

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Interest in the Growing Western States.

Cremery for Sheridan, Or., for the purpose of discussing the creamery question, H. E. Loundsbury, of the Southern Pacific, and Dr. Withycombe, of the state agriculture college, made addresses.

Washington State Militia. There is a movement on foot to hold the militia state encampment at Tacoma in July.

Sawmill at Deer Creek. A sawmill of 40,000 feet capacity daily is soon to be in running order on Deer creek, one half mile above Britton station.

Putting in a Ballast. The Northern Pacific is still working a large force of men on the roadbed between Vollmer and Clearwater, Ida., and putting in a ballast of a most permanent nature.

Asked to Fledge Acreage. At Newberg, Or., blank contracts furnished by the Willamette Beet Sugar Company have been received and the canvass among the farmers for securing acreage will begin at once.

Small Strike at the Paper Mills. Eleven boys employed as cutters in the Willamette Pulp & Paper Mills, at Oregon City, Or., walked into the company's office and asked for an increase of wages from 75 cents to \$1 per day.

The quarantine that had been placed on the Indian settlement at the mouth of Cayote gulch, near Lewiston, Idaho, some weeks ago, has been raised.

New posts are being set in the telephone line between Vale and Ontario, Or.

The Toledo, Or., creamery is now receiving about 1,000 pounds of milk daily, and will shortly have nearly all it can use.

J. T. Moylan, representing an eastern syndicate, was in Kalama, Wash., closing a deal for purchase of timber lands on the Coveeman river.

A gilt-watch fag has been working the people of Elgin, Or.

Ripe wild strawberries were picked near McMinnville, Or., April 28.

An expert is examining the coal prospects on Birch creek, 20 miles south of Pendleton, Or.

Ellensburg's, Wash., municipal electric lighting plant is about to be improved at a cost of a little more than \$3,000.

New Whatcom has \$73.80 on hand to entertain President McKimley when he shall visit the coast and that town the coming summer.

Preparations are making for a big season at the watering places of Westport and Cohasset, Gray's Harbor. Now seashore attractions and excursion rates are advertised.

The Walla Walla creamery is using 10,000 pounds of milk per day, and will soon have a branch running at Freewater. One-half of the milk now consumed comes from Umatilla county, Oregon.

George Mapes is gathering his cattle near Plush, Lake county, Or., to take them south. He will take about 1,200 head. He has wagons arranged like hayracks upon which to haul the calves that are not able to make the trip on foot.

K. Elliott, of Lebanon, Or., has sold 200 head of Crook county horses to R. W. Nichols. Mr. Nichols will first take a drove of them to California and sell them, and will then take a lot to Portland.

A new rule has just been adopted by the Spokane police department by which any Indian found in the city who has not a pass from the Indian agent or is not on some special business will be promptly arrested as a vagrant and sent back to the reservation.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Further subsidence of Demand and Prices.

Bradstreet says: A further subsidence of demand and leveling of prices is noted in several lines this week, this leveling being no doubt aided by the unsettling effect of the rather more than usually disturbed considerations in labor circles.

Business at wholesale is relatively quieter, which is not unusual at this period, but more than ordinarily marked attention is being concentrated upon retail demand, which is, of course, relied upon as a measure of progress of actual consumption.

Touching this public demand, it may be stated that relatively best reports come from the Pacific coast and from the Northwest.

Flour shipments this week are very large. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4,537,022 bushels, against 3,563,863 bushels last week.

For the week failures number 153 in the United States, as compared with 182 last week.

Failures for April in the Dominion were fewer than in April a year ago, but liabilities were nearly 15 per cent heavier.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, \$9. Lettuce, hot house, 40@45c doz. Potatoes, \$16@17; \$17@18. Beets, per sack, 50@60c.

Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$11.00@12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15.00@19.00. Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 52@53c; Valley, 53c; Bluestem, 56c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.00; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.10 per barrel.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c; seconds, 45c; dairy, 25@30c; store, 22 1/2@25c. Eggs—16c per dozen.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@13c. Hops—1899 crop, 11@18c per pound.

WALK TO NORTH POLE

DARING PLAN OF TWO VETERAN KLONDIKERS.

They Will Attempt to Take a Stroll to the Northernmost Point on Earth, Unhindered by any Heavy Load of Equipment or Provisions.

A plan unique in some respects for reaching that coveted place on the globe—the north pole—was outlined in the Chicago Daily News recently on the proposed expedition northward by two veteran Klondikers—Mark Rumsey and Harold Sorenson.

Discarding the elaborate plans and preparations of previous explorers of northern latitudes, Rumsey and Sorenson will make the entire journey northward overland—or rather, overland as far as possible and elsewhere over ice.

This, as will be seen, is a plan somewhat similar to that of Lieut. Peary's, but, unlike his, involves no expensive ship outfit and discards some of the regulation supplies for northern explorers.

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CURIOUS CASE

Resulting from the Taxation of Honey Bees by the Turks.

There is a curious illustration of the capacity of Turkish officials in a report sent to the State Department by Consul Merrill at Jerusalem. Palestine was once considered a land flowing with milk and honey.

The matter had to be carried to court, and was not settled till after two years of litigation, when the Baldenspers were found in debt to the government to the amount of about \$500.

EVERYBODY KNEW MR. SMITH.

Merchant's Experience in Visiting a Rival Store.

Mr. Smith is one of the managers of a big department store down town. The other day his wife came by for him to go to luncheon.

THE WOMAN AND THE STREET CAR.

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Denver, Col., bricklayers have practically gained their demand for a scale and the eight-hour day.

Maine will cut more lumber this year than she has done in any year since 1889. The total will be 555,000,000 feet.

