

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form From All Parts of the Globe.

The reward for Pat Crowe's arrest has been withdrawn.

The amnesty proclamation will be extended to July 1.

German casualties were large in their recent expedition to Shan Si.

Eight men were burned to death and several injured in a fire in France.

A party of Boers blew up the railroad between Graspan and Cape Colony.

Troops will not be withdrawn from China until the indemnity question is settled.

Washington well digger was buried alive in a shaft by the dirt caving in on him.

Morgan and his syndicate has purchased the Leyland trans-Atlantic line of steamers.

The contract has been let for the laying of a cable from Juneau to Skagway, Alaska.

Fire in Pittsburgh resulted in the loss of one life and a property loss estimated at \$225,000.

Frick has purchased a large amount of land near Camden, N. J., and may establish a great steel plant there.

The president made a large number of civil and military appointments before starting on his western tour.

"Jack the Ripper," whose crimes started the world years ago, has been arrested at Ludwigshafen, Bavaria.

The business portion of Wautoma, Wisconsin was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$50,000.

British forces continue to capture small bands of Boers. Some ammunition and supplies are also reported taken.

Japan has bought a large amount of Bombay cotton which formerly has been purchased in the United States.

The Chilean claims commission has almost finished its work, only six more claims remaining to be disposed of.

A board of administration has been appointed by the dowager empress for the purpose of reorganizing the government of China.

The trial of Captain James V. Reed opened in Manila. It develops that the money he received was to cover the shortage of his predecessor in office.

President McKinley and party has left Washington.

The Cuban commissioners have started for home.

Marauding has increased between Pekin and Tien Tsin.

Turbulent province of South Camarines, Luzon, is nearly pacified.

Cardinal Rampolla has resigned the office of papal secretary of state.

Negotiations for the renewal of the Dreibund will be opened shortly.

Albians are said to be committing wholesale atrocities in old Serbia.

Ottomans ask help of French to rescue ex-sultan from living grave.

Li Hung Chang compliments American stand on indemnity question.

Dissolution of Alaska transportation combine has caused a big cut in rates.

James Callahan was acquitted of complicity in the Cudahy kidnapping.

Repairs to cost \$5,000 have been recommended for the Astoria Federal building.

Enthusiastic meetings were held all over the country in honor of Grant's birthday.

Henry Meldrum, of Oregon City, has been appointed surveyor general of Oregon.

Von Waldsee reports four engagements, in which the Chinese were badly defeated.

James Douglas Reid, ex-United States consul and "father of the telegraph," is dead.

Hon. J. C. Trullinger, ex-Oregon legislator and prominent citizen of Astoria, is dead.

General Ketterlee reports that the Chinese only left Kukuian when they were forced to do so.

Women members of Washington Pan-American commission came out ahead in legal contest for expense money.

Americans surprised a Filipino camp. One rebel major was killed and several staff officers captured.

The Americans lost two men in the engagement.

Lake Niagara is the largest fresh water lake between Lake Michigan and Lake Titicaca, in Peru.

Minnesota farm lands have advanced more than 100 per cent in value during the past seven years.

The carrying and collection of mails in France, it is officially decided, shall be conducted on automobiles.

At numerous mines in Siberia, 2,000 men and 500 horses are used on a single property to produce gold not exceeding \$2,000,000 per annum.

It Will Probably Be Two Years Before It is in Good Working Order.

Washington, April 29.—Were it not for the great difficulties of transportation in Alaska, the government military telegraph line from Valdes to the Yukon river and down to St. Michaels would probably be in working order by the close of the coming summer, but under conditions as they exist it will probably be two years before this line in its entirety will be working satisfactorily. Work was not begun in earnest until late in the season of 1900, when by dextrous labor the men of the signal corps, under Major Green, took hold and made phenomenal progress with the line. It is beyond a possibility, however, for them to keep up this pace this summer, owing largely to the difficulties encountered in getting their lines, fixtures and supplies to interior points from which they are working. Active operations in laying the line could not be commenced before late in March or the first of April, and up to this time no advices on this subject have yet been received in Washington.

It is hoped that by the close of this summer season Fort Gibbon will be connected with St. Michael, and this will bring the latter point and Skagway within 15 days of each other, whereas they have been heretofore two months apart, and oftentimes nearer three months. This will be a tremendous saving in time, and an unquestioned advantage to the military and other government officials.

