

PACIFIC COAST.

Nevada is to Have a Gold Boom.

DROUGHT IN NEW MEXICO.

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the Scene of a Land-Claim

Excitement

Sand for making glass has been found near Spokane.

Vancouver, B. C., has a population of 13,688, and Victoria, B. C., 16,949.

The drought in the southern portion of New Mexico is causing loss to stock.

The biggest run of salmon known for years has appeared in the Skagit river.

The mackerel along the southern coast of California are said to be fat, plentiful and biting freely.

Many witnesses in the Davis will contest at Butte, Mont., are now testifying to the genuineness of the document.

Nevada is to be boomed with gold taken from the Zira mine at Pine Nut. Marvellous stories are told of the richness of the quartz in that camp.

The glut of potatoes in Southern California continues. In one section they are being offered at 5 cents a sack in the ground, the buyer to dig them.

The schooner Hamilton Lewis, Captain Alexander McLean, has been captured by a Russian gunboat while poaching off Copper Island in Russian waters in the Behring Sea.

Oliver Roberts, Charles Colburn and A. S. Barney have incorporated at Carson, Nev., the Mountain View, Valley View and Mascot mines under one head, with a capital stock of \$1,400,000.

The attempt to create a rush of land-seekers to the island of San Clemente, sixty miles southwest of San Pedro, has not been successful. The island is said to be bare of vegetation and not capable of cultivation with any success.

At Visalia, Cal., an attempt was made by some unknown party to poison a number of boarders of Mrs. McBurnett by introducing into the material, with which the lady made ice cream, croton oil. Eleven persons were made seriously ill.

Bert Fessler of Washington, D. C., has been appointed master of the young man's dormitory at the Leland Stanford (Jr.) University, and C. H. Johnson of San Francisco has been appointed chief engineer at the Stanford University, vice A. H. Blake resigned.

Within the last few days every foot of the San Joaquin river from Hamptonville to a point above Millerton has been covered with mining claims. It is believed the bed of the river is filled with gold, and a survey has been made with a view of turning the river from its channel.

Rich iron ore has been struck in the San Ysidro mine, a few miles below Escondido, Lower California. A letter received at San Diego, Cal., says that a vein was just uncovered, 1,000 feet long and 60 feet deep, which seems practically to have no end to it. San Diegans are going to inspect it.

It has been decided by a City Justice at Stockton, Cal., that a man can work and yet be a vagrant under the new vagrancy law. The court convicted a young man, although it appeared from the evidence that the defendant had worked during all the time he was alleged to be a dissolute person.

The "California Colored Colonization Society" proposes to bring 5,000 negroes into California this year. The Secretary of the society at Fresno says: "We have seven sections of land in Fresno county and some in Shasta, and these two counties will receive the bulk of our people for the present."

It is announced that the San Francisco Produce Exchange and Call Board intends doing away with the present system of buying or selling grain contracts for the year or season and will adopt the Eastern method of dealing in monthly options only. The change will be made, it is said, as soon as the present year and season contracts expire.

A sequel to the sudden disappearance from Tacoma of Secretary Edward Albertson with \$9,000 of Fidelity Trust Company's money is the subsequent disappearance of John L. Cohoon, his brother-in-law. The two families live in the same house. It is said that Cohoon has been kidnapped by detectives and is being subjected to a squeezing process.

San Clemente Island is now the scene of a land-claim excitement. The island is forty miles due south of San Pedro, and is twenty-nine miles long and from three to five wide. In the past four weeks fifteen claims have been settled on by people from Los Angeles. The island is as yet unimproved, so that the claims are simply prescriptive. The island contains about 25,000 acres, of which probably 40,000 are composed of very fine sandy loam soil. The boomers have discovered good water at a depth of eight feet. Wild plum, wild cherry and mountain mahogany trees grow luxuriantly on the island, the wild cherry being a species in size to the large domestic ones.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Senator Squire Would Not Have the Chinese Mission.

It is estimated by the Treasury Department that there has been an increase of over \$6,000,000 in cash holdings since August 1, representing a decrease in the public debt to that amount according to the old form of debt statement.

