THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Hon. Lafayette Lane, an ex-congressman of Oregon, died at his residence at Roseburg, Or., November 23.

property in the county to be \$2,274,284; total value of taxable property, \$2,-168.879. Washington county's assessment shows the total value of property to be \$4,827,435; total taxable prop erty, \$4,461,645.

Hon. T. T. Geer, of Marion county, spoken of as the most likely candidate for the honor of carrying the electoral vote of Oregon to Washington and represent the Webfoot state in the electoral college. The sage of Waldc hills polled the largest vote of all the Oregon electors, and has always been unusually popular with his party.

c. tizens to take the precaution of de-positing their money and valuables in a buggyt Concord, Ky. some safe place before venturing into the streets after night. In none of the hold-ups which have occurred have the robbers secured more than a few dollars for their pains.

Mrs. Mary B. Stevens, of Yale, while acting as chaplain of the Daughters of Rebekah, at their annual session in Springfield, Ill., and as she was just beginning a prayer dropped to the floor and died of heart disease.

of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, was wille put together in consecutive most brutally murdered by a comrade formiust before it goes to congress. in Omaha, Neb. The motive was evidently robbery, and the murderer has beedistinguished by neatness and fled from the city, after a most remark-able exhibition of coolness after his ingill be no exception. He is writ-

Edward W. Curry, chairman of the Democratio state committee, died in Des Moines, Ia., of blood poisoning, the result of an initiation into the Elks' lodge a few weeks ago. He was seated in the electric chair and was horrilby burned b fore those operating it realized what they were doing.

Mrs. Foley, a widow, aged 60, and has already decided that religious her unmarried daughter, Fanny, sged neils shall take immediate steps to 40, were found murdered in their home imine the rules of organic law, near Liberty, Mo. It was a cold-blood- sich will doubtless be modified. ed murder for the sole purpose of rob-bery. The robber or robbers first dis-patched the women, then ransacked the Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Toronto, Canhouse. Fifty dollars, all that was so la, foreign secretary of the Presbycured, was taken from the foot of grian church, has received a letter

against his life. The Belgian pollperish from want. seized a parcel of bombs, which were route for Paris, just before the czar v leaving England. On the same ni In the absence of absolute proof matter was dropped.

The Philadelphia & Reading road Company was reorganized Philadelphia. The railroad was under foreclosure on September Under the plan of reorganization will be three companies—the Phil phia & Reading Railway Com', the Philabelphia & Reading Cord Iron Company, and the Readinga-The latter is known as the tional Company, but an applicatias been filed in the court to have tile changed.

George W. G. Ferris Dea Pittsburg, Nov. 25 .- George G. Ferris, who conceived and bthe world-famous Ferris wheel, at Mercy hospital in this city 11 o'clock this morning, of typhever. His illness was brief, and it only Friday that he was taken tchospital. Attending physicians his system was greatly run downver-

Chinese Returning Ho Tacoma, Nov. 25.—Thamer Walla Walla today arrived San Francisco with over 100 Ce passengers, who will sail on tympia for the Orient, leaving Thu. Several dozen Celestials have d from the east to take passage of The exodus of Chinese to theire land is greater this fall than up

A Cashier Specul

Lebanon, Pa., Nov. - The amount of the defalcati Cashier John H. Hoffer, of the National bank, will reach \$100'r more. Sunday, Hoffer sent out General Gobin, director of the pand made a clean breast of the . The directors are able to make the loss, and say the depositors of suffer. Hoffer was a heavy spor in real

One cannot know wman really is by the end of a fort

Officers w. Bandits.

Deputy United States Marshal Mo-Glinchy has had a fight with Black Jack's bandits, at Separ, N. M., kill-From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

World and the Old.

Was banding George Musgrove, alias Davis, who escaped. None of the posse was injured. Back Jack, Frank Anderson, Bill George and another escaped. OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS caped, and the posse is in pursuit.

The fight occurred near the Southern Pacific road. This is the most desperate gang that his ever infested Arizona.

Guns for ticle Sam's Soldiers.

It is reported that partial orders have been placed by the United States government with the Winchester Arms Company, of New Haven, Conn., for 100,000 guns f the Lee pattern. The Baker county's assessment roll has information i given by a commercial been filed, and shows the total value of the company He was told by the officers that the overnment was contracting for the ifies on account of a possible war wh Spain.

Wes Were Crossed.

C. C. Udl, a street car conductor, of Los Anges, Cal., while telephoning to the ceral station was knocked down and astantly killed by an electric shoel The telephone wires and trolley wis of the street railway had become essed.