The question of how the line shall be constructed along the great bend of the Yukon has not yet been determined. This neck of land is between 30 and 40 miles wide. Should the line follow the river it would be much longer than an overland section, and could not be reached in summer, except by a large repair force, which would make it expensive and difficult of maintenance. During the past winter an officer has been in the field to see what can be done across country between Fort Gibbon and Fort Egbert. On his report the department will act. The signal corps is feeling its way cautiously, so as not to make the same errors as were ascribed to the Canadian authorities, who attempted to build a telegraph line from the two ends without making a survey of the route, and in consequence, at the close of a season, found that the two ends that were to have connected had over lapped each other for some miles, one going on one side of a mountain and the other on the opposite side. And for weeks neither party knew of the proximity of the other.

HEAD WAS SEVERED.

"Black Jack" Ketchum, a Noted desperado Hanged. Rope Jerked Head from Body.

Clayton, N. M., April 27.—Thomas E. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the train robber, was hanged at 1:21 P. M. yesterday. The rope broke but his head was jerked off.

The execution took place in side a stockade built for the occasion. The inclosure was crowded, 150 spectators having been admitted.

When Ketchum mounted the platform at 1:17 his face was very pale, but his eye swept out over the crowd very coldly and boldly, as if he had no fear. A priest stood at his side, as the rope was put around his neck. The condemned man had consented to this at the last moment.

Ketchum declined to make a speech before the noose was put around his neck. He merely muttered "Good by," then said, "Please dig my grave very deep," and finally, "all right, hurry up." His legs trembled, but he kept his nerve.

When the body dropped through the trap the half inch rope severed the head as cleanly as if a knife had cut it. The body pitched forward with blood spurting from the headless trunk. The head remained with the black cap and flew down into the pit.

Pueblo Teacher Disappears.

Pueblo, Col., April 29.—A local sensation is caused by the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Mertie Burger, who for 12 years has been a teacher in the Pueblo schools. Bloodhounds followed a trail from Mrs. Burger's house to and under a bridge over Fountain creek, a shallow stream. The Arkansas river, some distance further on, has been dragged, without result.

Nebraska Prairie on Fire.

Valentine, Neb., April 26.—Word received from the southwestern part of this (Cherry) county is to the effect that disastrous prairie fires are raging there; that the buildings of one cattle ranch have been entirely wiped out and that other ranches are threatened. Details are very meager, and it is impossible to learn the name of the ranch which has suffered the loss of its buildings, which is about 60 miles from here. The report says that the fires started about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Disloyal Utterances Suppressed.

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, April 29.—The provost marshal, presiding over a court of summary jurisdiction, has announced his intention of suppressing disloyal utterances. He has ordered a British subject named Mitchell to be deported to Ceylon for abusing an army order to the effect that householders shall suspend a board outside of their doors bearing the names of all the occupants of that particular house.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of the Week.

ITEMS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Athena has secured a street rock crusher.

Work of building a road to Blue river, on the Calapooia side, has begun.

Plans of a telephone line from Baker to the Panhandle is under consideration.

A burglar proof safe arrived at Ashland last week for the First National Bank.

The telephone line from Grant's Pass to Williams is complete and in operation.

County roads between Baker City and John Day are said to be in very bad condition.

The Hood River Fruit Growers' Union is beginning to receive orders for strawberries.

Fred J. Rummel was killed at the Mammoth mine, in Eastern Oregon recently by a snow slide.

Thieves broke into a saddle shop at The Dalles several days ago and made away with several pieces of harness.

W. C. Peterson agrees to put an electric light plant in Brownsville if the city will pay \$45 per month for six lights.

Horse rustlers with two car loads of stolen horses are dodging the officers somewhere in the eastern portion of Malheur county.

Governor Geer will be asked to grant a pardon to J. G. Luhrman, who was sent to the penitentiary from Baker county in June, 1900, convicted of manslaughter.

Work has again been resumed on the Golden Wedge mine, at Galice.

A new irrigating ditch has been started at Bly, in Klamath county.

It is not thought that the fruit was injured by the recent heavy frosts in Hood River.

The Sherman county court has raised the stock inspector's salary to \$300 per annum.

A considerable amount of wheat was sold at The Dalles last week for 50 cents a bushel.

The Coos county court has ordered that the road poll tax be paid in cash, and that the road supervisors collect the tax.

Last week, while Jack Simmons was driving for a load of hay on the Innes-Kelsay ranch, near Paisley, a gust of wind lifted the rack off the wagon and carried it several rods and dropped it into a slough.

