

PACIFIC COAST.

An Immense Fire Rages on Mount Shasta.

GRAY WOLVES IN OREGON.

The United States Geological Survey Locates Storage Reservoirs in New Mexico.

San Diego has organized a company of naval reserves.

Thirty Mojave Indian polo players have gone from Needles to Albuquerque, N. M., to play at the fair there.

At the navy yard at Mare Island about 650 applications for work have been filed with the labor employment bureau.

The perennial fight of the disposition of the sewage of Los Angeles is about to break out again with renewed fury.

The eleventh annual exposition of New Mexico has opened at Albuquerque, and promises to excel all previous meetings.

A syndicate of Chinamen, with ample capital backing it, has purchased a site near Victoria for a rice mill, and work on the erection of the mill will begin at once.

According to the Virginia City Enterprise a disease resembling diphtheria has broken out among the horses and cattle on a ranch near Steamboat, and a number of animals have died from it.

In the United States Court at Los Angeles the cases against Senator Ricardo Trumbull, Supercargo Burt and Captain O'Farrell of the Robert and Minnie were continued "until hereafter called."

Coal of good quality has been found by a surveyor who is mapping out a religious colony on Malcolm Island into sections. The coal is a mile west of Rough Bay and opposite Port McNeil on Vancouver Island, B. C.

Advices received at Vancouver, B. C., say that President Harrison has appointed Frank H. Pierce of New Hampshire, formerly of the Cuban consular service, as Consular Agent there, vice Jay Ewing resigned.

At Sacramento gambling is in full blast everywhere, and players can find any kind of a game they wish close at hand. Every public house has from four to five games running, many of them keeping open day and night.

An immense fire has been raging on the southern slope of Mount Shasta, a few miles south of Sisson, a vast amount of wood, ties, logs and standing timber being destroyed. Every available man was needed to check the fire.

In the timbered districts of Clatsop and Tillamook counties, Or., large gray wolves are becoming more numerous, and are rapidly destroying the elk, as they kill the young calves in the spring and even the old ones when they catch them alone.

It is intimated at Vancouver, B. C., by Mr. van Horne that hereafter the Canadian Pacific Company's steamers Empress of Japan, Empress of India and Empress of China will run from Vancouver to San Francisco and return each trip.

The testimony in the Albertson bank-robbing case at Tacoma continues to show that Albertson was very deliberate in his work. R. B. Albertson, a cousin, is charged with writing the guaranty of immunity and knowing for whom he worked.

On the James Mountains about seventy miles north of Santa Fe, N. M., the United States geological survey has located five storage reservoirs, from which water will feed the immense tracts in the Rio Grande and Rio Pecos Valleys. By this plan fully 1,000,000 acres of the greatest grain-producing land in the world are expected to be reclaimed.

The Los Angeles Times prints an interview with De Barth Shorb, who has just returned from Chicago, in which he states that the management of the World's Fair is rotten to the core, and that he will take steps to have an investigation at Washington unless Davis is removed as Director-General on the ground of his unfitness for the place. Mr. Shorb says Senator Stewart of Nevada has promised to lead the fight in the Senate.

An idea of the profits that can be derived from a lemon orchard with proper care may be gained by taking an estimate from H. K. Snow's six-acre grove of eight-year-old trees in Tustin, Orange county, Cal. Up to the present time he has picked about 1,200 boxes, which is about two-thirds of the present year's crop. At the above estimate an acre will yield 300 boxes of merchantable fruit, which will bring this season an average of \$2.50 a box—\$750 an acre, or \$4,800 for the six acres of lemons.

The fish hatchery is to be built on Methow river in Okanogan county, Wash., and Commissioner Crawford has gone there to ascertain the number of salmon held in the rack recently built by him. He advises that the site be located with reference to government township lines, and the Commissioner of the general land office will be asked to reserve land for the State. Efforts will be made to have a saw mill erected in order that lumber may be at hand for the erection of the hatchery in the spring. Settlers will also be encouraged to open roads.

EDUCATIONAL.

Teachers in Some European Countries Have Not Pleasantest Experiences.

