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" arrives Yaquina ..... 6:45 P. M.

No. 1, returning:—
Leaves Yaquina ..... 6:10 A. M.
Leaves Corvallis ..... 11:00 A. M.
Arrives Albany ..... 12:15 P. M.

No. 3, for Detroit:—
Leaves Albany ..... 7:00 A. M.
Arrives Detroit ..... 11:20 A. M.

No. 4, returning:—
Leaves Detroit ..... 12:10 P. M.
Arrives Albany ..... 5:45 P. M.

Nos. 1 and 2 connect at Albany and Corvallis with Southern Pacific trains, giving direct services to and from Newport and adjacent beaches.

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Leaves Portland 8:30 a. m., 7 p. m.
" 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 1:30 p. m., 7 a. m.
" El Paso 6 p. m., 6 p. m.
" Fort Worth 6:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
" City of Mexico 9:50 a. m., 9:50 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.

President McKinley and party has left Washington.

The Cuban commissioners have started for home.

Marauding has increased between Pekin and Tien Tsin.

Turbulent province of South Camarines, Luzon, is nearly pacified.

Cardinal Rampolla has resigned the office of papal secretary of state.

Negotiations for the renewal of the Driebund will be opened shortly.

Albians are said to be committing wholesale atrocities in old Servia.

Ottomans ask help of French to rescue ex-sultan from living grave.

Li Hung Chang compliments American stand on indemnity question.

Dissolution of Alaska transportation combine has caused a big cut in rates.

James Callahan was acquittod of complicity in the Cudahy kidnapping.

Repairs to cost $5,000 have been recommended for the Astoria Federal building.

Enthusiastic meetings were held all over the country in honor of Grant's birthday.

Henry Meldrum, of Oregon City, has been appointed surveyor general of Oregon.

Von Waldersee reports four engagements, in which the Chinese were badly defeated.

James Douglas Reid, ex-United States consul and "father of the telegraph," is dead.

Hon. J. C. Trullinger, ex-Oregon legislator and prominent citizen of Astoria, is dead.

General Ketterlee reports that the Chinese only left Kukuan when they were forced to do so.

Women members of Washington Pan-American commission came out ahead in legal contest for expnese money.

Americans surprised a Filipino camp. One rebel major was killed and several staff officers captured. The Americans lost two men in the engagement.

The flood in Cincinnati will exceed expectations.

"Billy" Smith, a noted American pugilist, is dead.

Afrikanders protest against British treatment of Cape Dutch.

Hay and Pauncefote held a conference on the canal question.

The Pan-American commission will meet in Washington shortly.

The new American yacht Constitution will be launched May 6.

English merchants severely condemn the proposed export duty.

Three Oregon men have been appointed lieutenants in the regular army.

The remains of Lincoln have been placed in the new monument at Springfield, Ill.

Dr. McKellops, one of the most noted dental surgeons in the country, is dead in Chicago.

Neighboring states are sending numerous requests to Oregon authorities for supplies of Chinese pheasants.

The United States transport Kilpatrick has arrived at Honolulu with smallpox on board, and is now in quarantine.

Suit has been commenced by Admiral Dewey for the prize money due him for ships and naval stores which he captured at Manila.

Two men were killed and several injured as the result of a wreck on an Ohio railroad. The accident was caused by the rails spreading.

Scottish rite Masons have just celebrated the 100th anniversary of the organization of the first supremec council in the United States.

Philippine insurgents to the number of 2,272 officers and men have laid down their arms in South Ilocos and sworn allegiance to the United States.

Arrangements have been made whereby the Missouri Pacific railroad system will have a direct outlet to the Pacific coast and Portland will be the terminus.

The commission of five deleagtes from the Cuban constitutional convention, that was sent to Wasihngton to confer with the president regarding Cuban relations with this country, have arrived in Washington.

Lake Niagara is the largest fresh water lake between Lake Michigan and Lake Titicaca, in Peru.

