CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the New and the Old World In a Condensed and Comprehensive Form

The lumbering town of Austin, Pa., was nearly wiped off the map by fire. Only five dwellings remain. Fully 500 persons are homeless.

The Hotel Lafayette, at Minnetonka, Minn., the largest summer resort in the West, was totally destroyed by fire. It was owned by the Great Northern railway.

For the month of September, the attendance at the Nashville exposition was 253,724, and the total attendance since the opening up October 1 amounted to 1,196,685.

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A \$2,000,000 power plant is to be established near Butte, Mont. While the plant will furnsh electricity for Butte and power for general purposes, it is being built chiefly to supply power to several large copper mines, which are located near Butte.

Five hundred thousand acres of fine land along the Big Piney, Lebarge, Fontanelle creeks and Green river, which have recently been surveyed, will be thrown open to settlement under the United States land laws after November 1, when plats of the land will be filed in the local land office. The lands comprise eight townships, all in Uintah county, Wyoming.

A vessel carrying supplies of medicine, clothing, arms and ammunition for the Cuban army has left Montreal for Cuba. The scheme was not authorized by the Cuban junta in New York. but was undertaken on behalf of two gentlemen, one a Canadian, who decided on running an expedition to the coast of Cuba, and, if successful, identifying themselves with the cause.

Neal Dow, the great temperance at vocate, died at his home in Portland, Me. It was through his efforts that in 1884 an amendment to the constitution of Maine was adopted by a popular vote of nearly three to one, in which it was able laws for the enforcement of the prohibition.

The topic of the day in Paris has been the refusal of M. Lozo, French ambasador at Vienna, to accept the appointment tendered him as governor Algeria, on the ground that he does not desire to leave his aged parents. He declares that he will remain in Vienna, but the Marquis d'Reversau has already been appointed to replace him, and the cabinet has decided that this appointment must stand. M. Lozo, therefore, will have to make an ignominious retreat.

The Orange-Judd Farmer, in its final estimate of the year's crop, says that figures, based on actual threshing returns, indicate a total yield of 589, 000,000 bushels of wheat, of which 878,000,000 bushels in winter, and 215,470,000 bushels in spring wheat, The report says the corn crop is exceedingly disappointing, and an outside estimate is 1,750,000,000 bushels. Drought during the past two months reduced the average condition from 82.3 a month ago to 78.9 on October 1. An average oats yield of 28.7 bushels per acre suggests a crop of 814,000,000 bushels, 100,000,000 more than last

Three persons were killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks near Chester, Pa., by a passenger train crashing into a wagon.

The Daily Mail laughs at the report of the Canadian expedition in Hudson's bay hoisting the Birtish flag over Baffin's Land, to get ahead of the Americans, and declares that the terriory has long been a British possession.

The first of the sealing fleet to return to Victoria was the Casco. She brought 1,064 skins, taken off the Japanese coast and Copper islands. She reports that the Calotta, with 1,400 skins, and the Director, with 1,000 skins, are close behind her.

Five men met a horrible death from black damp, the after accumulation of operated for a long time. a fire in the Jermyn mine near Rendham, Pa. The bodies were discovered by a gang of men who went down into the mine with supplies for combating the fire. Noobdy knew of their deaths until the discovery of the lifeless bodies.

During the past month nearly \$5,-000,000 worth of grain has left the Pacific ports for Europe. Besides this, 28 lumber vesses have sailed for foriegn ports with carge a valued at over \$200,-000. As the month of August nearly equaled September, the export of grain and flour alone for the two months would easily run into the ten-million were drowned today while about their

DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT.

Turning Point in the Guatemala War at Hand.

New York, Oct. 6 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Guatemala says:

The government is still mobilizing its forces at Tolonicapan, and is preparing to make an attack on the rebels, who have taken a position on the TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES heights of Coxon, near Tolonicapan. It is believed that there will be a big battle there which will mark the turning point of the war.

