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COAL in California recently sold at \$25 per ton, and strawberries in New York at \$7.50 a quart.

THE United States produces \$233,443,356 of cotton and cotton-seed oil; British India, \$83,121,980, and Egypt gives \$43,805,460 for export.

THE details of a gigantic project for placing upon the market 55,000,000 acres of land in eleven states of Mexico have just been published.

SIR MOVELL MACKENZIE, the physician to the German Crown Prince, has just refused a fee of \$30,000 to visit a patient in Michigan.

THE yield of the Drum Lummon mine, Montana, during the year 1887, was over \$2,000,000. This was the product of 75,000 tons of ore.

JOHN T. ALLEN, formerly State Treasurer, died suddenly at his home in Texas. He bequeathed his fortune of \$150,000 to the city of Galveston for the establishment of an industrial school.

THE value of live stock in the United States is \$1,279,660,190. Russia and Great Britain each have \$80,000,000, Hungary, \$60,000,000, and Austria-Hungary, \$35,000,000. In dairy products Germany has \$83,573,000; the United States, \$50,482,186.

OVER 35,100,000 ties were used in building new lines of railway during the year 1887. Anyone who has seen 100,000 ties piled up in one place may try to conceive the immensity of this amount of lumber. And an equal amount was used in replacing old ties. Add the timber used in bridges and trestles, and the total goes up to a figure enormously higher.

A NEW census of Rhode Island shows that the population of the State is 304,284. Over two-thirds of this number—207,778—are grouped within a radius of ten miles of the city of Providence. The females outnumber the males by 11,498, and there are still 199 Indians in the State, the remnant of the once powerful Narragansett tribe.

DELEGATE VOORHEES has introduced a joint resolution in the House, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to permit vessels arriving in ballast and trading in waters of British Columbia to anchor off Semiahmoo, Washington Territory, when awaiting orders, without either entering or clearing at the custom house; provided, however, that vessels taking cargo on board at ports or places in Puget Sound shall enter and clear at the port of entry of the district of Puget Sound, as now required by law.

THE Interior Department, in adjusting the rights of settlers within the limits of the Coos Bay wagon road grant, at the request of Representative Hermann, finds that the wagon road company has selected and received patents for lands outside of its limits. The whole area of the grant is 99,819 acres. There has been patented to the company 104,009 acres, and there remains within the primary or granted limits of the road 6,166 acres vacant and subject to selection, making 110,178 acres, or an apparent excess of 10,357 acres over the grant.

THE highest mountain in America must now be changed from Mount St. Elias to Mount Wrangle, a little to the north. Several of these mountains have been newly measured. Mount Hood, once "roughly" estimated at 15,000, then "closely" at 16,000, was brought down by triangulation to 13,000; an aneroid barometer made it 12,000, and a mercurial barometer 11,255. Mount St. Elias, estimated by Egelot to be 12,672 feet, is triangulated by Mr. Baker to 13,500. It now appears that Mount Wrangle, lying to the north, rises 18,400 feet above Copper river, which is in turn 2,000 feet above the sea at that point. If this holds true Mount Wrangle is at least 1,000 feet higher than any other peak in North America. It lies within the United States boundary.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Charles Niel, of Seattle, committed suicide.

A man named David Joy was frozen to death near Winslow, W. T.

At Ukiah, Cal., John Watham was shot and killed by Clarence White.

The delinquent State railroad taxes of California amount to \$648,001.39.

Dan Carrigan, 14 years old, while hunting near Martinez, Cal., was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun.

The Spokane Falls Chronicle says the real estate transfers in that city, for the year 1887, foot up the enormous aggregate of \$2,500,000.

The unusual cold weather has been very severe on jack-rabbits, and hundreds of them have frozen and starved to death, says the Boise Statesman.

The bill to remove the capital of Washington Territory from Olympia to North Yakima, was defeated in the House by a vote of 12 to 11.

Nathan B. Sutton was hanged at Oakland, Cal. Sutton was a farmer and shot and killed a neighbor, Alex. Martin, for allowing his cattle to wander on Sutton's land.

Ed. Davis was fatally shot by Ed. Canman, at Rhonerville, Cal. - Bad feeling had existed between the men for some time. Canman gave himself up. - Davis died at 9 o'clock.