Struck by a Train.

Al Pohk, a young lawyer, and the Misses Ilu and Lizzie Lind, daugh-The numerous hold-ups which have ters of tiproprietor of the Lind hotel, occurred in Tacoma and Seattle during ters of tiproprietor of the Lind hotel, were insutly killed by a railway train were insutly killed by a railway train

Murder at Salt Lake.

The dy of Edurado Delvecchio was found the suburbs of Salt Lake with two bots holes in the side. No motive isown for the murder.

Burns Midnight Oil.

Prdent Cleveland is burning midnightl in the preparation of his annualiessage to congress. The mes-A late rider in the American soldiers sage being written in sections and All Mr. Cleveland's messages have cle penmanship, and the forthcominvery word of it by hand.

Peace In Armenia.

Constantinople dispatch says Monspre Mahai Ormanian's election as thew Armenian patriarch is an exont sign of peace in the future. An jerial iarde will be issued, approvthe election, and the next day the riarch will enter upon his functions.

bed on which the women had slept. om one of the missionaries in India
hich tells of a terrible tale of distress
A correspondent of the London Pail and suffering because of the failure of Mail at St. Petersburg says he is ablue wheat crop in that country. Peoto confirm the report that consternatique are on the point of starvation; existed while the czar was on his visparents are selling their children for in Egland over the discovery of a Pibread, while some are leaving them to

Mrs. Susie Martin, of San Francisco. the Paris police arrested forty suspe declared innocent of murdering her busband, must stand trial for insanity. Her counsel claims the proceedings are irregular, but Judge Wallace refused to release her, and the case was continued two days, when the jury will pass upon her mental condition.

Li Hung Chang Disgusted.

A Singapore dispatch says it is rumored that Li Hung Chang will return to private life, being disgusted with the treatment he received on his return from his journey around the world. This dispatch also states that the new Japanese-Chinese treaty gives no concessions to foreigners.

Another Bank Fails.

The First National bank of Sioux City, la., has closed its doors. The failure is due to heavy withdrawals. The bank is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and was considered one of the soundest. The amount of liabilities has not yet been mad known.

Insurgents Defeated.

An official dispatch from Manilla sent to Madrid says the insurgents have been defeated in an engagmeent with the Spanish troops fought near Santa Cruz. The enemy lost 500 men killed, the government loss being slight.

The Shortage in Cereals. According to the official report the yield of principal cereals in fifty governments of European Russia and the Caucasus in 1896 is 16,250,000 quarters below the average of the last thirteen years.

A Colliery Horror.

A firedamp explosion occurred in a colliery near Berlin, Germany. Twen ty-five bodies have been recovered. Forty or fifty men are known to be still entombed.

Fatal Boiler Explosion. The boiler of Reno Bros.' sawmill, twenty miles northeast of Sedalia, Mo . exploded, demolishing the mill, killing John Reno and severely scalding

Slavs and Hungarians Fight at Cleveland, O.

TWENTY MEN ARE INJURED

Fuss Began Between Two Men Whose Respective Coteries of Friends Soon Joined in the Melee-One Will Die.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 25.—Almost the entire population of Franklin avenue hill composed largely of Slavs and Hungarians, with the exception of the women and babies, engaged in a fight last night. It was the bloodiest battle of the year around the river front and Columbus-street districts. Fully forty men were from start to finish engaged in the terrible encounter. At least twenty persons were more or less seriously injured.

The following are the only ones whose names could be learned: Sylvester Carter, aged 60, five cuts

in the back and six outs in the head, will probably die. James Carter, 25, four cuts on the head, will recover.

John Sprends, 33, clubbed on the

head, will recover. Joseph Sprends, 19, clubbed on the back and head, not seriously injured.

William Malloy, cut in the back and head repeatedly, may die. The fight started on the street between James Carter and John Sprends over a trivial matter. Carter jostled

Sprends in passing, which led to angry words, and later to the fight. Other men soon came upon the scene, among whom were friends of both combatants, and within a few minutes there was a throng of fighting and cursing men armed with knives and clubs, which were used with bloody effect. When the police arrived many of the participants in the battle had fled, but a number who were unconscious or too badly injured to escape were taken to the police station. The others were removed in ambulances to the hospitals It is said there is a broken head today in nearly every house on the hill.