Twenty-one Sisters of Charity have been licensed to teach in Texas public schools.

Brown University has decided to admit women to its classes on the same conditions as men.

The entering Chautauqua class which is to pursue a three years' course comprises 15,000 students.

The University of Oxford has rescinded the vote admitting women to the Bachelor of Medicine examinations.

Harvard College was founded in 1636, Yale in 1701. William and Mary of Virginia was chartered in 1685.

Thirty-two students of Queen's College, Belfast, have petitioned the council that women shall not be admitted to study.

The chair of oratory in the University of Honolulu, Sandwich Island, has been offered to Miss Norma C. Crawford of Minersville, Pa.

The Legislature in Maine has enacted a law which requires all public-school teachers to devote some time each week to teaching kindness to animals.

The girl who carried off the honors of entrance at the University of London examination was Charlotte Higgins. She is but 20 years of age. There were 1,600 male students pitted against her.

Teachers in some European countries do not have the pleasantest experiences. In Spain the payment of salaries is habitually in arrears. Altogether 2,500 teachers have arrears due them, and it is not surprising that in one place a teacher has taken to selling matches, and his wife and children have gone into domestic service.

According to the late military statistics there are no illiterate persons in Bavaria. Among 2,772 recruits enlisted in the army in the palatinate there were only three individuals who could not read or write. But that district forms no exception to the rule. The general number of recruits from the entire population was 20,584, and among them were only six illiterate persons.

The New York Evangelist says: Do not the methods of teaching in our public schools need to be overhauled? The pupils are crammed with a superficial knowledge of nearly a score of different studies without an ability to write a sentence in the English language correctly. What children need is not to learn so much, but to learn a few things well, and while acquiring such knowledge to learn to think for themselves.

In Sweden philanthropy has seized upon the schools now as the vehicle of teaching the children the cleanliness that is next to godliness. The chief parochial school in Stockholm has introduced winter bathing as a feature, with great caution apparently, lest innovation excite prejudice, for the report says that the children are given a bath every three weeks. Now that the thing is in running order, 100 children can be washed in three hours. The boys took readily to the scheme; the girls for some reason did not. Of forty girls in one class that averaged 13 years of age only sixteen had ever known the luxury of a bath in winter. The teachers report that the effect on the children is beneficial in every way, especially since they have got on terms with the soap, which they at first were shy of.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Real Inventor of the Rain-Producing Process is a Virginian.

Secretary Foster has issued a circular giving notice that no more bonds of the 4 1/2 per cent. loan would be received for continuance at 2 per cent. after September 30. Bonds which have not been continued will be redeemed on presentation.

Secretary Noble has issued an order establishing county lines and county-seats in the Indian country about to be opened for settlement in Oklahoma. He has also directed that cavalry be stationed on each county-seat reservation to warn away intruders.

The Treasury Department has completed the purchase of silver for the current month. No further purchases will be made until October 2. The amount of silver offered for sale was 800,000 ounces, and the amount purchased 400,000, ranging in price from 97 to 97.2 cents. The purchase of silver bullion at the local mints aggregated 351,254 ounces.

Owing to numerous inquiries coming from different parts of the country for fractional silver coin, the United States Treasurer has prepared a circular stating in substance that the new halves and dollars will be furnished in sums of \$200 or more by express, free of charge, or by registered mail in sums or multiples of \$50, registration charges paid to any point in the United States.

In view of the fact that sugars not above 15 D's in color are now exempt from duty, irrespective of the country from which imported, the Treasury Department has authorized the Customs Collector at San Francisco to waive requirements imposed by the regulations compelling importers of sugar from Hawaii to produce properly authenticated invoices, showing such sugar was the produce of that country, when free entry is claimed under the act of October 1, 1890.

The opinion is gaining ground that the postponed libel suit against the Chilean steamer Itata, now set for trial at San Diego, on September 25, will be prosecuted by the government, although a further postponement may be had before the case proceeds. It is impossible to gain any official information upon this point, though Attorney-General Miller did say that he could not tell what the result of the postponement would be; but, so far as he knew, it might result in a trial.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Skeletons of Prehistoric People Found.

