint committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the state land department. The alleged misappropriation occurred in 1894 and 1895, under the administration of George W. Davis, as clerk of the board. It appears that the shortage was effected in various amounts, by taking credit twice for one payment of money, or by altering the book entries so as to credit the clerk with more money than he had paid. In some cases it is barely possible that an innocent error was committed, while in others there is a plain alteration of the books by erasing one set of figures and writing in others.

The committee found no errors in the accounts of the present administration, and so reports.

The report is as follows:

"We, your committee appointed under concurrent resolution No. 5, beg leave to report as follows:

"That we have checked up the school funds up to and including 1894. That for the years 1894 and 1895 we find that the clerk of the state land board has collected money to the amount of $30,949.73, which said sum has never been turned over to the state treasurer. We append a statement hereto annexed and marked Exhibit A, showing the amounts collected and the amounts for which the said clerk has receipts. The balance, as shown, was never turned over to the treasurer, but the books were balanced by a number of false entries. The principal entry credited the school fund with $10,449.94 twice, when he had but one receipt covering the amount; another being a raise of $3,000 on a receipt of the treasurer, and a number of other credits for which he held no receipts.

"We submit herewith a statement showing those we have found to date.

There may be others that we have not found, owing to limited time at our disposal, having used the greater part of our time before we came to this.

"For the past five years we find all moneys turned over to the treasurer as by law required. The present officers have been very kind and obliging to us, showing us every courtesy possible, and furnishing us with all papers and books requested. In regard to investigation of land matters we beg leave to say that our work is just fairly commenced. This is a work of no small magnitude, and reqires a vast amount of careful and painstaking work. It is a work of great importance to the state, however, and should be attended to."

THE SIOUX MAY RISE.

Indians Seriously Contemplate Opening Hostilites—Council Meeting Held.

Omaha, Feb. 22.—Information from direct sources obtained by the World-Herald, indicate that the Sioux Indians are seriously contemplating an uprising, if demands now being formulated for submission to Washington are not complied with. Several council meetings have already been held, particularly among the Ogallalla Sioux, and preparations are now being made for a great council to select delegates to Washington. Owing to a desire to avoid sensationalism, the gatherings of the small councils have been given little notice, but the aspect is now considered grave.

Recent orders of the Indian commissioner are responsible, say the Indians, for their attitude. One chief openly declares hostilities will begin if relief is not forthcoming. The trouble is over the cutting down of supplies and a claim unpaid for ceding of the Black Hills.

Denial by H. G. Otis.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Statements having been published that General Harrison Gray Otis was seeking the office of pension commissioner, General Otis tonight authorized a denial of the publications, saying that they were without a shadow of foundation.

First Mail From Nome.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—The first mail from Nome arrived in Seattle at an eraly hour this morning. It consisted of six pouches containing about 2,000 letters. The latest left Nome on November 23.

Traveling Salesman Commits Suicide.

Will L. Wood, traveling salesman for a Pittsburg, Kan., meat firm, committed suicide in a Parsons, Kan., hotel. He was short in his account.

Fatal Fall Down a Shaft.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—John Callahan, a miner employed at the Franklin mine, was killed by a fall down a 120-foot shaft on Tuesday night. He and several other workmen were sinking a new shaft, and after a blast had been fired they advanced to the mouth of the shaft to replace some boards. Callahan approaced too near and slipped in, failing feet foremost. He lived four hours.

BENT ON LYNCHING.

Officers Successfully Foiled a Mob of Railroad Men in Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 22.—The vigilance of the officers was all that saved "Slick" Slater from lynching by an infuriated mob tonight. He will yet be lynched if he can be found. Slater assaulted 17-year-old Lottie Gerberick Monday evening, and was captured by the Topeka officers the next day at Carbondale. This afternoon it became known that he was here, and immediately the Santa Fe shopmen, of whom the assaulted girl's father, George Gerberick is one, decided that he should be lynched. They at once sent a committee to watch the jail while they quietly arranged the details of the expected lynching.