Charles McClain, of Whidby island, W. T., while listening to his wife, who was reading aloud to him, quietly passed to that land beyond the grave. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause.

A laboring man was crossing a trestle between Sacramento and Davisville, when a local train came upon him before he could get out of the way. He was struck by the locomotive and fatally injured.

An official of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern railway says that company has 60 men opening its immense coal veins in Squak valley, and by next winter expects to be hauling into Seattle at least 1,000 tons a day.

The Dayton (W. T.) Chronicle states that a petrified man has been discovered by a farmer in a lonely gulch nine miles from that place. He was leaning against a small bluff of rock, and upon examination was found to be completely turned to stone.

The hop crop of the Pacific Coast for 1887 is estimated at 74,219 bales. Of this total California is credited with 36,424 bales, Oregon with 10,300 bales, Washington Territory with 27,400 bales and British Columbia with 95 bales. The number of acres in hops is set down at 11,297, of which 2,013 were in Oregon and 3,927 in Washington.

Fred Neitzel, proprietor of a saloon in Old Tacoma, was murdered by an unknown person, who escaped, but in a wounded condition. Neitzel was shot through the body by his assailant, who was secreted in the saloon and attacked him while he was counting his money. The police pursued the robber and shot him, but he could not be found.

According to an exchange, a man stood in the street at Ruby City, W. T., and killed two deer. The people of the different camps were killing about 100 per day. One man took forty-four to Spokane Falls. This winter will thin out the deer very much. When they are sold at all a large one will bring \$2 50, and sometimes a man cannot give them away.

The total mileage of railways in Washington Territory is summed up at 1,060.6. The number of miles operated by each company is as follows: Northern Pacific, 564.2; O. R. & N. Co., 289.9; Mason county lines, 41; Puget Sound Shore railroad, 23; Spokane and Palouse railroad, 43; Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern railway, 40; Columbia and Puget Sound railroad, 44.5; Olympia and Chehalis R. R., 15.

It is reported, says an exchange, that the Samish oyster bed, at the southern end of Bellingham Bay, has been carried out to sea. The beds were situated on the shoalwater flats, which froze over during the cold snap last week. When the tide came in the ice floated, with the oysters adhering to the under surface, and with the ebb tide the entire field was carried out to sea. The damage to the oyster industry in that locality will aggregate several hundred dollars.

In Anaconda, Montana, while Mr. and Mrs. James Clark were absent from home, their two children, a baby and a 5-year-old girl, in playing with matches set the curtain on fire. The fire quickly communicated to other inflammable material in the room, and in a very short time the whole structure was in a blaze. The 8-year-old boy of Mr. Cornelius, a near neighbor, managed to get the older of the two babies out of the burning house, and tried manfully to save the other, but unavailingly, and before other help reached the scene the little one was burned to death.

TELEGRAPHIC.

In Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Another Colliery Disaster in British Columbia.

VICTORIA, B. C.—An explosion occurred in No. 5 shaft of the Wellington collieries, R. Dunsmuir & Sons, proprietors. The force of the explosion displaced all of the hoisting gear. Hon. Dunsmuir proceeded in a special train to the mine immediately after the news came here.

An eye-witness states that when about 100 yards from the pit he heard a report like a large cannon, and there instantly shot far into the air a dense mass of black smoke and dust which converted the snowy covering of the ground into inky blackness. This continued for five minutes, and then subsided, leaving everything apparently as before, though a portion of the fan house had been destroyed.

Manager Bryden at once proceeded to the shaft, and attention was first paid to repairing the fan house, which was quickly accomplished, and the fan started again. The shaft timbers were destroyed and the cages could not be used, but a pulley and rope were at once prepared.

Meanwhile the first man to come out of the pit had climbed, by means of the cage wire cable, through the shattered timbers to within 100 feet of the top, when a rope was lowered to him and he reached the surface in an exhausted condition. A second miner was also enabled to get, by this perilous method, to the earth, while it is reported that a third, when fifty feet from the top, lost his hold and fell to certain death at the bottom of the shaft. Two men were then lowered as a search party, and returned stating that nothing could be heard but calls from below. Fortunately the mine had not been fired, so danger from this source was averted. A temporary cage was made and lowered to a considerable depth, miners reaching it by means of ladders.