The rebels, safely placed in the hills. opened fire on the city at an early hour on the morning of September 29. The fire proved ineffective, owing to the great distance. The government forces did not return the fire.

Dictator Barrios has issued a decree granting amnesty to rebels who will lay down their arms inside of ten days.

A dispatch to the Herald from Rio de Janeiro says: The French minister has demanded an immediate settlement partly damaged and 14,043 houses subof the Amapa question and an explanation of Brazil's delay in the matter. It is asserted that the French minister has received practically an ultimatum from his government for presentation to Brazil, but has not thus far presented it because of his belief that the question would be speedily settled. France is now, however, to occupy the disputed territory.

The French cruiser Debordie has arrived here to look out for French in-

A dispatch from Lima says the committee of deputies which was recently appointed to agree upon a plan to settle the affairs of the Peruvian Corporation have not been able to reach an agreement. Several members of the committee advocate a plan to authorize the government by special act of congress to negotiate with the corporation's creditors on a basis decided upon by congress. Other members want the committee to have full authority to make any terms with the creditors and the corporation, and have authority to alter the terms of the cancellation of the foreign debt, which debt the corporation assumed.

A dispatch from Valparaiso says it is of German bankers has offered to the Chilean government a loan of \$1,000,-000,000 in gold at 2 per cent and 2 per cent amortization for the completion of public works and railways.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

Columbus, O., Oct. 6.-A special from Piqua to the Dispatch says: A nor of the center of Luzon. It is re-Panhandle passenger train was wrecked ported that when the municipal officers two and a half miles east of this city of the towns went to offer their homage this morning. The train was coming he ordered his troops to shoot them down grade at the rate of 40 miles an down, and pone escaped. The delegahour, and in crossing the frog of a tions in the rear fled and joined the declared that the manufacture, sale and switch at Jordan left the track. For rebels. manding the legislature to enact suit- tender went in the opposite direction executions of prominent citizens. while the baggage car was thrown acrossthe track. Two day coaches were crushed together. Eli Carroll, the engineer, was hurled 50 feet and fell on a portion of his cab. Fireman John Baird was pitched 75 feet over into a field. The engineer sustained a terrible scalp wound, remaining unconscious for some time. The fireman was hurt internally. C. S. McCowan; a ruler. the baggage-master, was bruised by being pinned in by the trucks.

A Trainfond of Gold.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 6 .- A novel scheme for handling the gold output of the Cripple Creek mines will be put into use by the operators of that district. The plan is to set aside the output for one month, take the bullion therefrom and ship it to the United States mint in Philadelphia in a single consignment. A special train will be secured for the purpose of transporting it, the bullion will be placed in charge of some express company which can guarantee its safety, and all necessary precautions will be taken to prevent accident while the consignment is in transit.

As the present output of Cripple Creek is about \$1,000,000 per month, this will be one of the largest shipments of gold bullion that ever crossed the continent.

Fight With Cattle Thieves.

Baker City, Or., Oct. 6.-Sheriff Kilburn and posse had a hot fight last night at 9 o'clock with two cattle thieves on Lower Powder river. Forty shots were exchanged. Fred Hull was shot through the arm, but escaped to this city. Earl Wheeler was not cap-tured. Hull called a doctor to his lodging-house and was caught there to-

The thieves had 80 cattle, which they were driivng to Idaho across Snake river, expecting to exchange them and bring back strange cattle to the butcher. The gang is suspected of having

Fatal Prairie Fire.

Miller, S. D., Oct. 6.-Persons from 20 miles north state that as a result of the big prairie fire, one man has died and others may die. Seven or eight were badly burned, one family named Preston all being in a dangerous condition. Hundreds of tons of hay and grain were destroyed. The fire was caused by men making a fire break.

Four Fishermen Drowned.

New York, Oct. 6 .- Four pound fishermen of North Long Branch, N.J., work, about 100 yards off shore.