By 6 o'clock there was an angry mob of 1,000 around the jail, demanding that the prisoner be delivered to them. A brigade of sturdy boilermakers, armed with heavy sledge hammers, stood ready to make short work of the jail in case the demands were not granted. Sheriff Cook told the crowd that the prisoner had been removed, and offered to let a committee search the jail. Ten men, headed by George Gerberick, made a thorough search, but Slater could not be found. They returned and told the mob, but that did not satisfy them, and twice they started to break in the jail doors.

Early in the afternoon, the sheriff, in anticipation of trouble, ordered a deputy to get Slater out of town. He was ordered not to leave him in Jackson county nor to take him to Leavenworth. The deputy drove to Hoyt with Slater and entered a north bound Rock Island train. It is thought that Slater is now in jail in Atchison. The Santa Fe shopmen are calmly determined to lynch Slater when he is brought back here for trial. They have appointed a large vigilance committee to be constantly on the outlook, and vow that Slater will never leave Topeka alive. The shopmen have past records in cases of this kind. They lynched John Oliphant 12 years ago for a like offense.

A FURIOUS BLIZZARD.

An Unusual Storm Raging in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Corry, Pa., Feb. 22.—In the history of this region no storm ever reached the fury of today's blizzard. With half a dozen feet of snow on country roads and outlying districts, and Hatch's set buried under 12 feet of snow, Corry caught about the worst part of the storm.

The Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad accommodation train, due here this evening, was stalled in a drift higher than the engine stack, while rushing down a huge grade south of this city. It was dug out with difficulty and again started on its precarious journey toward Buffalo. It probably will not get through tonight. This road is operating its trains with three engines, and has three plows at work on 90 miles of track. The worst drifts are at Summerdale, where they reach a height of 20 feet in spots. On the Philadelphia & Erie, a snow plow jumped the track at Jackson's, while endeavoring to force its way through a big drift. Traffic was delayed several hours. For the first time in many years this road has been compelled to use snow plows. The Erie is also compelled to operate hastily improvised snow plows, something unheard of on the main line west of Salamanca. The Lake Shore & Nickel Plate are running their trains, but many hours behind time.

LYNCHING IN ARKANSAS.

Negro Fiend Hanged by a Furious Mob—Had a Bad Reputation.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—A special from Mena, Ark., says: A mob of eight determined men took Peter Berryman, a desperate negro, out of the city jail at 1 o'clock this morning and hanged him to a tree. The crime of which Berryman was accused was an assault on a 12-year-old girl, whose condition is critical. The masked men met Night Officer Jones and compelled him at the point of guns to hand over the keys and his revolver. Two of them were left to guard Jones, while the others went to the jail and secured the negro. About 2 o'clock they returned to where the officer was being guarded, and gave him his keys and gun. Then the men quietly disappeared without a word.

About two months ago this negro attacked an engineer with an ax, nearly killing him, and he has been guilty of numerous other offenses. Prompt action was taken by the authorities, but no clew has been found as to who are the members of the mob.

New Minister From Colombia.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Dr. Carlos Martinez Silvella, the Colombian minister of foreign affairs, appeared at the state department today to arrange for the presentation of his credentials as minister of Colombia to Washington. The new minister comes here principally to advance the interests of Colombia in connection with the Panama canal, as opposed to the Nicaragua route, and the length of his stay will depend on the outcome of the canal legislation.

Rumor of a Chinese Loan.

New York, Feb. 22.—There has been some talk in Wall street of an attempt of the Chinese government to float a loan in this country of $200,000,000, to meet the expenses of the Boxer uprising, and to pay indemnities, etc. It is said that Minister Wu has approached a number of bankers, and has suggested that it would be possible for the government to guarantee the loan by an increase of the customs above the point upon which England has a lien.

MITCHELL IS ELECTED

Twenty-Fifth Ballot Gave Him the Senatorship.

HE RECEIVED JUST ENOUGH TO ELECT

Republican Minority, the Majority of the Democrats and a Few Corbett Men Were His Supporters.