Minnesota farm lands have advanced more than 100 per cent in value during the past seven years.

The carrying and collection of mails in France, it is officially decided, shall be conducted on automobiles.

At numerous mines in Siberia, 2,000 men and 500 horses are used on a single property to produce gold not exceeding $2,000,000 per annum.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE.

Nearly Two Hundred Persons Killed or Injured near Frankfort Germany.

Frankfort, Germany, April 27.—One of the most destructive explosions on record occurred this evening at the electro-chemical works, near Greisheim, where smokeless powder is manufactured. Most of the boilers exploded. The noise was so tremendous that it was heard at great distances, including Frankfort and Mayence. The factory became a mass of flames immediately, and a northeast wind carried the sparks to neighboring villages, where several houses were set on fire. Eighteen cylinders, each containing about a hundred weight of smokeless powder, were in the room where the explosion occurred.

The troops were immediately ordered to Greisheim to prevent the fire spreading to the large benzine reservoirs near by. Fire brigades from every place in the neighborhood hurried to the scene, but, owing to the dangerous nature of the fire and the fears of a renewal of the explosions, the greatest difficulty was experienced in stopping the progress of the flames. Only after five hours of strenuous effort was the conflagration to some extent controlled and the danger passed so as to make it possible to begin the work of extracting bodies. It is feared that nearly 200 persons have been killed or injured.

Hospitals have been improvised in the vicinity. The flames spread with frightful speed to the adjacent buildings, and then over the river Main to Schwanheim. When a second explosion took place the fumes and gases of burning chemicals made it impossible to stay in the vicinity.

The last explosion occurred at 7:30 P. M., and when it was ascertained that no further danger was anticipated, the inhabitants were allowed to return to their homes. At 8:30 the fire was still burning in the center and the work of extracting the bodies from the debris was being carried on by torchlight, gaslight not being obtainable. All railway traffic with Frankfort was stopped during the fire, except for trains carrying the injured, but it has since been resumed. Four sheds for dressing wounds of the injured have been erected.

The catastrophe, it is now stated, originated in a small fire, which ignited several receptacles of piric acid, causing a terrific explosion. The houses adjoining the factory were partially demolished by the violence of the explosion.

SWINDLED BY EMPLOYES.

Washington Street Car Men Have Been Arrested for Fraud.

Washington, April 27.—Systematic frauds practised on the lines of the Washington Traction & Electric Company to an extent of probably $50,000 have been discovered, and eight of the employes, six of whom are conductors and two firemen, are under arrest on a charge of conspiracy.

The operations, it is claimed, have been going on for several months. The punched tickets turned in by the conductors are checked up at the office. The investigation that has been held, it is stated, disclosed that many of the tickets, instead of being destroyed, were saved and sold to conductors at $1 per 100, and that the conductors who bought them substituted them for good tickets. This was done by turning in the old tickets by the company at the close of each day, the same number of good tickets being retained in the pocket of those who were in the conspiracy. It is also alleged that in many cases the number of fares rung up and the number of passengers on trips have shown a wide divergence.

A BLOODTHIRSTY REBEL.

Cailles Orders the Execution of Eight American Soldiers.

Manila, April 27.—It is reported that the rebel general Cailles ordered eight American soldiers to be shot April 21, the same day on which he condemned to death Colonel Sanchio, one of his staff officers, and Senor Delarosa, a wealthy native who had refused to contribute to the insurgent funds. Sanchio escaped. The others were tortured and then butchered. Cailles, who is now lurking in the mountains of Tayabas province, Luzon, proclaims himself dictator and successor to Aguinaldo, and announces his intention to continue a war of extermination.

Backward About Enlisting.

London, April 27.—The annual returns of recruiting for 1900 shows a total enlistment of 98,361, against 42,700 in 1899. The recruiting for the infantry is regarded as unsatisfactory. In spite of the impetus of the war and the reduction of the standard of height, the number of enlistmented infantrymen is below that of 1899, the recruits generally having preferred the showier branches of the service.