Immigrant Commissioners have directed that the four laborers who were arrested in the Columbia from Canada be returned to that country, and that those who come into the United States in violation of the alien labor law be treated as enemies by David Meyers of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The controller of the Currency has authorized the establishment of the First National Bank of Roseburg, Or.; capital stock, \$50,000. President, Thomas K. Sheridan; cashier, John P. Sheridan. Also the Columbia National Bank of Tacoma, Wash.; capital, \$20,000. President, Henry Oliver; cashier, N. B. Dolan.

Another decision was made in the tide-water land case of Washington, in which Assistant Secretary Chandler sustained the former decisions, that the lands between high and low water were not subject to location by scrip. The applications of Jacob C. Mann and Albert E. Jack in this case is denied. Five applications for entry upon the Puyallup Indian reservation are also denied by the Secretary.

Secretary Noble sent the following telegram to Governor Steele of Oklahoma: "The President has ordered that no exception shall be made of Cherokees locating or placing herds on the Strip after the order or in evasion of it. General Miles will be so instructed by the War Department. The President has further ordered cavalry troops to aid the agent in expelling trespassers from the Sac and Fox reserve in accordance with instructions written by the President in his orders."

B. C. Shannon, the newly-appointed Minister to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador, called at the State Department and received instructions. He will relieve Minister Pacheco of part of his enormous duties as the sole representative of the United States diplomatic service in Central America. Minister Pacheco was instructed to protest against the violent action by the Salvadorian officials against the Pacific Mail steamship City of Panama, but nothing has been heard from him in response. To reach Salvador he must travel 700 miles without railroad facilities, and delay is attributed to this fact.

"Here is a sample of what I have had to endure of late," said Senator Squire of Washington, showing a telegram he had just received. It was from Seattle, and read as follows: "I hope the rumor that you are seriously considering the Chinese mission is false. It would be unjust to your friends." This was signed "Hunt." "Mr. Hunt," continued the Senator, "is the owner and editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He has evidently given credence to the absurd rumor that I was going to China as United States Minister. It puzzles me to know how that story could have been evolved. There is absolutely nothing in it. No suggestion or intimation ever came to me that the place would be tendered to me. But to put a quietus on the whole matter I do not hesitate to say that I would now have the office under any consideration. America is good enough for me. I have traveled in foreign lands, and have seen a bit of most parts of the habitable globe, and I say in all sincerity that the man who would swap Seattle for Pekin as a place of residence is non compos."

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It is now the intention of European engineers to store the waters of the Nile to such an extent as to enable a greater extension of the cotton and sugar-cane crops in that region.

Admiral Elliott expresses the opinion since the recent British maneuvers that "numerical superiority in torpedo-gun vessels is of equal, if not greater, importance than in battle ships."

The Journal of the Chamber of Commerce at Paris states that the Belgian government will declare Antwerp and other Belgian ports free ports, aiming to make Belgium the gateway of Europe.

The Minister of Education in conjunction with the Minister of the Interior has issued a circular prohibiting Jewish children whose parents live in Russia or foreign ports to be admitted to any of the middle or higher institutions of learning for the coming scholastic term.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Kansas Farmers Paying Off Mortgages.

PATRIOTIC SONS OF VETERANS

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The fact has gone forth that five-cent shaves in New York must go.

Chicago is about to erect an apartment house which will contain 707 rooms.

The Texas Trunk railroad has been turned over to the Southern Pacific.

The Wilmington (Del.) \$250,000 post-office will probably be built of cut granite.

Baltimore is to have a tin-plate factory in operation in the course of three months.

Speckels says he is paddling his own canoe, and has not, nor will he join the sugar trust.

The officials of the Auburn (N. Y.) prison have set the convicts at work making pearl buttons.

The sanitary inspectors in Brooklyn say that they do not exist among the Chinese residents there.

An effort to combine the various commercial organizations of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance has failed.

Eight hundred thousand acres of land in Eastern Oklahoma recently ceded by Indians will soon be open to settlement.

The relief fund for the families of those who perished in the Park place disaster at New York has reached \$6,200.

It is said that there are more salmon in the Merrimac river now than there has been at any time during the last forty years.

During the months of May, June and July of this year \$1,450,000 Kansas farm mortgages have been paid off. This is a very good sign.