Salem, Or., Feb. 24.—John H. Mitchell was elected United States senator at 12:20 this morning. It was the 25th ballot of the day and the 63d of the legislative session. The result was reached on the inevitable last ballot, and was attended by scenes of supreme uproar and enthusiasm on the part of the Mitchell push. On the final ballot Mitchell had 46 votes and Corbett 29. The senator received a minority of the Democratic votes, and these, with the accessions from the Corbett forces were sufficient to elect him.

The hands of the clock had already pointed to midnight and the clerks were engaged in checking up the roll call. There was great excitement and loud calls of the name of Mitchell from the lobby. The first deserter from the Corbett ranks was Hemenway, of Lane. On the previous roll call Mitchell had had 34 votes and Corbett 36. When his name was reached Hemenway, in the last roll call, without explanation, responded, John H. Mitchell. The call proceeded to the end, and Mitchell and Corbett were then exactly tied, having 35 votes each. Then McQueene, of Lane, arose, and with a brief speech changed to Mitchell, putting him in the lead. He was followed by Roberts, of Wasco, who made a short address, saying he had come here with a clean conscience, but he thought it his duty to elect a senator, and he changed to Mitchell. Colvig followed him from the Hermann ranks, then came Senator Masters, of Douglas, then Thompson, of Umatilla, Senators Dimmick, Froebstel, Hume and Hedges. Then there was a pause and mighty suspense. Finally Representative Butt got upon a chair and tried to address the president. The noise and uproar from the lobby were so great that he could not be heard. He inquried if Mitchell at that time had a majority of the Republican votes. There were loud cries of "Yes," and noisy counter-cries of "No" from the Corbett ranks. Butt hesitated for a moment and then responded, "Well, it makes no difference. I change to John H. Mitchell." Mitchell now had 45 votes, within one of the goal. About this time the Multnomah delegation got around Representative Schumann, who had on the 21st ballot changed from Bennett to Mr. Corbett, and demanded that he prevent a deadlock. While the push was wrestling with the obstinate German-American from Multnomah, Mattoon finally yielded to the importunities of his friends and arose and changed his vote to Mitchell. This was all that was needed, and the crowd knew it. Pandemonium reigned for many seconds, and the chair made little effort to check it. The clerks then completed the roll and passed it up to Mr. Fulton, who announced that Mr. Corbett had "received 29 votes, Mr. Mitchell 46, and Mr. Bennett 16." The crowd went wild again and fraternized wildly with members, embracing them, shaking them by the hands, and fairly jumping up and down in their joy. The customary speech was expected from Mr. Mitchell, and there were uproarious demands for him to come forward. He had been in the lobby all the evening watching the progress of the voting and waiting for his certificate of election. He was found with no great difficulty and hurried forward through the jostling crowd.

President Fulton appointed Brownell, Roberts and H. A. Smith, of Multnomah, a committee to escort the newly elected United States senator into the assembly hall, and amid wild cheering, waving of hats, umbrellas and canes, Mr. Mitchell made his appearance. He was met and congratulated by Mr. Fulton.

The Next Problem.

Pekin, Feb. 24.—A representative was informed by the foreign ministers today that they think the gravity of the situation is over, but it is expected that difficulties will now arise among themselves when some of the governments send their indemnity claims, and particularly is there uneasiness regarding the attitude of Germany, that her claims must be paid in cash before the evacuation takes place. The other ministers resent this, saying it will be impossible for China to pay, as China has not a large reserve, and the customs receipts go to pay dividends upon former loans, and it is not probable that she could borrow a sum of great magnitude.

Union Employes Barred.

A clause in Oswald Ottendorfer's will bars union employes from a share in $50,000 left the force of the New York Staats-Zeitung.

Tried to Bribe a Butter Maker.

St. Paul, Feb. 24.—A sensation was created at today's session of the National Creamery Butter Makers' Association, when W. D. Collyer, of Chicago, one of the judges of the butter exhibit, lodged a formal complaint with the executive committee charging a St. Paul butter maker with offering him a $500 bribe. The executive committee immediately went into executive session, and began the examination of witnesses.

KOBE HOSPITAL BURNED.