SUICIDE MANIA OF AGNOSTICS

Chicago Will Have to Modify the Plans Made for the World's Fair Buildings, Etc.

Minneapolis has no desire to consolidate with St. Paul.

Carloads of diseased Chicago cattle have been seized at Buffalo.

The Grady monument will be unveiled at Atlanta, Ga., October 21.

There is something over 35,000 natives of Switzerland in and around New York.

C. P. Huntington is to complete the Middle and East Tennessee railroad within sixty days.

A company to insure tobacco planters against loss by hail is one of the latest schemes in Connecticut.

The house at Appomattox, Va., in which General Lee surrendered to General Grant has been sold for \$10,000.

Canada has sent but 30,000 sheep to Great Britain during the year just ended, as compared with 45,000 for the year before.

A landlords' association has been formed in Boston for the purpose of mutual protection against objectionable tenants.

The organ in the music room of the residence of the late Mrs. Hopkinson at Great Barrington, Mass., cost \$100,000.

So great is the homeward rush of American tourists that many of them are unable to find passage on returning steamers.

It is said that the smuggling of Chinese into this country has been recently accelerated by the price having risen to \$100 per head.

Cleveland has passed a law reducing the price of gas to 60 cents per 1,000 feet and giving the city an option on the gas works at any time.

Judgments aggregating \$14,026 against Alexander Herrmann, the magician, have just been entered in the County Clerk's office at New York.

The trade and commerce of Charleston, S. C., last year amounted to \$98,554,718, a net increase of \$17,935,091 over the preceding year.

Thomas Delany of Albany, aged 19, thought nothing of smoking five or six packages of cigarettes a day. His funeral took place the other day.

Judgments aggregating \$150,000 have been filed against Adam Backer, the commercial note broker of New York, who assigned August 3 last.

Counsel for Joseph A. Davidson of New York has obtained an attachment against the Mexican National Railway Company upon a claim for \$105,000.

Oklahoma is hardly a year old as a Territory, and yet we are told that the question of admitting it to Statehood will come before Congress this winter.

Chicago Odd Fellows are to erect a thirty-four-story building. The structure from ground to dome will be 500 feet, and it is to be completed by the fall of 1892.

According to statistics gathered by charitable organizations throughout the country there are 2,000,000 people wholly or partly dependent upon charity every year in the United States.

Two thousand men, mostly French Canadians, employed in the saw mills at Ottawa have struck for a reduction of one and a half hours' work per day and an increase of 50 cents in wages per week.

A mound containing skeletons of prehistoric people has been discovered on a farm near Carthage, Ill. The skeletons lay in all conceivable positions, and are supposed to be those of warriors who fell in battle.

Chicago will have to modify the plans made for the World's Fair buildings and grounds or face a serious financial difficulty. The estimated cost of getting the show ready to open is \$18,000,000. This is too much, even though the government should be induced to contribute \$5,000,000 outright.

Congress at its last session authorized the recoinage of the incurrent fractional coin now in the treasury abraded below the limit of tolerance, and made an appropriation of \$150,000 to cover the loss to the coin by the abrasion. This sum, it is estimated, will cover the loss on about \$4,000,000 of coin, and this amount is now being coined into quarter dollars and dimes, for which there is a very great demand. The recoinage into standard silver dollars of the \$5,000,000 trade-dollar bullion, which the last Congress authorized, is also in progress.

Senor Celso Balsar Mareno, a well-known Italian American residing at Washington and acting as an agent in this country of the National party of Hawaii, corresponding to the Chilean Congressionalists, has laid before the President a letter he recently received from a correspondent in Honolulu, asserting England is now planning to take possession of the kingdom. The writer said that some action on the part of the United States is necessary; that the Queen is favorable to British interests and is ready to countenance the move when made. The President was interested by the letter, and asked Senor Mareno to communicate with Secretary Blaine.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Gladstone is Said to Have Great Respect for Royalty.

Queen Victoria puts in her spare time plying the crochet needle.

