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OCCIDENTAL NEWS.

Shipments of Oranges From Riverside, Cal.

AN IMMENSE CANAL PROJECT.

Difficulty With the Union Sailors at San Pedro Unsettled—Bogus Chinese Certificates.

An army will probably be built for the Grant's Pass militia this summer.

The discovery has just been made in Oregon that the Chinese peasant feeds on wild cats.

The liquor dealers at Los Angeles propose to fight the high license ordinance to the bitter end.

In the election at Albuquerque, N. M., every Democratic candidate, from top to bottom of the ticket, was elected except one School Director.

The first through stage from Yosemite Valley has reached Wagona. The accumulating snow in the high Sierra guarantees fine waterfalls this summer.

Suit against the Southern Pacific has been instituted at San Bernardino for \$10,000 by the brothers of Samuel Foley, who was run over and killed a few weeks ago.

Riley Hammesley, a prospector in Josephine county, Or., has struck a two-foot quartz ledge on Jump-off Joe creek, sixty pounds of which has produced \$425.

The ranchers in Lower California oppose the free admission of flour into Mexico. The growing of breadstuffs on the peninsula has been instituted on a large scale.

Governor Murphy has exercised the veto power three times during the present term of the Arizona Legislature, and in each case the bill has been passed over his head.

The difficulty with the union sailors at San Pedro is unsettled, owing to the opposition to the execution of warrants by a Justice, who favors the cause of the striking seamen.

Shipments of oranges from Riverside are now being pushed vigorously. Up to date over 900 carloads have been shipped, and it is estimated that 1,000 carloads remain to be sent East.

The Bradstreet mercantile agency reports sixteen failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with ten for the previous week and thirteen for the corresponding week in 1892.

James McIntosh of Coos River, Or., having satisfied himself that he would eventually die of consumption, placed a rifle to his head, touched the trigger with a stick and blew out his brains. He was well off financially.

A telegram has been received by Collector Osborn from the Treasury Department, not only granting permission to the County of Antrim to discharge at Santa Monica, but extending the privilege to all vessels containing bulky goods, under the provisions of Section 29, Act of Congress approved June 26, 1881. The people are much pleased at the fact that they now have an open port.

More bogus Chinese certificates have turned up at Astoria. This time the signature and seal of Judge Cleveland has been forged. A month ago a certificate that had been presented on the Canadian border was sent to Astoria. On examination Mr. Cleveland found that his name and seal had been placed thereon in a rather clumsy manner.

The new black-sand enterprise, by which the iron is to be extracted from the sand, bids fair to become an important business. Works are to be immediately established at Rogue river, says the Port Orford Tribune. Their success means various factories along the beach, and they will furnish employment to a large number of men and make better times.

An immense canal project has been inaugurated in the western part of Inyo county involving the irrigation of a strip of land eighty miles in length, and it is now stated that a railroad is projected to begin at Bishop's creek about twenty miles north of Independence and ten miles from the upper end of the canal. The line will pass through Independence, Lone Pine, Olancha, Rose Springs Valley and Indian Wells Valley. Thence it will bear to the west and end at Mojave, the total length being 140 miles.

The Southern Pacific has decided to at once begin the construction of its line north from Santa Monica to Montalvo, on the branch from Sanguo to Santa Barbara. Thus when the line now being built from the latter place to San Francisco is completed the company will have a through road to the Golden Gate, unimpeded for beauty of scenery, freedom from heat and dust and shorter than the present route by several hours.

A real California lion, measuring between five and six feet, is declared to have taken up his quarters within the domain of some of the residents who comprise the hamlet of Rose Valley. It is stated that he has been encountered by Will Kittle, Captain Griffiths and several others. Since the new visitor has made his appearance outdoor enjoyment after sunset has in general been discontinued throughout the entire valley. A reward of \$50 has been offered for the animal, dead or alive.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

Ten Thousand Chinese Actors Leave Shanghai on Their Way to the World's Fair.

Secretary Smith has directed the removal of twenty-five pension examiners now in the field. It is said the politics of the examiner was not considered, and that the only question taken into account was that of proficiency.

The State Department has been informed that the owners of the concession for building a railroad from the City of Mexico to the Pacific Coast have deposited \$20,000 in bonds with the National Treasury as required under the terms of the concession. The builders of the road are to receive a subsidy of \$12,000 a mile.

As a result of the controversy between Mark W. Harrington, chief of the weather bureau, and J. B. McLaughlin, chief of the executive division of the bureau, Mr. Harrington has demanded of Secretary Morton an immediate and full investigation of the administration of the bureau. McLaughlin was suspended by Harrington for insubordination and recommended to the Secretary for dismissal. McLaughlin responded by filing charges of corruption against Harrington. An investigation by the management of the bureau will be made at once.

The United States has taken vigorous action in regard to the outrages on American citizens at Marsovan in the Turkish dominions and the violations of the mails of the United States legation. Secretary Gresham has cabled to Minister Thompson at Constantinople a strong expression of the President's views on the outrages and demanding not only prompt reparation for the burned seminary, but the punishment of all parties guilty in the matter. The Minister is to act promptly and advise the department by cable. No effort is to be relaxed in securing the legal rights of our citizens in Turkey.