A Southern Pacific steam shovel and outfit will immediately begin filling in the Rice Hill railway trestles with earth. The switch will be extended, a water tank built, and other improvements made near Isadora and Rise Hill.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 50@60c.; valley, nominal; bluestem, 61c. per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$2.70@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.60. Oats—White, \$1.35 per cental; gray, \$1.25@1.30 per cental. Barley—Feed, \$17@17.25; brewing, \$17@17.25 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$17.50; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@14; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Hops—12@14c. per lb.; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c.; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c.; mohair, 20@21c. per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 15@17 1/2c.; dairy, 12 1/2@14c.; store, 10@11c. per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 14@14 1/2c. per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50; hens, \$4@4.50; dressed, 11@12c. per pound; springs, \$3@5 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$6@7; turkeys, live, 10@12c.; dressed, 13@15c. per pound. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2c.; Young America, 13 1/2@14c. per pound. Potatoes—Old, 75c. @ \$1 per sack; new, 2@2 1/4c. per pound. Mutton—Lamb, 4 1/2c. per pound gross; best sheep, \$8; wethers, \$5; ewes, \$4.50; dressed, 7c. per pound. Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5.75@6; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7@7 1/2c. per pound. Veal—Large, 6@7 1/2c. per pound; small, 8 1/2c. per pound. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5@5.25; cows and heifers, \$4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 8 1/2c. per pound.

Forty-eight thousand Turks have been exiled during the last 11 years. Wolves are increasing rapidly in many of the forest lands of northern Canada.

A German savant points out that rural postmen were in existence in Egypt 4,000 years ago.

A company with a capital of \$1,000,000 has been organized in Vineland, N. J., for the making of flour from sweet potatoes.

BANDS OF ROBBERS.

Depredations of Thieves and Pirates Increasing in Vicinity of Pekin.

Berlin, April 30.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee in a dispatch from Pekin, reports that marauding has increased near Hosiwu and Matu, and that junks used as transports between these places have been attacked. Lieutenant Colonel Arnstadt has been sent from Tien Tsin to the disturbed district in command of a composite column. Count von Waldersee also reports, under Pekin date, as follows: "Colonel Hoffmeister, commanding the Fourth infantry and two companies of mountain artillery, attacked the enemy April 23 by the great wall, 10 kilometers south of Hai Shan Kwan, and forced them to retire with heavy losses into Shan Si. We lost four wounded and captured four flags and four old pattern guns. General Veyron intimates that he intends to evacuate the neighborhood of Shan Ting and return to Pao Ting Fu. His extended outposts remain at Sin Lei. I am keeping a force at Anshuling pass."

In Pursuit of the Chinese.

London, April 30.—A Reuter dispatch from Pekin says the headquarters staff has received a telegram from a British officer accompanying the expedition to the effect that on April 23 the Germans crossed into Shan Si through the Kouk Nau and Chang Chen Liu passes, in pursuit of the retreating Chinese, whom they followed 18 miles, fighting a sharp action. The French troops remained in occupation of the passes. The Germans returned April 25, and the French handed over the passes to them and returned to their previous outposts. The Germans are said to have had four men killed and five officers and 80 men wounded. The Chinese loss is not known.

MEXICAN MINISTERS.

Diplomatic Relations Resumed With Austria and American Republics.

Washington, April 30.—A complete rapprochement between the governments of Austria and Mexico has been brought about, and as a result each country is about to send a minister to the other. This terminates an international estrangement dating back to the days when young Maximilian of Austria sought to gain a foothold in Mexico, and lost his life in the adventure. A bill has passed the Mexican congress providing for a minister to Austria at a salary of \$15,000 annually. Austria will take similar action by sending a minister to Mexico, and this will close the long and historic separation.

The Mexican government has also taken steps to resume diplomatic communication with South American countries, the first move in that direction being the appointment of a Mexican minister to the Argentine republic. For many years there has been no diplomatic intercourse between Mexico and her sister republics on the southern continent, as there was little commerce between them, and few political questions requiring diplomatic representations. Recently, however, Argentina has made a friendly move by accrediting a minister both to Washington and Mexico City, and Uruguay has taken similar action. The selection of Mexico City as the place for holding the congress of American republics has had a further influence in inducing Mexico to extend her relations with South and Central America.

THE NEW COMET.

Brightest That Has Appeared to View for Over Nineteen Years.