Jules Simon, the celebrated French economist, detests tobacco, and says that he is an inveterate enemy of alcohol.

James N. Pidcock of White House, N. J., former Congressman from that State and prospective candidate for Governor, expects to market over 10,000 baskets of peaches this year.

The ex-Emperor of Brazil is moping away existence in a melancholy mood at Vichy, where he is being treated for heart disease. He seems to have lost all interest in passing events.

General Maury is the third distinguished Confederate officer to have a desk in the war-records office in Washington. The other two are General Marcus Wright and General George Field.

Prince Bismarck suffers much from his old enemy, neuralgia, and the writing of his memoirs does not progress swiftly. He dislikes the work, and a revival of the past seems to embitter and disturb him.

William B. McCreery, United States Consul at Valparaiso, Chili, is a Michigan man, who served with credit during the civil war. He was one of the few who succeeded in escaping from Libby prison.

Senator Proctor's first step into official life was as a village Selectman. And the Vermont villagers were mighty particular about a man being an undeveloped statesman before they would trust him in such an office.

Susannah Annesley, who married Samuel Wesley and became the mother of the famous John Wesley, was twenty-third child to her father, twenty-fourth to her mother, and she herself gave birth to nineteen children.

Colonel Elliott F. Shepard expresses the opinion that, if Chicago permits the opening of her exhibition on Sundays, some dreadful calamity will be called down upon the city. Can this be a threat that he will go to live there?

Hon. William Walter Phelps, United States Minister to Germany, will prolong his sojourn at Hamburg, where he has been joined by his wife. He is improving in health, and is very happy over the outcome of his fight on the pork question.

Mr. Gladstone has a profound respect for royalty, and never wounds the feelings of the royal family if he can help it. His recent letter denouncing gambling as a formidable and growing evil in Great Britain seems to be capable of a royal application, however.

M. Jacques, who has recently begun a fifty days' fast at the London Aquarium, assumes an air of extreme comfort as he sits in his easy chair. Sometimes he reads for an hour or two, but he is not much disposed to talk. He says that that does up too much vitality.

The Duke of Edinburgh is the very picture of an athlete. Over six feet in height, broad-shouldered, strong-limbed and as active as a cat, it is surprising to find that he takes more pleasure in fiddling than in field sports and is happier in saving a dollar than in having a good time.

Another popular American who will not grow old is Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who, although 79 years of age, still performs the duties of a pastor, contributes articles to papers and magazines, edits a department in a magazine, and does many other things difficult even for younger men.

The Earl of Warwick, father-in-law of Lady Brooke of baccarat-scandal fame, is very ill. He is periodically subject to fainting fits, and is expected to die in one before long. He is over 73 years of age, and has been in feeble health for some time. Lady Brooke has of late kept in the background and shows a disposition to avoid the social glare.

Dr. James Ramsey Speer, who died the other day in Pittsburg at the age of 94, had lived under every President of the United States, and was the cousin of one, Buchanan, while his mother was the grand aunt of another, Benjamin Harrison. As a sensible man, however, Dr. Speer was very content to rest his claims to attention on his local reputation as a physician and surgeon.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

A Kentucky Feud Assumes Proportions That May End in Bloodshed.

An express train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road was held up the other night near Lelaetta, I. T., and robbed of \$2,500.

George Jones, a convicted murderer in a San Francisco prison, is slowly dying from paralysis, and is gradually growing insane.

John and Henry Martin and three unknown women were whipped by whitecaps near Hinsdale, Ind., for petty thieving.

Henry T. Edson, son of the ex-Mayor of New York, has been arrested for obtaining \$5,000 on a draft on a bank in which he had no credit.

The Alleghany Heating Company of Pittsburg claims that Thomas L. Shields, its Secretary and Treasurer, is short over \$100,000 in his accounts.

W. F. Slingloff, ex-Treasurer of the Montgomery Trust Company of Morristown, Pa., has been arrested, charged with embezzling \$180,000 of the bank's funds.

Mrs. Popke, aged 19, living in Seymour, Wis., has been arrested for smothering her infant. Her husband, who buried the child in the woods, was also arrested.