To Build Into New Oil District.

San Francisco, April 27.—General Manager Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific company, has announced that the proposed railroad into the Sunset oil districts in Central California will be built in the immediate future. The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe have united in support of the undertaking. The road will be 28 miles in length, and will connect with the Southern Pacific at Gossford. It will cost about $500,000.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Work has again been resumed on the Golden Wedge mine, at Galice.

A new irrigating ditch has been started at Bly, in Klamath county.

It is not thought that the fruit was injured by the recent heavy frosts in Hood River.

The Sherman county court has raised the stock inspector's salary to $300 per annum.

A considerable amount of wheat was sold at The Dalles last week for 50 cents a bushel.

The Coos county court has ordered that the road poll tax be paid in cash, and that the road supervisors collect the tax.

Last week, while Jack Simmons was driving for a load of hay on the Innes-Kelsay ranch, near Paisley, a gust of wind lifted the rack off the wagon and carried it several rods and dropped it into a slough.

A Southern Pacific steam shovel and outfit will immediately begin filling in the Rice Hill railway trestles with earth. The switch will be extended, a water tank built, and other improvements made near Isadora and Rise Hill.

Elgin is to have two new plaining mills.

The Dalles will spend $1,630.40 for water pipe.

A bath house with a swimming tank 30x80 feet will be constructed at Ashland.

A cougar, measuring six feet six inches, was killed on Sweet creek last week.

What is known as the Kite place, near Cove, containing 640 acres of land, was recently sold for $15,000.

The Grant county court has ordered that the date on which taxes become delinquent be extended to June 20, 1901.

The Ashland Meat Company received a car load of cattle from Gazelle last week, eight head of which weighed 1,890 pounds each.

A human skull and bones of a man's body were found last week about half a mile up Butte creek from Fossil. The remains, which were only a few inches under ground, on the creek bank, were exposed by the recent high water. As the oldest settlers do not remember of anyone having ever mysteriously disapeared, the general accepted theory is that 40 or 50 years ago a white wanderer may have been killed by Indians.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 56½@57c.; valley, nominal; bluestem, 59c. per bushel.

Flour—Best rgades, $2.70@3.40 per barrel; graham, $2.60.

Oats — White, $1.25 per cental; gray, $1.20@1.22½ per cental.

Barley—Feed, $16.50@17; brewing, $16.50@17 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $21.50; shorts, $17.50; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12@12.50; clover, $7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Hops—12@14c. per lb.; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool — Valley, 13@14c.; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 20@21c. per pound.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 20@22½c.; dairy, 15@18c.; store, 10@12½c. per pound.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, 13@13½c. per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4.50; hens, $5.50; dressed, 11@12c. per pound; springs, $3@5 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@7; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 13@15c. per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c.; Young America, 13½@14c. per pound.

Potatoes—Old, 50@60c. per sack; new, 2½@2¾c. per pound.

Mutton — Lambs 10@11c. per pound gross; best sheep, $8; wethers, $5; ewes, $4.50; dressed, 7½@7¾c. per pound.

Hogs — Gross, heavy, $5.75@6; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 7c. per pound.

Veal—Large, 7c. per pound; small, 8@8½c. per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $5@5.25; cows and heifers, $4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 7@8¼c. per pound.

The only American Indian in the United States navy is Chapman Schenandoah, an Oneida, 29 years old, who is on the cruiser Atlanta.

Banana flower has lately begun to be used in making cakes, bread and biscuits. It is also used as a children's food and for dyspeptics.

In the present house of representatives of the Japan Diet, there are 130 farmers, 23 barristers, 12 officials, 26 merchants, 6 newspaper editors, 1 doctors and 70 members without fixed professions.

ALASKA TELEGRAPH LINE.

It Will Probably Be Two Years Before It is in Good Working Order.