Secretary Carlisle has received from Edwin Walker, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the World's Columbian Exposition, a letter raising certain questions in regard to the sundry civil act, in which is included the appropriation for the World's Fair. He asks especially for the construction of the Congressional action authorizing the coinage of the \$5,000,000 souvenir half-dollars for the benefit of the fair and afterwards passing an act declaring the exposition must furnish security for the payment of \$570,880 appropriated for awards, etc. The directors of the exposition are in doubt as to how to construe these acts. Secretary Carlisle referred the question to the Attorney-General for decision.

United States Consul Seymour at Canton, China, has cabled the State Department that 10,000 Chinese actors, etc., belonging to rival companies, have left Shanghai for the United States to visit the World's Fair, where they will land at Vancouver, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and other places. In accordance with this information Assistant Secretary Spaulding of the Treasury Department has telegraphed the customs officers on the Pacific Coast and Northern frontier to exercise the closest scrutiny that none but bona-fide exhibitors or employes whose services are required by the exhibitors at the World's Fair Exposition be permitted to enter this country. This exemption as to the Chinese exclusion act in favor of exhibitors, etc., was made by Congress to cover just such cases as this.

Chief Justice Fuller has announced the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the Northern Pacific against Charles Walker, County Auditor, et al., from the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The railway company in 1890 began suits against the Auditors of twelve counties in North Dakota for injunctions to restrain them from assessing taxes against certain lands, the title to which vests in the county. The Chief Justice stated the amount involved in any one county was not sufficient to give the Circuit Court jurisdiction, and indeed the records show that the total amount in the twelve counties is not sufficient. The judgment of the Circuit Court was therefore reversed and the cases remanded for further proceedings. No disposal was made, the Chief Justice explained, for the reason that by the time the cases are returned the amount involved may be sufficient, in some one of the counties, to give the court jurisdiction, but it cannot obtain jurisdiction, he said, by combining the amounts of issue in two or a dozen counties.

The Assistant Secretary of State has been directed by Secretary Gresham to examine more thoroughly than has been customary into the personnel of the State Department, with the view, it is understood, of determining the fitness of the employees for the positions held by them. It is reported, and on good authority, that tradition and precedent will not obtain in the State Department during the incumbency of Secretary Gresham, and that there will be less red tape and greater dispatch of business hereafter. Secretary Hoke Smith has already begun to carry into effect his policy of dispensing with the services of all incompetent clerks in his department, or those appointed purely for political reasons. Under the direction of Chief Clerk Wardle, the individual record of the clerical force of the census office is being thoroughly examined, and all the clerks found to be deficient will be dismissed. It is Secretary Smith's belief that the work of the census should be completed by the end of the calendar year without asking an additional appropriation from Congress, but to do this he is convinced there must be not only economy in expenditures, but each employe must do good and efficient work. It is understood, also, the clerical force of the general land office will undergo the process of renovation, after which some attention will be given the pension and other bureaus, with a view of putting them on a strictly business basis.

EASTERN MELANGE.

The Cherokee Strip Will Not be Opened Before July.

THE WRECK OF A GUNBOAT.

Wheat Crop Prospects in Southern Illinois—Grave of General Hancock Unmarked.

The Michigan World's Fair Board will make an exhibition of its newspapers.

The grave of General Winfield Scott Hancock in Norristown, Pa., is yet unmarked.

The building of electric roads in Ohio is said to be "developing the proportions of a craze."

The Colorado Senate has passed the Railroad Commission bill over the Governor's veto.

It will require forty cars to carry Krupp's exhibit for the World's Fair from Baltimore to Chicago.

A great flow of natural gas has been struck at Cherryvale, Kan., and the citizens are expecting a boom.

Secretary of the Interior Smith does not expect the Cherokee Strip to be open to settlement before July 1 next.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst of New York has organized a corps whose business it will be to see that all local laws are obeyed.

The Legislatures of New York, Connecticut and several Western States are making efforts to suppress the pool rooms.

Reports from Southern Illinois announce that the prospects for a good wheat crop this season are most promising.

Lands which were selling two years ago in the Red River Valley, N. D., for \$10 to \$12 an acre now bring double those figures.

The capital of the lumber trust, which seems destined to control the lumber business of this country, is understood to be \$22,000,000.

Jay Gould's children are about to build a church to their father's memory at Roxbury, Delaware county, N. Y., the place where he was born.

Mrs. Jane L. Fowle of Dedham, Mass., has been awarded \$450 by a Boston jury against a dentist who extracted a sound tooth instead of a decayed one.

The new regulations for the government of the navy provide, among other things, that naval officers shall not act as correspondents for newspapers.

The Chicago packing firm, which started thirty years ago in a little butcher-shop with one wagon, increased its capital stock last week to \$15,000,000.

