EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

SEAL HERD RAPIDLY DIMINISHING.

Sickness Alone Among Volunteers—The Jerome Fire—Contract for Coaling Station—Courts Martial.

William Walton was stabbed to death by Charley Stone at Conjerville, Ida., Monday evening. A quarrel over a missing feed caused the trouble.

Private Gardiner, Thirty artillery, who fell down an embankment and injured his spine a few days ago at San Francisco, cannot live more than ten days.

Private Hansen and Private Kennedy both of Company K, First Washington volunteers, and private Jensen, troop B, fourth cavalry, are at the very critical condition from typhoid at the Presidio hospital.

The big fire at Jerome, Ariz., Sunday, is estimated to have entailed a cash loss of $50,000. Thus far eight bodies have been recovered, but only one has been identified, that of Undertaker Wilford. It is believed that fully fifteen persons perished in the flames.

The rescued whaler Bear reports that petty officer of the whaler Rosario committed suicide by drowning last spring and in June Phil Morris of the Jessie Freeman dropped dead of heart failure. Gray of the Jessie died of dropsy. A Siberian and a Japanese attached to the fleet also died since the fleet was last heard from.

A fracas in which some forty or fifty volunteers from the First Oregon and Washington regiments participated took place Monday night the Mission street salon, San Francisco. One of the Washington volunteers, Corporal Schmel Hollingsworth of Company A, was stabbed with a razor wielded by an unknown Tennessean.

The judge advocate of the Independent division of troops stationed at San Francisco, reports regarding the trials of men by courts martial that a total of 784 cases have been tried there since the troops came, and of this number only 11 were acquitted. Six of those acquitted were regulars. There were only thirteen serious cases, and only four of these were regulars.

The National Athletic club of San Francisco, responding to an Associated Press dispatch Monday, offers Martin Julian on behalf of Bob Fitzsimmons the privilege of entering an Eastern man for prevention as defense of the proposed contest with Tom Sharkey for a purse of $17,500. Tom O'Rourke representing Sharkey, most of course, be remitted. The expenses of the referee selected will be paid by the club.

A telegram to the Associated Press from Port Townsend says the revenue cutter Bear, which carried government relief to the whaling fleet in the Arctic coast, has entered the straits. She was to have reached Seattle about a a. m. today (Tuesday). The Bear has on board about 100 men, composing the crews of the Rosario, Orca and Freeman, the three vessels of the whaling fleet that were wrecked in the ice.

Ringer Hermann, United States commissioner of the general land office is in San Francisco on his way to Washington for a visit to his Oregon home. He will consult with the surveyor general and various land agents of California regarding the forest reserves of that state and their connection with the water supply of the valleys. He proposes to make an effort to prevent the further destruction of timber by fires.

Sickness is very much on the decrease in the Presidio camp and the typhoid fever is getting well under control. There were twenty-six in the enteric sanatoria Monday, 239 in the divisional hospital and 41 in the Presidio field hospital. There are 40 cases of typhoid in the domestic hospital. The First Tennessee has 42 sick men, the Fifty-first Iowa 67 and the Seventh California, 48.

Healey, Tibbits & Company of San Francisco, were awarded Monday the contract for the construction of a coaling station at Pago Pago harbor. Their bid of $82,500, which was the lowest, was considered the most satisfactory and Commissioner Tanner, U. S. N., who came to this country to pass upon the matter, decided to accept it. The work will take about a year and includes wharves, coal bunkers and houses.

A special to the San Francisco Examiner from Seattle says the news brought down by the revenue cutter Bear contradicts the recent alarming reports of wrecks of ships and loss of lives when the ice jams broke this year in Behring sea. On the contrary, the reports of the fleet which were worthy before the breaking up of the ice are all fit for service and there has been no case which among the whalers since the disasters of the autumn of 1897. In that case the victim fell a prey to an unknown malady.