Thousands of Houses Demolished, Many People Killed.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES

General Revolt in Pampanga Province, Owing to the Excessive Cruelty of

Tacoma, Oct. 5 .- The steamship Victoria, wihch arrived here today, brings news of a severe storm that prevailed over Japan last month, and at sea taking the form of a typhoon. The principal damage, so far as noted in late papers, was at Tokio, where 376 houses were totally demolished, 7,728 merged. In Shidyuoka, there were 1,060 houses demolished, and 4,000 rendered practically worthless. In this district, 38 persons were killed and 42 injured. In the Gifu province, bridges were washed away, the rice crop injured and other damage done. In the Saitam a prefecture, an embankment broke and 15 villages were flooded. Yejiri is practically in ruins. In Koishikawa, 1,500 houses were submerged, and in Ushigome 185 collapsed. Hardly a house in the concession escaped damage. The Presbyterian mission and Baptist schools suffered the worst. At Toyama, 170 houses were flooded. The telegraph wires were prostrated and, up to the sailing of the Victoria, it had been impossible to learn the extent of the damage in the outlying districts.

Late Manila advices by steamer Victoria report fighting still going on in the Philippines. A party of liberators attacked a convent at Paombong, which was guarded by a detachment of Spanish, and, after a bot fight, captured the place, leaving 20 Spaniards dead on the

At San Rafael a party of rebels; under General Natividad, met a regiment of Spanish, and a desperate battle enstated there that a powerful syndicate sued which lasted several hours, until the royalists were obliged to flee, throwing away their arms to save their lives. The Spanish loss was 400 dead and wounded.

In the Pampanga province there is a general revolt of the towns, owing to the cruelties of Colonel Seralde, who was recently promoted and made gover-

keeping for sale of intoxicating bever-ages was forever forbidden, and com-ties and then went into the ditch. The Camarines has risen on account of the

Colonel Denby, minister for the United States to China, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering.

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all sorts of banquets and junketing because an eclipse will occur on January 22, 1898. An eclipse of the sun is said by the Chinese to be a proof of the wrath of heaven at the lack of virtue in

Owing to the recent advance in the price of grain at Shanghai, the Yorodzu correspondent reports the Chinese authorities have prohibited all export of any cereals abroad.

A Nichi Nichi correspondent says that Mr. Speyer is trying to further the spread of Roman Catholicism in Corea, and to cause the expulsion from the country of American Protestant missionaries. The rice crops in Toyama prefecture

have been so much damaged by the insect pest as to be one-half below the average.

It is reported that 5,000 Chinese have started a riot at Swatow, China, opposing the founding of a Christian church there. Braves to the number of 1,000 have been dispatched from

Canton to pacify matters. Mount Kirishima is reported to be sending forth roaring sounds, but up to the present no real eruption has oc-

Japan will enter the international copyright alliance.

It is stated that the government has determined to rescind its recently made regulations for the payment of a bounty to native exporters of silk.

Sufferers from dysentery throughout Japan numbered 50,121 up to September 14. In Tokio 22 per cent of the cases have proved fatal.

Colonel John F. Gowey, the new United States consul-general, has received his exequatur and assumed office. The government has included the expense of new legations to be opened at

Brussels, Madrid and Constantinople

in the next year's budget. Mr. Fuller, director of the sea products bureau, and Professor Midsukeri will be ordered to Washington shortly to represent the government in the fishery conference.

The Chinese colonial department has been abolished by imperial ordin-

A census shows there are 10,855 foreign residents in the treaty ports of China. There was also an increase of 63 business houses.

St. Louis, Oct. 5.-Mrs. Lena Ripley Waters, a bride of three months, committed suicide today by hanging herself at the home of her sister.

SUNK OFF THE RIVER.