Elkhorn, Wis., April 30.—The new comet which was observed this morning at the Yerkes observatory, at Williams bay, is said by astronomers to be the brightest that has appeared for 19 years. Notice was received yesterday by telegraph from Harvard university that a comet had been discovered at Queenstown April 23, and observed at Cape of Good Hope on the morning of April 25. Its position at that time was about 16 degrees southwest of the sun. Its position this morning was some 15 degrees north of the sun, indicating a very rapid northeasterly movement.

Nothing could be seen of the celestial visitor last evening at sunset, but this morning Professor E. R. Frost, assisted by F. R. Sullivan, saw the new comet appear above the horizon. About 20 minutes before sunrise it could be plainly seen, although the sky was quite bright. It was of an orange color, with two prominent kernels or streamers. It remained visible until 15 minutes or more after sunrise, when it faded away in the growing light. It was too low in the sky to be observed by the 40 inch telescope, and the sky was so bright that nothing could be seen with the 12 inch instrument.

The Government Will Refund.

Washington, April 30.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes, in pursuit of the action of the United States supreme court in declaring the tax of 10 cents on export bills of lading unconstitutional, has informed inquirers that the amounts paid for the stamps will be refunded on claims of the value of \$2 or over. It is estimated that about \$800,000 has been collected under this tax since it went into effect, July 1, 1898.

JUNEAU TO SKAGWAY

Submarine Cable Line To Be Laid Within 90 Days.

MUST BE GUARANTEED FOR TWO YEARS

Contract Has Been Let to New York Man for \$70,000 to Complete the Line and Put It Into Successful Operation.

Washington, May 1.—General Greeley has approved the recommendation of the board of signal officers making the award for laying the cable from Juneau to Skagway, Alaska, to W. R. Brixie, of New York, he being the lowest bidder. The contract price is \$70,000. The successful firm will be required to construct, lay and put in operation the entire cable system in 90 days from the time of the award. It will then be turned over to the signal corps for operation, being guaranteed first for two years. During the current week the fish commission steamer Albatross will cruise off the Oregon coast, making soundings in the hope of finding new species of sea life. At the conclusion of this cruise she will outfit at Seattle for a summer's cruise along the Alaskan coast, when the study of food fishes which has been conducted through two past seasons will be concluded.

MAY BE ANDRADA.

Wrecked Three-Masted Ship Discovered Off Queen Charlotte Islands.

Vancouver, B. C., May 1.—The steamer Tees, arriving tonight from the north, brings news of the finding by Indians of a three masted ship wrecked off the coast of Queen Charlotte islands. Identity of the vessel is at present unknown. The bodies of several sailors are said to have been found nearby. The story of the wreck, as given by the Indians to the officers of the Tees, was exceedingly vague. The Indians either could not read the name of the vessel, or were not sufficiently alert to note it, for they could give no clue to the ship's identity. The masts of the craft were broken off short, and she was generally demolished. The only theory of the identity of the ship advanced, and that seems very improbable, is that the wreck may possibly be the Andrada, which took a pilot off the mouth of the Columbia last December, and has not been heard of since. It is suggested that she may have drifted north to the present location of the wreck.

DOZEN BUILDINGS BURNED.

Scores of Families Rendered Homeless at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, May 1.—Fire at the corner of Carson and Seventeenth streets, South side, resulted in a property loss estimated at \$225,000, consumed over a dozen buildings and rendered a score of families homeless.

The flames were discovered in the basement of a four story department store and in a very short time the entire building was burning furiously. It was in ruins within 30 minutes. A panic ensued among the customers and employees, which resulted in what started at first a report that eight persons had perished. This was happily found to be untrue after the fire had been controlled.

A shower of the burning timbers were thrown from the burning building, carrying destruction in all directions, and several other stores and a number of dwellings were swept by the flames. The losses are pretty well covered by insurance.

Bank Officials Arrested.

Seattle, May 1.—Frank Oleson, cashier, and J. S. Stangroom, bookkeeper, of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank of New Whatcom, are under arrest on warrants charging them with receiving deposits after the failure of that institution. Oleson was arrested here and Stangroom at Whatcom. Stangroom is now exchange teller of a Seattle bank, and lives here. Oleson was formerly secretary of the board of public works here, and a prominent politician and newspaper man. He says the arrests are the result of a mistake, and that the receiver of the bank has acted hastily.

Counterfeiters at Butte.

Butte, Mont., May 1.—Two of what is supposed to be a big gang of counterfeiters were arrested here today and identified by several people on whom they had passed bogus \$10 gold pieces. They got rid of quite a number of William Dougherty, one of them, has lived here for years, and is supposed to have only been connected with the gang a short time. John Mulligan, the other, has been here a much shorter time, and was a far dealer until the law caused the games to close.