Washington, April 29.—Were it not for the great difficulties of transportation in Alaska, the government military telegraph line from Valdes to the Yukon river and down to St. Michaels would probably be in working order by the close of the coming summer, but under conditions as they exist it will probably be two years before this line in its entirety will be working satisfactorily. Work was not begun in earnest until late in the season of 1900, when by dextrous labor the men of the signal corps, under Major Green, took hold and made phenomenal progress with the line. It is beyond a possibility, however, for them to keep up this pace this summer, owing largely to the difficulties encountered in getting their lines, fixtures and supplies to interior points from which they are working. Active operations in laying the line could not be commenced before late in March or the first of April, and up to this time no advices on this subject have yet been receievd in Washington.

It is hoped that by the close of this summer season Fort Gibbon will be connected with St. Michael, and this will bring the latter point and Skagway within 15 days of each other, whereas they have been heretofore two months apart, and oftentimes nearer three months. This will be a tremendens saving in time, and an unquestioned advantage to the military and other government officials.

The question of how the line shall be constructed along the great bend of the Yukon has not yet been determined. This neck of land is between 30 and 40 miles wide. Should the line follow the river it would be much longer than an overland section, and could not be reached in summer, except by a large repair force, which would make it expensive and difficult of maintenance. During the past winter an officer has been in the field to see what can be done across country between Fort Gibbon and Fort Egbert. On his report the department will act. The signal corps is feeling its way cautiously, so as not to make the same errors as were ascribed to the Canadian authorities, who attempted to build a telegraph line from the two ends without making a survey of the route, and in consequence, at the close of a season, found that the two ends that were to have connected had over lapped each other for some miles, one going on one side of a mountain and the other on the opposite side. And for weeks neither party knew of the proximity of the other.

HEAD WAS SEVERED.

"Black Jack" Ketchum, a Noted Desperado Hanged. Rope Jerked Head from Body.

Clayton, N. M., April 27.—Thomas E. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the train robber, was hanged at 1:21 P. M. yesterday. The rope broke but his head was jerked off.

The execution took place in side a stockade built for the occasion. The inclosure was crowded, 150 spectators having been admitted.

When Ketchum mounted the platform at 1:17 his face was very pale, but his eye swept out over the crowd very coldly and boldly, as if he had no fear. A priest stood at his side, as the rope was put around his neck. The condemned man had consented to this at the last moment.

Ketchum declined to make a speech before the noose was put around his neck. He merely muttered "Good by," then said, "Please dig my grave very deep," and finally, "all right, hurry up." His legs trembled, but he kept his nerve.

When the body dropped through the trap the half inch rope severed the head as cleanly as if a knife had cut it. The body pitched forward with blood spurting from the headless trunk. The head remained with the black cap and flew down into the pit.

Pueblo Teacher Disappears.

Pueblo, Col., April 29.—A local sensation is caused by the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Mertie Buerger, who for 12 years has been a teacher in the Pueblo schools. Bloodhounds followed a trail from Mrs. Buerger's house to and under a bridge over Fountain creek, a shallow stream. The Arkansas river, some distance further on, has been dragged, without result.

Nebraska Prairie On Fire.

Valentine, Neb., April 26.—Word received from the southwestern part of this (Cherry) county is to the effect that disastrous prairie fires are raging there; that the buildings of one cattle ranch have been entirely wiped out and that other ranches are threatened. Details are very meager, and it is impossible to learn the name of the ranch which has suffered the loss of its buildings, which is about 60 miles from here. The report says that the fires started about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Disloyal Utterances Suppressed.

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, April 29.—The provost marshal, presiding over a court of summary jurisdiction, has announced his intention of suppressing disloyal utterances. He has ordered a British subject named Mitchell to be deported to Ceylon for abusing an army order to the effect that householders shall suspend a board outside of their doors giving the names of all the occupants of that particular house.