The annual report of the St. Paul road shows that after paying a 7 per cent. dividend on preferred stock there is a surplus of \$699,168.

Petroleum, which actually flows up unaided through the rocks, has been discovered at Crow's Nest in the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

A Chinese Comptroller Appointed United States Deputy Marshal for Amoy.

Miss Mary Anderson will shortly publish her memoirs.

Ex-Senator Ingalls is said to receive \$500 for each of his lectures.

Zola writes a novel every nine months. Miss Braddon has published fifty since 1862.

The Edison of France is named Ader. He thinks that he has solved the problem of aerial navigation.

Senator Harris of Tennessee is said to be the oldest living Congressman. He was first elected in 1840 at the age of 33.

Julius Verne has a son, Michel, who is developing a talent for writing stories very much in his father's highly imaginative style.

Senator Vest has been wearing this summer a plain suit of homespun hemp linen, a gift to him from Senator Blackburn of Kentucky.

Colonel Inman's history of the old Santa Fe trail is to be published in 1892, and is to be a graphic tale of the pioneer times in the great desert.

Maurice Bernhardt, the athletic son of the "divine" Sarah, and his bride are in New York. They will spend their honeymoon in this country.

A portrait of Queen Victoria presented by her Majesty to Mrs. Phelps is the chief feature in the drawing room of ex-Minister Phelps' house in Burlington.

Chief-Justice Lucas of the Virginia Supreme Court is but four feet high, but he is so dignified that no facetious lawyer has ever dared to dub him a brief.

It has been settled that Grand Duke George Alexandrovitch of Russia, whose health is still very precarious, shall return to Algeria at the end of autumn.

The chair occupied by Garibaldi in the Italian legislative chamber is hung with a laurel wreath. Since the patriot's death no one has been allowed to use it.

The wife of Lieutenant H. D. Borup of the United States Legation in Paris is one of the very few ladies who can claim to have made the ascent of Mount Blanc.

Terence V. Powderly, General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, has accepted the Republican nomination as delegate to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention.

Sir Charles Duke is a broad-shouldered, square-built man, with clear gray eyes and full grizzled beard. His manner is serious and dignified and direct almost to abruptness.

Miss Frances Willard announces that she has already received \$2,000 for the world's union fund. The money is to be used in various departments of women's work at the Columbian Exposition.

General Joe Shelby is a thoroughly reconstructed ex-Confederate. No soldier fought more bravely than he. He knows he was wrong, and does not believe in keeping up the memories of the war.

General Miles has put himself to unnecessary trouble in denying that he was cruel to Jefferson Davis when he had that gentleman shut up in Fortress Monroe. The general is not built on the petty tyrant plan.

The choice of Charles Eliot Norton as the literary executor of Mr. Lowell is a singularly happy one. The duties will be performed by one who has all the requisites of an accomplished critic, and conscientious editor.

A recent visitor to the former home of John Howard Payne says that it is low, with big roof, and is all of gray shingles, with a garden in which grow hollyhocks. There is an old well, too, and the house stands with the end toward the road.

S. A. Douglas, Prosecuting Attorney for the city of Chicago and son of the famous Democrat of that name, never visits Springfield, Ill., without going to the tomb of his father's old political opponent and friend, Abraham Lincoln.

A Chinese comptroller named Chin Gong has been appointed United States Deputy Marshal for Amoy. The Marshal is Dr. Edward Bellon, said to be a descendant of the family after whom Bellon's Island was named in New York harbor.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Tramps Torture and Murder a Man and His Wife in Michigan.

Thomas McCreery, a Montreal official who fled to this country to escape arrest for "boodling," has been located at Portland, Me.

Thomas J. Riley, assistant postmaster at Marysville, Cal., convicted of embezzling \$23, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the State prison and fined \$234.

Chris McNamara, a gambler, shot and killed Reese Fowler, proprietor of a gambling house at Chattanooga, Tenn., during a quarrel over a woman. The murderer escaped.

A double murder was discovered in Bloomfield, Conn., where the bodies of a German and his wife were found in a well. It is supposed they were killed by Italian laborers employed in the vicinity.