Schooner Orion Cut Down by the Ship

Astoria, Oct. 6 .- Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon, just as she was A Resume of Events in the completing one of the fastest trans-Pacific sailing trips on record, the big four-masted German ship Peru crashed into the little coasting schooner Orion, cutting her in two, and sending her to the bottom immeidately.

When the little vessel was struck by the big steel ship, the captain was thrown across the deck, badly bruised, and every one of his four men were knocked about and more or less seriously injured. They succeeded in grasping ropes of the German bark, and climbed aboard, and thus made their escape. Captain Nelson was loath to say who he thought was to blame for the collision. He avers that his schooner was on her course for Shoalwater bay. The weather was perfectly clear and the sea smooth The accident occurred north of the lightship, some 12 or 15 miles off the mouth of the river.

The tug Relief was towing the German bark, and the captain declined to make a statement. The captain of the schooner laid his case before the British vice-consul here tonight, and the matter will be thoroughly inevstigated. The shipwrecked crew are now at a hotel in Astoria, without a cent of money or clothes other than what was on their backs at the time of the colli-

The Orion was en route from San Francisco for Willappa harbor in ballast, and at the time of the accident was on the starboard tack, steering by the wind. While the reticence of the men in charge of the vessel makes it difficult to get at the exact cause of the disaster, it is apparent from what little information they volunteer that there was a miscalculation as to the speed of the vessels, which prevented their having sea room until it was too late to avoid a collision.

The Peru being a heavy steel ship could not be much damaged by the encounter with the smaller wooden vessel, but she came out of the collision missing. The Peru was on her way to Portland. The Orion was a small 1,740. three-masted schooner, of 117 tons reg-

The Peru is a steel ship of 2,093 tons net register, 275 feet long, 39.5 feet beam, 23.9 feet hold.

New Yukon Railroads.

New York, Oct. 4.- A dispatch from Montreal says: Application will be made to the Dominion parliament next session for a bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway from a point Lynn canal, to the rapids on the Yukon river, following as closely as practicable Dalton's trail, with power to construct and operate branch lines, bridges, wharves, telegraph and telephone lines, steamboats and other craft on the lakes and tributaries of the Yukon river. The promoters are a syndicate of wealthy men.

Latest reports received at Ottawa of the progress of the Crow's Nest pass railway construction are to the effect that work on the first 100 miles is very far advanced, and that there is no question but the company will be able to realize its purpose of completing this section before the close of the present

Six People Killed.

Willow Springs, Mo., Oct. 6 .- A prairie schooner containing seven persons was run down in Dead Man's cut today by a train on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road. Six per sons were instantly killed and seventh fatally injured. Those killed were: Philip L. Wooten, Philip Wooten, jr., Amanda Wooten, Dora Wooten, Mrs. Frances Malbrey and infant child 4 months old. Philip Wooten's wife is so badly hurt that she cannot live. The train was stopped and the remains of the dead and injured were brought here. Conducter Hallaway says the proper signals for crossings were given. but were not heard. The persons killed live in Texas county, Mo., and were on their way to Arkansas to pick cotton.

Segasta's Ultimatum.

London, Oct. 6.—A special dispatch from Madrid, published here this afternoon, gives the substance of an interview between a newspaper correspondent and an un-named member of the new Spanish cabinet. The latter is quoted as saying that Senor Sagasta will carry out the Cuban reforms proposed by Martinez de Campos 10 years ago, but would not consent to a customs union between the United States and Cuba, and if the former was not satisfied, Spain was prepared to fight, as the Spanish navy is regarded equal in strength to the navy of the United

Seals Are Plentiful.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 6.-Captain Cox, of the sealing schooner Triumph, which has returned from Behring sea with 1,159 skins, says skins are plentiful in the sea; there is as many there this season as there ever were. But for some cause or other they are very rest-In the Triumph's catch were four or five skins from which the hair had been burned off the back. They were not branded, but there is an iron mark from which the fur was burned,

seemingly by electricity.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States-Improvement Noted in All Industries-Oregon. A 48-pound salmon was landed by a Marshfield troller.