Praise for Germans.

Berlin, May 1.—The latest Chinese specials to arrive here show that the German troops behaved with the greatest gallantry during the engagements with the forces under General Liu, storming the stronghold of the enemy. The Chinese artillery, although firing splendid guns made in 1898 at the arsenal in Han Yang, aimed badly. The Germans demolished the fortifications near the gate of the great wall.

Chief Places and Dates to Be Visited by McKinley and Party.

The following are the principal places the presidential party will visit on their coast tour, with dates: Washington, left..... April 29 Memphis..... April 30 New Orleans..... May 1 Houston, Tex..... May 3 Austin, Tex..... May 3 San Antonio, Tex..... May 4 El Paso, Tex., rest..... May 5 El Paso, leave..... May 6 Phoenix, Ariz..... May 7 Redlands, Cal..... May 8 Los Angeles..... May 8 Del Monte..... May 10 San Jose..... May 13 San Francisco..... May 14 Sacramento..... May 20 Portland, Or..... May 22 Tacoma, Wash..... May 23 Spokane..... May 27 Butte, Mont..... May 28 Helena, Mont..... May 28 Yellowstone Park..... May 29 Anaconda..... May 31 Salt Lake..... June 2 Leadville..... June 4 Denver..... June 5 Cheyenne..... June 5 Colorado Springs..... June 6 Pike's Peak..... June 7 Pueblo..... June 7 Kansas City..... June 9 Kansas City..... June 10 Chicago..... June 11 Buffalo..... June 13 Washington..... June 15

JAMES DOUGLAS REID DEAD.

Ex-United States Consul and "Father of the Telegraph."

New York, May 1.—James Douglas Reid, known to the telegraphers as "The Father of the Telegraph," is dead at his home in this city. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, March 22, 1809, and came to America in 1834. He entered telegraphy in 1845, when he assisted in the organization of the Atlantic & Ohio telegraph company for the construction of a series of lines connecting Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New Orleans, the most extensive service projected at that time. Becoming acquainted with Prof. S. F. B. Morse, a mutual attachment sprung up between them, which led to Mr. Reid's appointment as superintendent of the Magnetic telegraph company, a line extending from New York to Washington. At the same time he retained his connection with the Atlantic & Ohio company. He entered the service of the Western Union telegraph company in 1850, where he remained until 1889, when he was appointed United States consul to Dunfermlie, Scotland, through the influence of Andrew Carnegie, who as a boy served as messenger and telegraph operator under Mr. Reid at Pittsburg. He relinquished this office in 1897. The statue of Prof. Morse in Central park, this city, was erected by the telegraph fraternity through the efforts of Mr. Reid.

WEARING OUT THE BOERS.

Lord Kitchener Reports on Capture of Small Force.

London, May 1.—Lord Kitchener continues the process of wearing down the Boers, who, however, are very active in the Kroonstad district. Here they recently derailed two trains and also captured, after a severe fight, 25 men of the Prince of Wales Light horse, whom they stripped of their horses and accoutrements and then liberated.

Colonel Plumer's force captured a small laager of 45 men, including the notorious Transvaal State Engineer Munick, who planned the destruction of the Johannesburg mines in the spring of last year, and also his father.

Mr. Cummings, who is visiting Durban on behalf of the Canadian government, is favorably impressed with the possibilities of trade between Canada and Natal.

Robberies on the Panama Road.

Colon, Colombia, April 30.—Bands of robbers have for the past fortnight been raiding stations along the railroad line during the night time and have also been looting shops, wounding several persons during their depredations. Chinese have been the principal sufferers. The government has increased the force at the railroad stations and is doing its utmost to suppress the robberies.

Not Credited at Washington.

Washington, May 1.—The department of agriculture has received no information bearing on the report that has been circulated in England charging Boer emissaries with inoculating horses shipped to South Africa with glanders and other maladies. Secretary Wilson places no credence in the story. He says, however, that it is possible that it might have been done, probably by hostlers or other attendants aboard ship. There has been no examination of the horse shipments by the department.

Payment of Postal Orders.

Washington, April 30.—The controller of the treasury has decided that postal money orders are payable only by postmasters upon whom they are drawn and to whom notice of the issue thereof has been sent. It has been the practice heretofore to cash money orders at postoffices other than those on which they are drawn and for the postmasters cashing such orders to turn them into the postoffice department as vouchers.