Evidence has been secured of wholesale registration frauds in Chicago. Of 34,500 names added to the list 5,000 and possibly 8,000 are said to be fraudulent.

It is reported from Guthrie, O. T., that hundreds of Texas cattle are being unloaded at Ponca in the Cherokee Strip to graze, and waiting settlers are indignant.

The Massachusetts Senate has—24 to 9—passed a bill providing for the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment establishing biennial elections.

According to the report of the Auditor of Virginia the negroes of that State pay taxes on real estate valued at \$9,425,885 and on personal property valued at \$3,342,990.

The wreck of a gunboat which was sunk during the late war, and which lies in the regular channel near the Cape Fear bar in North Carolina, will soon be removed.

The large petrified snake, claimed to have been unearthed in Colorado some time ago, turns out to be a fossilized palm tree which grew in that State before the climate changed.

The three vessels of the United States and Brazil Steamship Company were sold at auction at New York. The Alliance sold for \$83,000; Virginia, \$81,000, and the Advance, \$94,000.

The petition for the rehearing of the celebrated Chicago lake-front cases was overruled by the Supreme Court of the United States, but a second petition will be filed if opportunity offers.

Philadelphia members of the Sons of the Revolution are about to start a movement against the removal of Liberty Bell and the original Declaration of Independence to the World's Fair.

A brakeman on the Central Railroad of New Jersey has obtained a verdict against the company for \$25,000 for the loss of a leg which was crushed by some cars "cut loose in violation of the rules."

The Wisconsin Legislature has adopted a memorial to Congress asking a submission of an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for the election of the United States Senators by a popular vote.

At West Union, Ia., there was a battle between the farmers and railroad men over the erection of a warehouse. Seven or eight were severely injured, and one will die. The railroad won the point in contention.

According to the Baltimore News the new city directors indicates an increase of population for Baltimore during the past year of 36,000. The gain is attributed largely to the growth of manufacturing interests in the city and suburbs.

Senator Reach of North Dakota, whose record Mr. Hoar wants to have investigated, is accused of embezzling a large amount of money from a national bank in Washington, of which he was an officer nearly if not quite twenty years ago.

PURELY PERSONAL.

The gold medal which the Queen has given to Richard M. Hunt, the architect, is the first of the kind ever received by an American.

Herbert Spencer began his literary career in the columns of the Independent and Nonconformist at the age of 21. He wrote first on the "Proper Sphere of Governments."

The younger Dumas has given up smoking. For the last five years he has confined himself to cigarettes, but even these, he thinks, retard instead of stimulating his mental processes.

M. Munkacsy is at work in his Neully studio on a picture of such dimensions that the canvas has to be raised and lowered by a machine made for that purpose. It is 13 feet high and 45 feet wide.

Prof. Martin Kellogg of the University of California has been granted the honorary degree of LL.D., by the Yale corporation at a special meeting. Prof. Kellogg is a graduate of Yale in the class of 1850.

A visitor to Marshal McMahon says that the Marshal is still a great sportsman. He starts out with gun at 6 in the morning, and walks twelve or fifteen miles a day. His hand is firm and his aim sure.

The Archbishop of York has announced to his archdeacons that he will contribute \$5,000 a year—one-tenth of his gross stipend—to the fund formed to increase the income of the poorest benefices of the diocese.

Governor Northen of Georgia has announced that he will be in the race for senator Colquitt's seat next year. It seems to be taken for granted that Mr. Colquitt will not seek re-election on account of poor health.

Thomas Allen, who served under Wellington in the war with Napoleon and under General Scott in the Mexican war, and who enlisted at the age of 72 for service in the civil war, is still alive at the age of 103 years in Tyler county, W. Va.

Mrs. U. S. Grant will spend the summer at Highlands Falls. A suite of rooms overlooking the Hudson has been engaged for her, and is now receiving a thorough overhauling. The neighborhood of West Point has a strong fascination for the widow of the great soldier.

The Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duchess of Leinster, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Countess Spencer, Lady Carey and the Countess of Shrewsbury are among the ladies who have promised to preside at stalls at the display of the Irish exhibits for the Chicago World's Fair, which is to be held on March 3 and 4 at Mr. Astor's house in Carlton House Terrace.

Sir Andrew Barclay Walker, who died recently at Gateacre near Liverpool, was one of the richest cottoniers in England, and was widely known in connection with the famous art gallery at Liverpool, which bears his name. He was a brewer and public-house owner, became largely interested in mines, and had an income of £250,000 a year. The cost of the Walker art gallery was about £40,800. He gave £20,000 to University College, Liverpool, and tens of thousands in other directions.

EDUCATIONAL BREVITIES.

A \$200,000 building is to be erected for the New York Teachers' College.

The golden rod has been adopted as the flower of the Chicago University.

It is stated that 204 of the 205 colleges in the United States are coeducational.

Of the students graduated at Yale University since 1701, 7,526 are dead and 7,820 living.

The United States have 18,812,706 persons of school age, of whom 13,010,130 are enrolled in school.

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