OVER RIGHT OF WAY

Senator Clark's Men Clash with Nevada Officers.

WORKMEN IGNORE SHERIFF'S ORDERS

Attempt to Prevent Wagons Loaded with Supplies from Crossing Disputed Ground —Will Settle It in Court.

Uvada, Utah, April 29.—The first clash bewteen the Oregon Short Line and Senator Clark's forces for possession of the disputed Utah & California grade occurred today when 22 wagons loaded with ties were driven up to the right of way by order of Superintendent Young. The first team was promptly stopped by the Clark forces. Sheriff Johnson then demanded that the teams be allowed to pass over the public road, but the Clark force again refused to allow the teamsters to proceed. The teamsters then attempted to force their horses through, but the Clark men, heavily reinforced and armed with shovels and pick handles, rushed to the horses heads and stopped them. For two hours the argument was kept up, several of the teamsters in the meantime succeeding in breaking through and getting their wagons upon the right of way.

Finally the Clark forces asked for an armistice and an agreement was reached by which the wagons are not to be unloaded and the Clark forces are to retire to their second line of defense at the barbed wire trocha, two miles down the grade, pending a determination in court of the respective rights of the claimants. This action, it is believed, removes the danger of a further clash between the rival forces.

BOER FORCE CAPTURED.

Surrounded at Night by Lieutenant Reid and a Small Party of English.

London, April 29.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, April 27.—Since yesterday the column reports the Boer losses to be 12 killed, 20 wounded, 47 captured and 42 surrendered. In addition to the foregoing, Lieutenant Reid, with 20 Bushmen, captured southeast of Commisie drift, Oliphant's river, Commandant Schooder and 41 Boers together with a Maxim. Reid's men crept up and surrounded them before dawn, and opened fire, the Boers immediately surrendering."

In a latter message forwarding advices from General Kitchener, his brother, the commander in chief says: "General Kitchener reports from Spardee Platz 18 Boers killed, 14 taken prisoners and 3,000 cattle and many wagons captured."

WON BY AMERICANS.

Pittsburg Firm Will Build Locomotives for India.

New York, April 29.—An American concern has secured the contract for locomotives recently ordered by the Calcutta port commissioners, despite active European competition.

The Indian authorities invited bids in the open market for nine locomotives. The lowest British bid was that of Neilson, Reid & Company, Glascow. Their price was £1,549, against the Pittsburg Locomotive Company's bid of £1,378 for each engine. The Pittsburg company also offered quick delivery, undertaking to fulfill its contract inside of six months, while the shortest time given by British builders was nine months. The Calcutta officials accepted the tender of the American company.

This is the first contract for locomotives Americans have secured abroad through lower prices. Previous contracts have come to this country because of prompt delivery.

Anaconda Burglars Stole Safe Bodily.

Anaconda, Mont., April 29.—Two burglars entered the Alaska saloon early today by forcing the Main street door. Bodily picking up a 300 pound safe, they loaded it onto an express wagon. Driving outside the city limits they broke the safe open and secured $10,000 in gold. Putting the broken safe back into the wagon they started the horse for the city and made good their escape. No clew.

Robbed The Express.

Macon, Ga., April 29.—An express car of the Central Georgia railroad going from Atlanta to Savannah was robbed this morning by two men who boarded the train at Macon. After the train pulled out of Macon the two men, who had secreted themselves in some way, entered the express car and confronted the express messenger. They seized and bound his hands and feet and threw a sack over his head. They then went through his packages and secured about $350, but left a $1,000 package lying on the floor.

Chinese Came Back.

Pekin, April 29.—The Chinese regulars who retired beyond the Great wall have reappeared at another point within the international area. Strong representations have been made to the Chinese plenipotentiaties in regard to the necessity for their immediate retirement. The French force is in readiness to renew the operations, but has been ordered to await the result of the imperial edicts.

BANDS OF ROBBERS.

Depredations of Thieves and Pirates Increasing In Vicinity of Pekin.