The explosion took place in the last level. In this twenty white miners were imprisoned, and fears that they were all killed were verified later, as all were carried to the surface dead, and the work of taking out Chinese began. Thirty-four white men and thirty-six Chinese lost their lives. The mine is damaged to the extent of about \$30,000. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

Nine men were cremated in a boarding-house fire at Tower, Minn.

Engineer Jas. Connor and fireman M. Whaley were instantly killed by a train accident on the South Park R. R. at St. Elmo, Colo.

The celebrated trotting stallion Happy Medicine, valued at \$40,000, died at Lexington, Ky. He was the property of Gen. W. T. Withers.

A railway accident occurred on the Salem branch of the Delaware and Hudson railway, near Troy, N. Y., from the results of which four men will probably die. Many others were seriously but not fatally hurt.

Stephen and Samuel Byer and Joseph Kalep were struck by the New York fast express on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad, near Sharon, Pa., and instantly killed. The men were in a buggy when the express struck them. They were all married and leave families.

Near Albany, Ga., a son of George Thomas and four other boys drove a horse and wagon into a pond at his father's stock pen, and eventually got beyond the vehicle's depth and were left struggling in the water. Two negroes plunged in and saved one of the lads, but four others drowned.

A prospecting party of four men were attacked ninety miles southeast of Vascaarri, Mexico, by Apaches. One of the prospectors, named Jacobs, was killed, and another, "Big Jake," was mortally wounded. The other men fought the Indians off and escaped. The Indians succeeded in getting some burros and provisions from the party. The band is thought to be the same that escaped from Miles near San Bernardino ranch at the time of Geronimo's surrender, and since raiding southern Sonora.

A triple murder occurred at Ocean-side, Cal. A rancher in Moosa canyon named Levy Stone, went east a year ago on business. During his absence a family named Goen, a widow with two sons and a daughter, took possession of his ranch, cabin and furniture. On Stone's return he instituted legal proceedings, and his title was confirmed. When Sheriff Breedlove, Deputy Freeman and two citizens went to take possession, the whole family of Goens faced the officers with revolvers. In the melee which followed citizen Reed was fatally shot. A daughter of Mrs. Goen was accidentally shot in the neck, by her brother, and fell dead. Percy Goen was shot through the head and arm fatally. His sister and brother were dead when the officers retired with their wounded comrades.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE.

In the Senate Mitchell offered a resolution which provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall report to the Senate the condition of the Cour d'Alene Indian reservation in Idaho. The reservation contains 480,000 acres, and only 476 Indians are upon it, thus giving more than 1,000 acres to each man, woman and child. The resolution directs the Secretary of the Interior to also report to the Senate what can be done to provide properly for the Indians, and at the same time secure the use of this vast territory and its waterways, containing vast mineral deposits and rich agricultural interests, for the use of settlers.

Senator Mitchell's bill creating a new land district in Oregon was reported to the Senate by Senator Dolph, from the Committee on Public Lands, with a recommendation that it pass. The district includes all that territory now embraced in the Lakeview, La Grande and Dalles districts within the following boundaries: Beginning at Snake river, in Oregon, on the township line between 12 and 13 townships south of the second standard parallel; thence west to the northwest corner of township 13 south, range 24 east of the Willamette meridian; thence one south to the northwest corner of township 29, range 23 east, Willamette meridian; thence east to the boundary line of the State of Oregon; thence north to the point of beginning, at the State line.

Senators Stewart and Dolph presented to the Senate vigorous protests from the wool-growers of Nevada, Eastern Oregon and Idaho against reduction of the tariff upon wool.

HOUSE.

Following bills and resolutions were introduced:

By Biggs—For the erection of public buildings at Stockton, Cal.

By Townsend—Pensioning teamsters of the Mexican war. Also, for placing the duty on salt for curing pork on the same footing as that on salt used for curing fish.

By Lawler—Appropriating \$100,000 for the erection in Washington of statues of Gen. Shield and Logan.

By Peirson—Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting repeal of the general pension laws.

By Perkins—A resolution calling on the Postmaster-General for information relative to inferior mail facilities in the West.

By Woodburn—A resolution for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the truth of the charges made by the Governor of Alaska against the Alaska Commercial Company in his report to the Secretary of the Interior, and to ascertain whether that company has not forfeited all rights and privileges acquired under its lease from the United States, and whether such lease should not be terminated.

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