Twenty-One Patients Perished in the Flames—Eleven Injured and Several Missing

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 24.—The steamer Idzumi Maru, which arrived this morning from the Orient, brought the news of the burning of the hospital attached to the Kobe university. Twenty-one patients were burned to death, 11 injured and several are missing.

The secret convention believed to have been concluded between Russia and China bids fair to prove a source of serious trouble in the far East. The Japanese press accepted the report as to the existence of a secret Russo-Chinese understanding without reservation. Both Marquis Ito and Mr. Kato, minister for foreign affairs, have admitted that the present situation cannot be passed over, and instructions have accordingly been sent the Japanese representatives in London and Berlin to ascertain the exact views of the governments to which they are accredited. The minister of foreign affairs has dispatched an official telegram to St. Petersburg, asking for a definite reply regarding the alleged existence of a secret agreement.

Russian troops are committing depredations along the northern frontiers of Corea. They often cross the Lumen river and loot villages, carrying off valuables as well as grain and cattle. Their excuse is they are pursuing Boxers. The Corean government has lodged a vigorous protest with the Russian minister for transmission to St. Petersburg.

Yueng Wuan, a Chinese reformer, was shot down while teaching an English class in Hong Kong, a man sneaking in and firing four shots, all of which took effect. Another reformer was shot the previous day.

HOLDINGS OF THE FRIARS.

Secretary Root's Answer to a Resolution of Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Root has made answer to the resolution of the senate calling on him for information as to the extent of the holding of lands by religious orders in the Philippines, and as to any declaration made by him or obligation assumed respecting the disposition of these lands.

The secretary, by way of answer, refers to the president's instructions of April 7, 1900, to the Philippine commission, directing the commission to endeavor to investigate the land titles of religious orders and to endeavor to afford justice and to settle these in a manner to safeguard property rights and equities. It is added that no one in behalf of the United States government has entered into any obligation other than that set out in the peace treaty in regard to these lands, nor has any policy been announced. The commission has stated the result of its inquiries under this instruction in its report, especially in the sub-divisions entitled, "the friars," "public lands," and "land titles and registration." The commission has especially investigated the San Jose college claim, and referred it to the supreme court of the islands.

THE CUBAN CONSTITUTION.

Signed by All the Delegates Except Cisneros the Anti-American.

Havana, Feb. 24.—The Cuban constitution, first submited by the central committee to the convention at the public session of January 27, was signed today. The president and vice-president signed first and then the delegates. Senor Cisneros created a sensation by refusing to sign. Several delegates endeavored to dissuade him from his course, but he was immovable. As the delegates retired, Senor Tamayo remarked: "We are all Cubans, Senor," and Senor Cisneros replied: "Yes, when the time comes to fight the Americans, we will fight them together."

Senor Capote, president of the convention, will deliver the document to General Wood tomorrow. A copy in English will then be sent to Washington.

Boers Captured Foodstuffs.

Johannesburg, Feb. 24.—The Boers destroyed a culvert between Natal Spruit and Klip river on the railroad just south of here, at dawn today. They captured a train load of foodstuffs, and after taking all they could conveniently carry, set fire to the rest of it and disappeared over the veldt.

Policeman Arrests His Son for Theft.

A Philadelphia policeman recently arrested his son on a charge of theft.

Movements of Transports.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—A cargo of 5,000 tons of general supplies for the army in the Philippines was taken by the steamer Wyefield which sailed yesterday for Manila direct. The freight transport Saoma which carried horses from this port for the German army in China and was later purchased by the United States government for the transport service, left Nagasaki, February 18 for this port. The transport Bufford, with returning volunteers on board, left Nagasaki for San Francisco on February 19.

To Pay Washington Surveyor.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The commissioner of the general land office has recommended a deficiency appropriation of $201 to pay Isaac M. Galbraith, late deputy surveyor, for certain surveys made in the state of Washington during the year 1895. The account, like many others, has been held up by irregularities, but is recognized as entirely meritorious. If provision is made for its payment, it will be on one of the general appropriation bills.