

BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

News from Washington.—Crimes and Casualties.

Appointments and Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Among the appointments made by the President to-day, was the following for Washington state: James D. Layman, to be postmaster at Walla Walla.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the appointments of Louis T. Barin to be U. S. Marshal for Oregon and O. T. Porter, to be Marshal of Alaska.

Compromise of Timber Suits Rejected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—United States Solicitor Hepburn, has addressed a letter to Judge McArthur, United States Attorney for Oregon, in reference to the pending suits of the U. S. against the Gardner Mill Company, for payment for 9,329,000 feet of lumber cut by W. F. Jewett and Joseph Knowles on public lands in Oregon. The inspector who has been investigating the case reports that the Gardner Mill Co. are innocent purchasers, not being aware in buying the logs that Jewett and Knowles were trespassers, and the mill company offers to compromise by paying the government \$3,299,21. This offer is rejected, as the Commissioner of the general land office says the timber was worth fifty cents per thousand, amounting to \$4,664,50.

Allotment of Indian Lands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Mitchell yesterday asked the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the condition of the surveys and allotment to the Indians of the lands of the Grande Ronde and Siletz reservations. The commissioner says the survey is completed on the Grande Ronde reservation, but no further action taken, as the field notes have not yet been furnished to the Indian office. On the Siletz reservation 60 allotments have been made, and the Indian Commissioner has asked the commissioner of the general land office to complete at once the survey of this reservation.

Want More Wages.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The cloak and suit makers of this city, numbering about eight thousand, want higher wages than they are now receiving, and will strike if their demands are not granted. They claim their wages are too low to live decently upon.

The Sioux Settlement.

PIERRE, South Dakota, Feb. 14.—Building is going on rapidly on the reservation, and the settlement begins to look like a civilized community. A number of fights have taken place, but with no very serious consequences. The citizens have formed a vigilance committee and declare that claim jumpers will be severely dealt with.

Express Defaulter Discovered.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Superintendent Fuller of the Pacific Express Co., received a telegram to-day, informing him that F. A. Walton, who stole \$35,000 of the company's money at Dallas, had been tracked to Toronto.

Rough Weather on the Atlantic.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 14.—The Steamer "Devonia" has just arrived from Glasgow after a long passage of 44 days. The captain said he never experienced such weather. The vessel was continually swept by huge waves, one of which broke her propeller, and everything loose was carried overboard. On January 19th the mess room boy, 15 years old, was swept overboard and drowned.

New Jersey Railroad Laborers Killed.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 13.—Two construction trains on the Camden & Atlantic City railroad collided this morning and were badly wrecked. It is reported that fifteen laborers are killed and wounded.

Fatal Explosion of Locomotive.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.—The boiler of a locomotive exploded at West Newton to-day, with fatal results. Reliable information has not been received, but it is stated that thirty people are killed. The locomotive was attached to a passenger. [Wires went down at 4 a. m.]

He was Going to Canada.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 13.—Isaac B. Sawtelle was arrested here this morning while en route to Montreal, Canada. He is suspected of making away with his brother Hiram E. Sawtelle, of Boston, who disappeared after inducing his mother to transfer to him property worth about \$30,000 which the wayward Isaac wanted himself.

A Banquet for Naval Officers.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A banquet was tendered last night to the officers of the American "Squadron of Evolution" by Vice Admiral Burgasse du Petit, commander of the fifth maritime arrondissement, on board of his flagship at Ville Freuche. The chief officials of the civil and military authorities of Ville Freuche and Nice were present.

KLAMATH COUNTY.

LINKVILLE, Or., Feb. 14.—The report circulated a few weeks ago to the effect that Mike Parker had perished in the snow of Bly mountains was entirely without foundation. It originated in a queer way, too. The *Star* editor hunted it down to its source, and found that a Linkville lover was the responsible party. In a state of mind produced by lingering too long with his best girl in the evening coolness of the woodshed he somehow tangled up in his mind the cool, white scenery of the Bly mountains with an account he had read in the *Star* concerning the freezing to death of a man named Parker in Umatilla county. By adding the Mike, he started the sensational rumor.

If the present state of good weather continues for a few days longer the ground in the valleys and on the hill-sides where the sun strikes the greater part of the day, will be bare of snow save where large drifts exist. Cattle which have been turned out are doing well—at least no reports to the contrary.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

COAST HAPPENINGS.