C. H. Tennant, chief of the division of fisheries, United States fish commission, who has been the official witness of the seal herd for several years, and a member of the recent fishing commission, has just returned to San Francisco from an inspection tour of the islands. His observations from year to year consistently prove that the herd is rapidly diminishing in numbers, declining from 31 to 15 per cent each season, this being the necessary falling of other years added to the general. He says that Polagia sealing is still carried on by schooners owned in British Columbia to the exclusion of American vessels. If this practice does not cease the herds will soon be exterminated.

ARRIVAL OF THE BEAR.

She Brings News of the Survivors of the Orca and Jessie Freeman.

A San Francisco Chronicle special from St. Michaels, Alaska, Aug. 25, via Victoria, B. C., Sept. 12, says:

The revenue cutter Bear arrived in port this afternoon with the whalers belonging to the vessel of the fleet that were crushed in the ice pack while in winter quarters off Point Barrow on July 18, the first vessel of the season to arrive. She found the surviving members of the crews of the Orca and Jessie H. Freeman and the schooner Rosario and took them on board, giving them the best accommodations they had enjoyed in many a day.

The returning party found that previous to the disaster, Newport, Jeanette and Fearless, the vessels which had escaped destruction in the ice floes, were getting very low. Each vessel was given a month's outfitted until the arrival of leaders from the south.

On August 17, having fulfilled her mission of rescue and relief, the Bear started south on her journey to St. Michael's with the 116 whalers whose cities were lost.

Shortly after her arrival at Point Barrow, the Bear was caught in the ice and the pressure was so tremendous that some of her stores started and preparations were made for abandoning the ship. Fortunately the pressure subsided, but the Bear was unable to free herself from the pack for thirteen days after first being pinched.

The Bear left St. Michael for the north on July 5th, to rescue nine miners, whom boat, a large steam launch had been wrecked 300 miles south of Cape Rennsoff while making the trip from Herquit City, on the Yukon river, to St. Michael for provisions and supplies. All the miners were saved and the Bear proceeded on her way to Point Barrow. On the way several stops were made and this contracted by Lieutenant Jarvis of the revenue relief expedition were paid in goods wanted by the natives. At Point Hope Lieutenant Berthoff reported that the thirty-four whalers which had strayed from the Lopez boat while crossing Kotzebue Sound on the ice on the way to Point Barrow, had been brought to Point Hope, and that although several had been killed for food, the band had increased by the birth of fawns to forty-nine. Captain Sherman of the wrecked whaler Orca boarded the Bear at Point Day. He reported the wreck of the Rosario and the serious condition of the Belvidere.

It being impossible for the Bear to pass the ice barrier, food was sent to the Belvidere's men by a native skin boat in charge of Lieutenant Hamlet, who successfully accomplished his mission and reached Point Barrow only 12 hours after the Bear's arrival there. At Cape Smyth on July 19, the crews of the wrecked steamers Jessie H. Freeman and Orca and the schooner Rosario were taken on board the Bear and given the best service and meal they had eaten for many a day.

The Newport, Fearless and Jeanette arrived before Aug. 3rd when the Bear became fast to the ice, where she remained for thirteen days, it being found impossible to tow her way out. Stores were, however, transferred to the whalers on sleds. Finally on Aug. 17th the Bear got home from the ice and with the rescued whalers started on her way south. A stop was made at Point Hope on the 20th, where the schooner Louise J. Kinney was found on the beach, where she had been wrecked the day before. Her officers and crew were taken on board. After making several stops the Bear arrived at St. Michael on Aug. 25 and left on the following day.

Crippled by Rheumatism.

Those who have Rheumatism find themselves growing steadily worse all the while. One reason of this is that the remedies prescribed by the doctors contain mercury and potash, which ultimately intensify the disease by causing the joints to swell and stiffen, producing a severe aching of the bones. S. S. S. has been during Rheumatism for twenty years—even the worst cases which seemed almost incurable.

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