A COLONIZATION SCHEME

Land Grant to Be Settled on the Co Operative Plan.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 25. - Options have been obtained on 2,000 acres of land in Crawford county, where it is proposed to locate a colony organized on the co-operative plan. Among the leaders of the movement are Chairman Briedenthal, of the Populist state committee; Congressman-elect Ed. R. Ridgley, a fusionist; Chris D. Hoffman, of Enterprise, and ex-State Treasurer W. H. Biddle, all well-known citizens. The main idea is caring for

the thousands of unemployed.
"It is believed," said Mr. Briedenthal, "that a plan of organization embracing both production and distribution, where labor is given employment at the usual wages, and capital is similarly employed, the profits being shared between both, and where labor is given the opportunity to apply payments for a home will, if put in operation, result in a few years in a prosperous, contented and happy community of home owners, employing themselves and owning their own industries, free from debt or other incumberance, it being understood that the plan proposed will embrace the idea of resident members ultimately absorbing the entire capital.

'It is expected that a central company will own the land and conduct all industries and business of the community, but this company would ultimately consist of members of the community only. I believe the plan is feasible, and there is no doubt in my mind that it will be carried out successfully. The plan offers opportunities to a class who have no opportunities elsewhere."

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Its Mother, Who Was Crazed With

Grief, Tried to Kill Bersel . Spokane, Wash., Nov. 25.—Russell Warren, the 2-year-old child of Solomon S. Warren, burned to death this afternoon in the apartments of the Holland block. Mrs. Warren went out for a few minutes, and when she returned she found the child on the floor with his clothing in flames. He had apparently turned on the gas in the gas stove, struck a match and was knocked down by the concussion. He lived about two hours, in great agony. His father was at Lewiston, Idaho, and was summoned home by a telegram. The child's mother got a revolver and attempted to kill herself, but was quickly disarmed. She was crazed with grief, but was somewhat calmer this evening. Solomon Warren is a brother of ex Chief of Police Joel E. Warren, of this city, and of Felix Warren, a well-known driver.

He Left the Jewels.

Cincinnati, Nov. 25 .- A stranger today stole a tray of diamonds from Clemens Oskamp's store on Vine street. Being closely pursued he dodged into an adjoining building, where he left his overcoat and diamonds in a washroom and escaped. The diamonds were worth \$8,000.

"X" RAYS AND THE BLIND.

Edison to Try His Experiment of Millionaire Rouss.

New York, Nov. 25 -- Charles Bradway Rouss is arranging with Mr. Fdi. A Resume of Events in the son for treatment with Roentgen rays in the hope that his sight may be restored. Since the electrician began his experiments in applying "X" rays for the restoration of sight no one has EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH taken more interest in the subject than the millionaire merchant, who, for more than two years, has been practically blind.

"That is a single ray upon which to base my hope," said Mr. Rouss. have tried every oculist and every treatment that promised relief, and offered \$1,000,000 for a cure, but it has all been of no avail. If there is power in this man called the "Wizard" to re-

lieve me I want to know it."

John P. Martin has for some time acted as Rouss' proxy, hoping for a restoration of his own sight, and has submitted to all kinds of treatment, but without favorable results. Now he is to be a subject of the rays. Before Martin becomes the subject of the experiment, Edison wishes to investigate further and solve preliminary problems. When this has been done, a most elaborate and carefully prepared line of treatment will be entered upon with Mr. Martin as patient. Every step and effect will be carefully noted and the result reported to eminent oculists for their professional opinions. Then if the treatment shows any tendency to restore sight or even to retard will be given the same treatment.

THE LOST COLLIER.

Eight of Her Crew Lose Their Lives in the Surf.

Point Arena, Cal., Nov. 25,-The steam collier San Benito, which went aground a few miles north of this place, will be a total wreck. Eight of the vessel's crew have been drowned, and the remaining thirty-five, after suffering terribly from exposure, were taken from the wreck today by boats from the rescuing steamer Weeott. In the terrible fog of Sunday morning, the San Benito crashed ashore in a dangerous locality, and is now resting on the rocks gradually beating to pieces by the combined action of gale and surf. When the steamer grounded two boats were lowered, but they were all drowned. The captain and remainder of the crew stuck to the ship until taken off by the rescuing steamer. So far as known those drowned are:

O. W. Scott, first assistant engineer. C. H. Condon, second assistant en-

M. Prendergast, fireman. John H. Sheridan, messboy. Three seamen, names unknown.

A Fatal Hunting Accident. Oakland, Cal., Nov. 25 .- A distressing hunting accident occurred yesterday on the Newark marshes. Matthew Peterson, son of a well-known contractor of this city, was shot and killed by Albert Kline, a San Francisco commercial traveler, his companion in a duckhunting trip. The shooting occurred late in the afternoon not far from Newark. Peterson and Kline were seated near a blind in a duck pond, awaiting a flight of birds. A flock of ducks started near them, Kline called to his companion to go to the blind, a small platform hidden with tules. As Peterson rose Kline reached for his shotgun. The weapon was muddy, and slipped in his hands. The contents | head. of both barrels were emptied into Peterson's head as the triggers were soci-

dentally pulled. Peterson was conscious almost until he died. He made a statement to the physicians and to the local justice of the peace exonerating his companion. He said the shooting was purely acci-

A Pallbearer Killed.