The Montana Senators Arrive at Portland.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 13.—Eight of the fugitive Democratic senators from Montana arrived in this city this afternoon. Joseph A. Baher, B. J. Hennessey, W. M. Thornton, W. S. Becker, and others. Senators A. G. Reed and Wm. Parberry will arrive to-night. The other two senators are in the East. The gentlemen were soon surrounded by newspaper reporters and sympathetic politicians when their arrival became known. They declare that they will remain away from Montana until the legislature adjourns *sine die*, if it takes all summer and costs them \$50,000 fine apiece according to the new system of penalties in the senate.

Senators "At Large" from Montana.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 13.—Hoffman and McNamee, the two runaway Democratic senators from Montana, who had been here since Tuesday night, left last night to pursue their flight as far east as Buffalo, N. Y., where Hoffman's wife is visiting. They left in pursuance to instructions received by wire yesterday from Governor Toole, of Montana.

The N. P. against the U. P.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 13.—Advices received here from the capital state that the bill introduced by Senator Allen to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river at this place has been reported adversely by the committee on commerce. The bridge is wanted in the interest of the Union Pacific railway, and the Northern Pacific is fighting the bill desperately. Much interest is felt regarding the issue of the contest and the fate of the bill. The Union Pacific wants equal facilities with the Northern Pacific on Puget Sound, and the N. P. is using every effort to maintain its present advantage in that region.

Hunting a Jury for Sandy Olds.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—The third trial of Sandy Olds for the murder of Weber began to-day. There is great trouble in securing a jury, so much has been published about the case, and this being the third trial. Olds has the benefit of a strong association of legal talent in his defense—Judge Rufus Malory, Judge C. B. Bellinger, Joseph Simon and Richard Williams.

STRIKE OF STEAMER EMPLOYEES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamers, the "Corona," for San Diego, and the "State of California," for Portland, were detained here several hours to-day by union men leaving the vessels. The men claim that they were employed principally to handle freight at the terminal and way points, and have been compelled to work nearly all the time during the trips. Both steamers obtained non-union men to fill the places deserted. It is reported that all members of the union employed on vessels of the company running out of this port have been ordered out.

Water, Half Rail.—Stock Losses.—Fire at Echo.—Gold at Whatcom.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—The temporary traffic arrangement by which the Union Pacific boats gave the Willamette valley daily connection with Portland via the narrow gauge between Lafayette and Portland, is a great satisfaction to the people of this city and the valley, who have been greatly inconvenienced by the blockade on the O. & C. R. R. The first trip by the new rail and boat route was made yesterday.

Great losses of stock are reported from Crook county. There is no doubt that the hard winter will be disastrous to many stock owners in that part of the state.

A fire at Echo, Umatilla county, has destroyed a number of buildings and merchandise to the value of \$20,000. The principal losers are Haas & Taylor, W. E. Brownell and J. B. Sullivan.

Gold quartz has been discovered in large and paying quantities at the head of Lake Whatcom, Washington, and great excitement is reported among the mercurial residents of some of the booming towns of the Sound country.

Can't Work for Nothing and Board Themselves.

The Portland city councilmen voted last night to increase their salary to one thousand dollars a year.

WILL BOOM LA GRANDE.

J. S. Antonelle has obtained the contract to build the twenty miles of Union Pacific track between La Grande and Elgin, and expects to be ready for commencement of work next week.

ANOTHER HUNG JURY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The trial of Benjamin Davis, charged with the murder of his wife last July, resulted in a disagreement of the jury to-day. The jury stood six for conviction and six for acquittal.

Small Fire in Spokane Falls.

SPokane Falls, Feb. 14.—A fire was discovered at 2 o'clock this morning in a business tent. The fire department was slow to respond, and the flames got a good start, destroying five other tents before checked, doing damage to the extent of \$10,000, well insured. These tents are in the district swept by the great fire last August.

The news of the passage by one branch of the North Dakota legislature of a bill chartering and legalizing a lottery—a bill in the interest of the Louisiana State Lottery Co.—is exciting much criticism among leading officials at Washington. "I was astonished beyond measure," said Attorney General Miller, "I had hoped and believed the day for chartering lotteries had gone by. That the Louisiana State Lottery, for instance, is a public evil, I think is generally conceded, and I as little expected the Legislature of North Dakota to sanction a lottery, as that the Legislature of Massachusetts would legalize polygamy."

A London cablegram says: Dr. Bapchinski announces, after experiments at St. Petersburg, that inoculation with the virus of erysipelas cures diphtheria.