Two negro prisoners convicted of attempting to overpower the jail guard at Raleigh, N. C., were sentenced to be whipped, and with their consent a charge of 25 cents to witness the execution of the sentence was exacted, the victims receiving the benefit of the gate money.

A dispatch from Mourou, Mich., says that at a farm house near there John Williamson and wife were tortured and murdered by tramps, who tried to get the money which they supposed the couple owned. Some of the farmers gave warning, and the neighbors organized and went to the rescue, but found the couple dead when they reached the house. The tramps were sighted near Mayle station, and both were shot down by the infuriated citizens.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Germans Will Explore African Lakes.

THE BARMAIDS OF BERLIN.

Denotation of a Heavy Gun Smashes the Windows in a Passing Railway Train.

Bavaria's mad King is growing worse. The population of Russia is estimated at 110,000,000.

Police statistics are said to show that there are 130,000 paupers in Naples.

French newspapers are inclined to poke fun at London's proposed Eiffel tower.

Mr. Staud's defense of the Prince of Wales is said to have made converts of many.

They are talking of introducing the American trolley car on Edinburgh's streets.

General Lathin Castro, a celebrated Republican leader and poet of Portugal, is dead.

There are 18,000,000 farmers in France, the total population of the country being 38,000,000.

A bill is to be introduced into Parliament to limit the personal carriages of the royal family to twelve horses.

A dispatch from Zanzibar says the Sultan has declared his dominions within the zone of the Brussels spirit act.

Two thousand Frenchmen claim rewards for bravery displayed on the occasion of the St. Mandé railway disaster.

Prof. Koch is still experimenting with his lymph regardless of the sneers of the French medical men, who are "hot in it."

It is again denied that the King of Italy manifests any interest in the American ladies in waiting upon his royal wife.

Advices from Buenos Ayres are to the effect that the Argentine Republic is opposed to the wholesale immigration of Russian Jews.

China new orders for Russian cotton manufactures are created, there will be a wholesale dismissal of workmen from Russian mills.

The formation of an Irish club has been begun in London. The Irish population there—about 300,000—having no place of rendezvous.

A German expedition has been organized to explore the African lakes. Prince Victoria will be sounded and its banks thoroughly explored.

Italy's deficit for the last fiscal year was \$18,000,000, and in spite of all the talk as to economic reforms the standing army is being increased.

The French Foreign Minister Ribot has advised Servia to adopt a pacific attitude and refrain from offensive demonstration against Bulgaria.

Renowned horticulturist failing to secure the garden of Mrs. Maybrick, who is confined in an English prison for the murder of her husband by poison.

By order of the German Emperor the Prussian Minister of the Interior has issued a decree forbidding the use of baptismal names of a political character.

Sally, the famous chimpanzee in the London zoological gardens, is dead. She was the most popular figure in the gardens since Bartem took leave to America.

The detonation of a new heavy caliber gun at Imopol recently smashed all the windows of a railway train that was passing the drillery range at the time. Fortunately none of the passengers were injured.

The grand prix de Paris will in future be worth over \$10,000, as the French Jockey Club has added a sum of \$20,000 francs to it, while 30,000 francs more are contributed by the principal railway companies.

The Paris waiters, who have formed a trade union, are now discussing their ultimatum with the restaurant keepers. They not only insist upon their right to wear beards and not uniforms, but also to smoke when not actually serving.

A Russian press censor permitted the following item to appear in a Moscow paper: "It is our opinion that Russia needs new railroads, and she will have them." For this the censor was suspended for three months and the editor fined \$300.

The barmaids of Berlin have started an organ, the Harblatt. It offers opportunities for literary work and for the disclosure of cases of ill treatment. The subscribers form a material aid society to help needy members to secure places and to appeal to the courts if necessary.

In November next there will be held at the Crystal Palace in London an international exposition of electricity. It was projected in consequence of the successful one held at Vienna, and will be subject to the same conditions.

The Reichstag Blatt publishes an order to the effect that the prohibition of the importation of swine, pork and sausages of American origin shall no longer be enforced when such live hogs or hog products are furnished with official certificates stating that they have been examined in accordance with Austrian regulations and found free from qualities dangerous to health. The Chancellor has sent instructions to the proper officials that an order be given immediately to that effect.

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