Double Springs, Ala., Nov. 25 .-John Welton met a horrible death at Shiloh burying-ground near here, while acting as one of the pallbearers at the funeral of Junius Roberts, a farmer. The coffin was lowered into the grave by straps. The strap held by Welton and another man snapped as the coffin was being lowered. ton lost his balance as the strap broke and fell headlong into the grave, which was six feet deep. At the same time the rear end of the coffin which had been held by the broken strap also plunged downward. The falling coffin struck Welton on the head and banged him against the side of the grave, which was of hard soil. Welton was extricated, but died two hours after-

A Football Player Nearly Killed Chicago, Nov. 25 .- During a football game this afternoon, Gavin Wright, 15 years old, was tackled around the neck and thrown to the ground, the other players piling on top of him. The ligaments of Wright's neck were snapped and he received a concussion of the brain. He cannot live twenty-four hours.

Russia Proposes to Partition. London, Nov. 25. - The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says the Grand Duke Nicholas, of Russia, on a recent visit to Vienna, took with him a proposal for the partition of Turkey among the powers and to make Constantinople a free port. Russia to have Asia Minor and England to have Egypt.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Northwest.

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States - Improvement Noted in All Industries-Oregon.

Grant's Pass is to have a custom quartz mill soon. Cattle are being shipped from Pen-

dleton to Kansas City. Having secured the Coos county courthouse the Coqille people are now

talking of a \$40,000 building. It was shown by the recent election that Wallowa county's vote fell short about 100 from what it was in June.

A petition is being circulated for signature in Lebanon, asking the county court to raise the bounty for coyote scalps to \$5.

Work of rebuilding the bridge over the Walla Walla river, south of Milton, will be begun at once, but the bridge will not be ready for travel for two weeks or more.

A Crook county man has just returned from Tennessee, where he went som time since with a carload of horses. He reports having found a ready marthe waste of the optic nerves Mr. Rouss ket for his horses, though the price was low.

The citizens of Ashland have organized "a registration law" club, the purpose being to secure the enactment this winter by the legislature of a law providing for a system of registration of voters.

On the banks of the Willamette slough, near Scappoose landing, there are perhaps more than 5,000 cords of wood which have been placed there by people living in the vicinity of Scappoose. This is the result of one years'

The Indian school at Fort Bidwell now seems an assured fact. The special agent who has been looking after the matter will proceed to open the school in a short time. It will require a corps of seventeen teachers in all.

The woolgrowers of Grant county will meet this week for the purpose of organizing a woolgrowers' association for the mutual protection of all sheepmen, and to consider the proposition of levying a tax to be used for the extermination of coyotes.

Municipal authorities of Silverton Eaton Rapids, Mich., who are desirous by Silverton people. The Eastern com-pany wants enough money to pay vantage, as we should have to go back freight on the machinery, furnish a many years in the record to find a site and put up a buliding. As the East-bound overland was

leaving Latourell one day last week, United States for bread as they are a rock was hurled through the window of an O. R. & N. car, striking Mrs. Harding, wife of Conductor Harding of The Dalles, who was occupying one of the berths. For a time it was thought Mrs. Harding was seriously injured but her injuries proved to be only

A number of mutton sheep have been sold in Ellensburg recently for \$1.75 a

The expenses of conducting the election in Whitman county amounted to \$2,408.52.

Ten thousand bushels of red chaff

and club wheat were sold in Walla Walla last week at 73 cents a bushel. Three immense wagon loads of fruit coming session in the way of helping trees passed through Ellensburg last week en route from Yakima to the ference. Senator Hawley does not be-

Wenatchee country. Governor-elect Rogers has announced publicly that he will not be a candidate for the United States senatorship before the next legislature.

A wood famine is still threatened in Garfield. But very little can be brought in there, and the supply of dry wood in the mountains is said to be practically exhausted.