At San Francisco the Coroner's jury in the case of Officer Alexander Grant has rendered a verdict finding the deceased came to his death from a gunshot wound in the head, inflicted by Maurice B. Strolinger, known as Curds, and charging him with the crime of murder.

FOREIGN LANDS.

Theosophy Fad Widely Infects London.

THE JAPANESE CREMATORIES

The Workingmen's Union of Halle, Germany, is Dissolved by the Police.

The Prince of Wales is insured for \$500,000.

There is a newspaper in London which is printed with scented ink.

The total loss to life in Martinique from the recent hurricane was \$40.

Berlin is to have an elevated railroad. Electricity is to be the power used.

The proposed ship canal between the Firth of Forth and the Clyde is revived. An underground cable is being laid to connect important German fortifications.

The Prince of Wales is ambitious to race his new yacht in American waters. Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria has ordered \$1,000,000 worth of cannon from Krupp.

Russian newspapers say the Czar fears no war on account of the Dardanelles incident.

Active supporters of Balnaceda are likely to lose all their property by confiscation.

The theosophy fad is infecting London society widely, and a mission to America is talked of.

The police of the Chilean Junta are still seeking for Balnaceda among the monasteries.

Kiamil Pasha, who was removed from the Turkish Ministry, it is said, will be appointed Governor of Syria.

The Munich papers say William did not receive a very enthusiastic welcome on his visit to the Bavarian capital.

A co-operative home for single women is to be started in Vienna, Austria. Each will have a share in the housekeeping.

M. Ader of Paris after expending more than \$100,000 on a flying machine has produced one in which he flew about 100 yards.

A great outcry is being raised in Finland against the recent introduction of the Russian language into the schools of that country.

Russian merchants want their government to abolish its free ports on the Black river in Asia and remove an element of foreign competition.

Favorable results are shown in the school attendance in England under the free-education act. Manchester had an increased attendance of 2,000.

The principal article of export from Russia into Serbia is coal oil. There are at present 3,000,000 kilograms of kerosene in the port of Odessa ready for export.

Since the Pasteur Institute for the cure of hydrophobia was established in Paris in 1886 there have been 9,439 patients treated, of whom sixty-four have died.

In the province of Orel, Russia, bands of peasants are roving over the highway, attacking the convoys of grain and food, even where the convoys are escorted by soldiers.

Queen Victoria's health is not good, and the physicians regulate her diet more strictly than ever. Visitors find a notable increase in the Queen's aspect in respect to age.

The International Agricultural Congress at The Hague has pronounced in favor of a State indemnity to owners of animals condemned to death for tuberculosis or pleuro-pneumonia.

The stories of destitution among the peasants in Russia, owing to the failure of the crops, are somewhat terrible. In some of the afflicted provinces the people have not eaten bread for days.

Sally, the interesting chimpanzee of the zoological gardens, London, has departed this life. She could count up to seven, had a large acquaintance and had often been interviewed by Darwin.

The Liverpool Elevated Railroad, running along the line of docks, is rapidly nearing completion. Two miles of the road have been built in the past six months, and it is expected the line will be open for traffic next spring. The line, when completed, will be between five and six miles in length.

The natives in East Africa have terribly defeated the Germans. Three hundred blacks under the German commander were killed and a large quantity of guns and munitions of war lost to the enemy. The victorious natives followed up their success without mercy, killing all they got in their power.

A scientific expedition to Spitzbergen, organized by Herr Sanglin of Stuttgart, has just left Bremen. Among those taking part in it are Dr. Zepelin, Prof. Baur and Prince Karl von Urach. The object is to make a thorough study of the geology of Spitzbergen and to examine the fishing grounds of the Northern waters.

The collapse of a swindling banking concern run by one Schulz at Luben, Germany, has caused widespread ruin to the people who had been induced to invest their funds with the institution. Laborers and other poor persons were led by Schulz' specious promises to deposit their scanty savings with him, and the result is that hundreds of families are now mourning the loss of all their possessions.