Indiana as a glass producer ranked first in the window-glass line, having passed Pennsylvania during the year.

An American superintendent of the work, now being constructed at Liverpool, England, requests that a force of American workers be sent to him, they are much superior in skill and docility to the force of Britishers he now under him.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Youngstown, Ohio, advanced the price of pig iron to \$6 a ton, the high wages paid since the panic of 1893.

This makes an advance of 50 per cent since July 1, 1899. The pay of 150 men is increased by this action.

Not content with seizing the Russian market, Americans are going to business in China which the former is seeking.

The steam railroad running between Pekin and Tientsin in China is doing a rushing business. It has four passenger trains each way every day, making the trip eighty miles. Its profits in 1900 were \$40,000, or in American money \$1,176,000.

The official report concerning the fair of labor in New York State for the last three months of 1899 disclosed a larger percentage of unemployment than in the three preceding quarters, but a less percentage than in the quarters of 1897 and 1898.

Advice received from London, England, reports that a movement is on foot to form a tremendous central union of the workmen of Great Britain and the United States.

The movement has been planned by the leader of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Great Britain, who think the time ripe for the formation of an organization whose membership would reach into the millions.

Liability of ship owners for injury to a stevedore at work upon the vessel by the fall of a keg negligently left by the servants of the ship owners near open hatch in such a manner as to likely to fall into the hatch and injure persons working below, is sustained in Joseph B. Thomas (C. C. App. 9 C.), 46 L. R. A. 58.

Criminal responsibility for a conspiracy to cheat by materializing seances of a professed medium is held in people vs. Gilman (Mich.), 46 L. R. A. 218, to be punishable, notwithstanding the contention that no crime was committed because it was an obvious humbug that in the nature of things could not deceive any rational person.

Provision in a trust that in case the death or divorce of the wife of the beneficiary before its termination, the whole property shall vest in him, but in case she dies while yet married the property shall vest in a third person, is held in Cowley vs. Twombly (Mass.), 46 L. R. A. 164, to be sustainable against claim that it violates public policy furnishing an inducement to secure divorce or cause the death of the wife.

Right to make appropriations of water of a stream for different periods of time by different persons is sustained in Cache La Poudre Reservoir Company vs. Water Supply and Storage Company (Col.), 46 L. R. A. 11, which also holds that water appropriated for a mill and discharged again into the stream becomes subject to other appropriation. With this case a note on the subject of the period of appropriation of water.

How to Stop Elopements. Writing on "The Ease with Which We Marry," in the Ladies' Home Journal, Edward Bok favors the re-establishment of the custom of publishing the bans—making such publication obligatory. "This precaution which forbears had of giving thirty days public notice of an intention of marriage, proclaimed from the pulpit and posted at the public hall," he believes "was born of wisdom and rested on sound foundation. The pity is that it ever got away from it. I do not see that a return to this old custom of proclamation of marriages would be the panacea for all marital evils."

It absolutely would do away with the runaway marriages, sentimental elopements and the life contracts of a single moonlight night, from which results so much unhappiness to girls, and which have brought, and will continue to bring, so much humiliation and disgrace upon parents and families. It is a significant fact that in those European countries where intention marriage must be publicly proclaimed, fortnight or a month previous to the actual ceremony, and where the actual ceremony of a civil marriage is added to the religious ceremony, divorce is hardly known.

"Innumerable electric lights," is society report usually means a dinner we have taken pains to count them.

General Gives the Word. The general decides when the enemy's fire has been sufficiently subdued to deliver the final assault.

The thieves will finally start a story that honesty is not the best policy, and give reasons why honest men should not be respected.

A man's right arm is stronger than his left because he uses it so much in lifting his hat to women.

Frenchmen on Horse-back. In a paper on "Fashionable Paris" in the Century, Richard Whiteing contrasts Rotten Row in Hyde Park with the Row in the Bois de Boulogne.

It is the same with the riding. The Row in the Bois is prettier in its surroundings than the Row in Hyde Park. It is more ample, and it commands a finer landscape. The sense of the time of year, spring, summer, or even winter, is more insistent. The personnel may not be quite so impressive as in the Row, but that is another matter.

The riding is a little mixed. Everybody thinks himself entitled to have a try. The freedom from fear and trembling with which some Frenchmen will mount a horse must ever cause fear and trembling in the beholder. The beggar on horseback is not half so objectionable as the rich man who has mounted late in life. The park riding is good, but here once more, as in all

A defective stomach keeps more people awake than a guilty conscience.

Henry James was once praising the work of a fellow author. "You are very kind to him," said one present, "for he says very unpleasant things about your work."

At a time of crisis in foreign affairs, the Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, was seated at dinner next Mr. Disraeli. She was anxious to understand the apparent inaction of the government, and asked him suddenly, "What are we waiting for?"

During the Franco-Prussian war a well-known English correspondent was sent to the front by his paper, and on one occasion Von Moltke sent for him and said: "Mr. —, on such and such a day the German army will perform such and such a movement. If that appears in the — (naming the paper) you will be shot." The news did not appear.

Sir Augustus Harris once settled the pitch question in his own offhand fashion. A famous prima donna of his opera company came to him complaining that the piano used for vocal rehearsals was too high, and asking that it might be lowered. "Certainly," replied Druriloanus, with a bow; "here, Forsyth, have a couple of inches sawn off the legs of this piano."

Prince Hohenlohe is a strong advocate of Emperor William's scheme for a great ship canal which will connect the interior of Germany with the ocean. In discussing the subject with one of the agrarian nobles, who opposes the project, the latter said: "Your excellency, you will find the opposition to be a rock in the path of your canal." The prince's eyes twinkled as he retorted, "We'll imitate the Prophet Moses, smite the rock, and then the water will flow."