The other night a large rock, weighing about ten tons, came rolling down a bill might be passed that would stand the hill and landed in Herring's ware- the test of years, subject, of course, to house in Stella, Wahkiakum county. The fall of the rock shook the whole As a result of two days' hunting on

the Columbia, between Pasco and Wal-

geese, two eagles, one coyote, six jack- is taken, the better." rabbits, two cottontails, one sage hen and one muskrat. There is talk of organizing a coyote is proposed to make a circle six or eight miles in diameter, embracing a large part of the country between Garfield

and the mountains to the east, and surround the "varmints." While digging a well on a farm near Walla Walla last week workmen found a knife imbedded in a clay formation, eighteen feet below the surface. The instrument is about ten inches long, and looks as though it had been fashioned out of hoop iron. It is now in the possession of Colonel Sears at the county clerk's office, in Walls WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Co.'s Review of

Portland, Or., Nov. 25. - Wheat traders who base their operations on the prospective rather than the present scarcity of wheat have had their position fortified during the past week by reports of unfavorable seeding in Russia and France, it being too wet in the latter and too dry in Southern Russia for the crop to make good progress. They were also encouraged by reports of damage by locusts in Argentine. Millers took wheat freely in all markets, and operators bought a few cargoes at Chicago and at the seaboard. The millers appear to have the buying craze about as badly as the speculators, but the condition of the flour trade is not such as to make one radically bullish. In the Northwest the millers have sold so much flour for export that foreigners have supplied their wants for the time being, and export sales for the week shows a decided falling off. While it is admitted that there is no big surplus of wheat, and that exports are the heaviest since September, 1893, and we have sent out 67,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour from the United States and Canadian ports since July 1, or 26,000,000 bushels more than last year, and that our exports of flour up to the first of the year will be heavy. there is every possibility of our having enough to eat until another crop is harvested.

A trade paper is credited with the statement that, estimating our total crop this year at 400,000,000 bushels, we have left only about 22,000,000 bushels available for export. That is a trifle less than one-third of the 67,-000,000 bushels already gone from both coasts since the close of last June. We are not informed as to the basis of this estimate, but may remark that, even if the crop were 50,000,000 larger than this, which hardly is a supposable case in view of recent advices, there still would be left little more to go out in the next eight months than has been taken away in the first third part of the orop year. There is little use in turning out exact figures for quantity when so much uncertainty exists in regard to the actual yield, but enough is known to make it reasonably certain that the United States does not contain as much wheat in public and private stores, including those of the farm, as will be wanted for home consumption and export between this and the time of our next harvest, and we think a good many of our people will waken up to a perception of this fact, and of its vast importance long ere the departure of the last cargo which has been bought by shrewd foreigners at 15 to 20 cents are in correspondence with persons at per bushel less than they would have to pay for the article today. It well of coming to Silverton to start a woolen may be said that sharp declines here mill, if a sufficient bonus can be raised are in order, but they will only furnish season when the British people were so completely dependent upon the today.

THE COMING SESSION.

Senators Look for Little Save Rou! ne Legislation.

Washington, Nov. 25. - Members of the senate are coming to Washington each day, and from interviews with each of the arrivals it is apparent that the senators expect little save routine legislation, including the passage of the annual appropriation bills, at the short session of congress.

Senators Cockrell, of Missouri, and Hawley, of Connecticut, both gave expression to thier opinions today, and both likewise agreed in the opinion that nothing need be expected at the along an international bimetallic conlieve the Dingley bill will be enacted into a law, adding:

"The Dingley bill is confemere makeshift, with all the incident to horizontal increase or decrease of duties. If it should be passed as it is, it seems to me it would be the duty of the president to assemble congress as soon as possible after March 4 for a diligent consderation and revision of the whole tariff in a considerate and conservative spirit, to the end that an occasional correction where new inventions and changes in trade may demand it. It is to be remembered, also, that the Dingley bill expires by its own limitation in August, 1898, and lula, a correspondent of the Walla it is impossible to evade the question; Walla Gazette says he killed three therefore, the more speedy action there

An Armenian Scrap.

Lynn, Mass., Nov. 25 .- The timely drive on a large scale in Garfield. It arrival of the police prevented a riot at an Armenian meeting last night The meeting was an attempt to amalgamate two branches of the Hechagist Revolutionary Society, an Armenian organization, to which nearly every one of the 800 Armenians in this city belong. Soon it was evident there was a strong sentiment against the movement and one of the speakers was interrupted. He resented this and aroused the ire of some in the audience. Some person in the gallery hurled a chair, which precipitated a free fight on the floor, in which knives were drawn, but the police rushed in and cleared the hall.