Berlin, April 30.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee in a dispatch from Pekin, reports that marauding has increased near Hosiwu and Matu, and that junks used as transports between these places have been attacked. Lieutenant Colonel Arnstadt has been sent from Tien Tsin to the disturbed district in command of a composite column. Count von Waldersee also reports, under Pekin date, as follows: "Colonel Hoffmeister, commanding the Fourth infantry and two companies of mountain artillery, attacked the enemy April 23 by the great wall, 10 kilometers south of Hai Shan Kwan, and forced them to retire with heavy losses into Shan Si. We lost four wounded and captured four flags and four old pattern guns. General Voyron intimates that he intends to evacuate the neighborhood of Shan Ting and return to Pao Ting Fu. His extended outposts remain at Sin Lei. I am keeping a force at Ansuling pass."

In Pursuit of the Chinese.

London, April 30.—A Reuter dispatch from Pekin says the headquarters staff has received a telegram from a British officer accompanying the expedition to the effect that on April 23 the Germans crossed into Shan Si through the Kouk Nau and Chang Chen Liu passes, in pursuit of the retreating Chinese, whom they followed 18 miles, fighting a sharp action. The French troops remained in occupation of the passes. The Germans returned April 25, and the French handed over the passes to them and returned to their previous outposts. The Germans are said to have had four men killed and five officers and 80 men wounded. The Chinese loss is not known.

MEXICAN MINISTERS.

Diplomatic Relations Resumed With Austria and American Republics.

Washington, April 30.—A complete reapproachment between the governments of Austria and Mexico has been brought about, and as a result each country is about to send a minister to the other. This terminates an international estrangement dating back to the days when young Maximillian of Austria sought to gain a foothold in Mexico, and lost his life in the adventure. A bill has passed the Mexican congress providing for a minister to Austria at a salary of $15,000 annually. Austria will take similar action by sending a minister to Mexico, and this will close the long and historic separation.

The Mexican government has also taken steps to resume diplomatic communication with South American countries, the first move in that direction being the appointment of a Mexican minister to the Argentine republic. For many years there has been no diplomatic intercourse between Mexico and her sister republics on the southern continent, as there was little commerce between them, and few political questions requiring diplomatic representations. Recently, however, Argentina has made a friendly move by accrediting a minister both to Washington and Mexico City, and Uruguay has taken similar action. The selection of Mexico City as the place for holding the congress of American republics has had a further influence in inducing Mexico to extend her relations with South and Central America.

THE NEW COMET.

Brightest That Has Appeared to View for Over Nineteen Years.

Elkhorn, Wis., April 30.—The new comet which was observed this morning at the Yerkes observatory, at Williams bay, is said by astronomers to be the brightest that has appeared for 19 years. Notice was received yesterday by telegraph from Harvard university that a comet had been discovered at Queenstown April 23, and observed at Cape of Good Hope on the morning of April 25. Its position at that time was about 16 degrees southwest of the sun. Its position this morning was some 15 degrees north of the sun, indicating a very rapid northeasterly movement.

Nothing could be seen of the celestial visitor last evening at sunset, but this morning Professor E. R. Frost, assisted by F. R. Sulliavn, saw the new comet appear above the horizon. About 20 minutes before sunrise it could be plainly seen, although the sky was quite bright. It was of an orange color, with two prominent kits or streamers. It remained visible until 15 minutes or more after sunrise, when it faded away in the growing light. It was too low in the sky to be observed by the 40 inch telescope, and the sky was so bright that nothing could be seen with the 12 inch instrument.

The Government Will Refund.

Washington, April 30.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes, in pursuant of the action of the United States supreme court in declaring the tax of 10 cents on export bills of lading unconstitutional, has informed inquirers that the amounts paid for the stamps will be refunded on claims of the value of $2 or over. It is estimated that about $800,000 has been collected under this tax since it went into effect, July 1, 1898.