A Yamhill county man picked 339 pounds of hops in one day.

Over 900 acres of flax were cultivated in Lynn county this year.

Seuferts' cannery, at The Dalles, is putting up 1,000 cases of salmon a day. Soutwhest Oregon Reporter is the name of a new paper at Langlois, Curry county.

An Oregon grizzly bear weighing 800 pounds was killed on Gate creek, in Lane county.

A farm near Pendleton, which was sold four months ago for \$5,000, was last week resold for \$8,360.

A young man named James Neal, a sheepherder, accidentally shot and killed himself near Long Creek.

production. The completed assessment roll of

Clatsop county for 1897 show a total valuation of \$3,098,740, as against \$4,-012,505 last year. Notices have been posted on the can-

nery at Marshfield notifying fishermen that the prices of salmon had been reduced to 25 and 10 cents.

A Lane county fruit grower has canned seven carloads of pie fruit at his farm, placing it in from one to five-gailon cans, principally the former.

Another shipment of Wallowa county beef cattle was made from Elgin last with her jibboon and bowsprit cap week, consisting of 450 big steers. One of the animals tipped the beam at

> The Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company is surveying a route for a telephone line from Monroe to some point on the main line between Harrisburg

> Mr. N. Humphrey, of Lane county, has up to the present time dried 60,000 pounds of prunes from his own orchard and expects his entire crop to amount to about 107,000 pounds.

A contract has been awarded to build croachments of the waters of Tule lake have made the construction of this the Columbia Southern. levee necessary.

A colony of immigrants, 22 in number, have just come out from Nebraska with the intention of locating in this country. They shipped all their goods out, including a number of mules. They are now looking around Gilliam

The body of the tramp who was killed by a train at Huron, was buried by the coroner. It was not identified. that was found on the body was a plated spoon and four or five pounds of potatoes in a sack. The coroner describes the young man as being about 20 years old, five feet seven inches in height, having dark brown hair, blue eyes and

as never having been shaved. The Salem fruit dryers are taking care of no less than 1,750 bushels of prunes per day, or 105,000 pounds every 24 hours. This gives a direct output of \$5,000 pounds daily, and the company expects to handle 750,000 pounds of green prunes this season. Just as soon as the prune crop is saved the dryers will start on apples and all that are offered will be bought. This year 6-year-old prune orchards are making returns to the owners ranging all the way from \$600 to \$1,000 per acre

Washington.

The city council of Spokane has fixed the tax levy for that city at 13% mills. The shingle mill at Machias was de-

stroyed by fire; also 1,500,000 shingles. A 350-pound bear was killed a few miles above Dudley, in Walla Walla

A band of 4,000 sheep was recently purchased at North Yakima for shipment to Chicago.

Wm. Orr, of Walla Walla, was almost instantly killed by the breaking of an electric light pole. There is a regular stampede of gold-

seekers to the new discoveries in the vicinity of Mt. Baker. The Bank of Garfield, having gone into voluntary l'quidation, will close

its doors January 1, 1898. A boy named William Hutton, who accidentally shot his arm off recently,

died in Bucoda of heart failure. A new public library has been opened at Walla Walla. The directors pur-

chased \$400 worth of new books. Since January 1, 274 articles of incorporation, representing a total capital stock of \$258,691,600, have been filed

Farmers' institutes have recently been held at different points in Western Washington, conducted by officials of the state agricultural college.

A BROKEN JOURNAL.

Caused a Serious Accident on the Denver & Rio Grande.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 5 .- One person killed outright, one so badly injured that he died soon after the accident, another severely injured, and many slighlty hurt, is the result of a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande, at Colopaxi, seven miles west of Pueblo, at 2 o'clock this morning, caused by the breaking of a journal on one of the coaches. The train, the first section narrow-gauge, from over Marshall pass, was slowing down to take the siding at Colopaxi. While running at 10 miles an hour, a journal on the rear trucks of the first day coach broke. The car pitched over on its side and dragged with it all the cars behind, another coach, two sleepers and the company's paycar. Three tourist cars, the baggage-car and the engine, all ahead of

the first coach, remained on the track. The cars were all crowded with excursionists bound to the Festival of Mountain and Plain at Denver, There was little excitement and not much wreckage, as the train was running

very slowly.

Mrs. McIntyre was in a lower berth in the forward sleeper, and was found after the wreck lying dead on the ground near her berth window. She was badly crushed.

Mr. Seyler was standing on the platform between the two coaches when A peach weighing one and a half the wreck occurred. He was badly pounds, and measuring 13 1/2 inches in crushed. He was conscious and dictat-circumference, is a Douglass county ed several telegrams to relatives.

Of the injured, Mrs. Robinson alone is seriously hurt, and her death is feared. She is at the railroad hospital at Salida. The list of those hurt is complete

from her case to those who received only a scratch. Immediately after the accident a relief train was sent out from Salida. and all were promptly given attention. Railroad officials have been overwhelmed with inquiries all day, and have freely given all the information at their disposal. Wrecking crews were sent

at 5 a. m.

from Pueblo, and the track was clear

New Railroad Line. Biggs, Or., Oct. 5 .- The Columbia Southern Railway Company ran its first train over the road tonight, connecting with train No. 4 on the O. R. & N. At precisely 8 p. m., Engineer Spear pulled the throttle, and engine No. 1 moved out of Biggs up a heavy grade. The run was made to Wasco in one

hour. D. C. O'Reilly, the general manager, stated that at least three months' business awaited shipment. Two hundred thousand sacks of wheat are stored at a levee across Lost river slough, in the Wasco terminus, and the farmers near the head of Chilkoot inlet, on the Klamath county, for \$2,490. The en- of Sherman county will haul the bulk of their grain to Wasco and ship it by

> It is proposed to extend this road to Prineville, and eventually build on through to Southern Oregon. This will reclaim from the wilderness a vast area of country, and relegate to the past the stage coach which has heretofore been the only means of transportation. E. E. Lytle is president, D. C. O'Reilly is general manager, and Miss May Enright is secretary of the Columbia Southern. They have their own passenger-car and engine equipment, but interchange with the O. R. & N., using the cars of that company for freight

transportation. Strychnine in the Coffee.

Schuyler, Neb., Oct. 5 .- A physician summoned hastily to the home of Frank Davis, nine miles northwest of here this morning, found four of the seven Davis children and the mother dead, a fifth child in a dying condition and a sixth victim ill. Strychnine had been put in the coffee, apparently by the mother, but for what cause is not known.

Mr. Davis and his eldest son left home before breakfast. When the meal was prepared, the rest sat down, and early in its course, the mother made such a remark as: "Eat a good breakfast, and we'll all go together." One of the sons, frightened at the remark, did not partake of the meal.

Burned to Death.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 5. - A special to the Union from East Longmeadow says that Mrs. George Brownlee and her two sons, Thomas, aged 21, and James, aged 19, were burned to death in their home early this morning, and the house destroyed. The family had all escaped. Mrs. Brownlee, losing her head, rushed back into the house, thinking her sons had not come out. Thomas rushed after her to save her, and James after Thomas. The mother and elder son were overcome, while James got out, but was burned so severely that he died this afternoon. Mr. Brownlee himself was badly burned on the hands and face.

The Pistol Discharged.

Visalia, Cal., Oct. 5 .- Those who find diversion in playfully pointing a pistol at a friend from alleged sense of humor had another object lesson here this afternoon in the killing of Austin Orr, 12 years old, by his half-brother, Clarence Crow, aged 20. Crow had loaded his pistol only a few minutes earlier, and had laughingly pointed the weapon at his brother. The pistol was unintentionally discharged, the bullet entering near the left eye, killing the boy instantly.