# EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

## UTAH CAVALRY'S DEPARTURE DELAYED.

Discouraging Outlook in Klondike—Thousands Said to Starve—New California Railroads—Troops for Honolulu.

It is estimated that the salmon pack for the season of 1898 on the Columbia river will be 300,000 cases below the average.

At Denver City, Okla., Fred Schroeder and Andrew Lindquist were stabbed while defending the Cupids river in a quarrel.

Advices received from Brewery state that the disposition of the Indians is unsatisfactory, scouting signalmen is growing very widespread.

It has been learned that the Nation-al Bureau of Education is making an investigation. Inquiry into the life of Pendleton, Oregon, under the direction of specialists is in progress.

Rogers, to which he pleaded guilty, has issued to be sent to the Colorado penitentiary, by A. M. McCleary, also of Denver, who was sentenced to pass a year from now, are sentenced to pass a similar term for 1898.

The Democratic and Silver Republican of Wyoming have agreed to fuse and will name a ticket, the silver faction being allowed state auditor, and the long allowed state auditor, and superintendent of public instruction, James C. Allen has been nominated by acclamation.

A dispatch received from the Copper Mountain Mining Company, of Denver, states that 1,000 men are making over war over the Valley mines and that many of them are doomed to starvation unless the United States government sends relief promptly.

The Utah cavalry, which has been ordered to leave the Presidio Friday and proceed to Fremont Valley and the Yosemite National Park in separate detachments, will not go this week. The order has been caused by the fact that the troops are not ready to pack mules furnished to Captain Cairns for use with the necessary supplies.

After under instructions from T. V. Powderly, commissioner general of immigration, Hart North, the local commissioner, will in a few days commence an investigation into the status of the Chinese highbinder tongs of San Francisco. The Chinese consul general has asked of the department of Commissioner Powderly the records of his office.

General Hunter, commanding the Department of the Colorado, has received a speed of infantry from Fort Logan to patrol the state. One between Fort Funk and Colorado and not allowed to be kidnap from the reservation. The troops are from Colorado for the purpose of holding large assay. The action of General Hunter was in compliance with a request to that effect received from General Condon, Indian agent at the reservation.

There are now nineteen companies in the Pendleton which have given notice of the intention to reduce the pay of their shops from $30 to $25 per month beginning from $1 to $3 a share. The postal cars there are but two, one between the foreman and the Yakima, and the department has ordered the foreman and the Yakima to form two new companies with authorized capital stock, to take over entire assets of the old corporation.

Six warehouses, the Western Warehouse company (two houses), Alliance House, Excel House, Engel & Gibbs House, Broughton House, storage capacity about 200,000 sacks, estimated grain in the house, belonging to the Northern Pacific track, several cars of grain sacks, all of which were destroyed by fire at Dayton, Wash. The origin of the fire is unknown. It is still burning. Insurance unknown. There is considerable loss to Dayton. It will have been much heavier if a new works later.

Major General Merriam has decided to send no more troops to Alaska this season. A year's experience for the troops there has been very unfavorable and from Seattle at 400. There are too many soldiers in Alaska now. A company of the Fourteenth United States infantry is at Tacoma and there is one at Walla Walla. These officers and it seems are now trying to get the Colonel Fred, soldiers, a trip to Dutch Harbor, Unalaska. A similar party is working up Cookinlua river to cross the Yukon to the west of Good Pasture creek. Volkmar and Black stroke to Circle City. Still another party of twenty officers and 20 men is at St. Michael.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: A perplexing question has arisen concerning Protestant Episcopalians in this country regarding the future government of the Hawaiian branch of the church. At present the Sandwich Islands are in charge of Bishop Willis of the Established Church of England and has no direct affiliation with the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States. It is believed, however, among high church adherents that at least of the association of the Islands the Episcopalians there will be brought into closer relations with the American church and that the Islands of the Pacific Islands will perhaps be merged into the diocese of Oahu rock.

The San Francisco Examiner says: There is every prospect that two new railroads will be built in California within the next eight or ten months. One of them will be the line from Fresno to Idlewater at Modesto. The other will be a road from Monrovia, a station on the North Pacific Coast railroad, to Bolinas. The latter will be sixteen miles long, and its projectors have in view the erection of a big hotel on the seashore at Bolinas. The Monterey and Fresno line will be 146 miles long, and its route from Monterey will be by way of Salinas and Hollister. English capital is said to be behind this enterprise.

The troops to go to Honolulu Saturday on the transport Charles Nelson have been designated. They are the following companies of the First New York volunteers: I, Captain McMurtry; K, Captain Hogan; L, Captain Sheldon and M, Captain Thompkins, composing Major Chase's battalion, and C, Captain Hoxie, Major of Major Emmet's battalion. These companies will be accompanied by a sergeant major, a quartermaster sergeant and hospital steward and one assistant surgeon. Captain Ashley Mott Chase will be in command of the troops, the total number of officers and men being 56. The Third battalion of the Second regiment of volunteers will sail on the Lakme, which vessel will carry 225 men.

Well founded reports are in circulation in Unalaska that a concerted attempt will be made next month by a fleet of Canadian sealers to raid the rookeries on the islands of St. Paul and St. George. There is but one government vessel, the gunboat Wheeling, to guard fleeing sea against pelagic sealers, and the department has ordered her to visit the various fish canneries along the Alaska coast and see that the fishing laws are not violated. Around Unalaska and Dutch harbor, where the larger portion of the sealing fleet rendezvous before the season opens, are over a score of vessels, and it seems to be an open secret that in the event of the animals being scarce in the present zone allowed for sealing purposes, the captains contemplate raiding the rookeries. The absence of revenue cutters, they declare, seem to hold a tacit invitation to land the seals and kill seals wherever they may be found. Both St. Paul and St. George islands have a few government officers, one being a white man and the other a hundred natives, but this force is inadequate to frustrate a well thought out raid. The officers themselves expect the laws will be flagrantly violated and less revenue cutters are sent up to render patrol service. The island of St. George, formerly a prolific source of revenue to the government, government officers, is proving a success. Those that were branded last year and released south during the winter are returning to the breeding grounds. The work of branding will be continued this year.

A dispatch from St. Michaelle, Alaska, July 25, via Victoria, B. C., states that F. W. Beasley, an employee of Miles City, Mont., and Louis Spindel, of San Francisco, have just returned from a prospecting tour along the Siberian and Alaskan coasts in the vicinity of Behring Straits, covering a period of nearly 14 months. They traversed over 400 miles of Siberia in the vicinity of East Cape Siberia and penetrated into the interior 20 miles. They were within 100 miles of the convict mine settlement where they met a Russian commissioner who warned them to leave the country under the penalty of imprisonment. The officer told them the laws strictly prohibited prospecting on Russian soil. Six Russians, three Englishmen, but not Americans, also prospected in visiting the mile in 1896, were arrested and imprisoned for a term of months in the Siberian mines. Beasley made diligent inquiry but was unable to obtain any information as to the identity of the unfortunate men or the particulars of their trial. The commissioner, in explaining the manner of working the Siberian mines, said that shafts sunk a seventy feet were made to tap rich veins and the pay streaks followed by drifting. Instead of burning the frozen ground as in the Klondike the ground is lowered with powder and pick. One shaft has followed the pay streak down the side of an old river to a depth of 700 feet from the surface. Most of the stamps, he added, and from 1 to 3 cubic feet in size, are driven by steam and some engines are employed in the mines. After prospecting all Siberian streams and finding no gold worth working, Beasley and his companions returned to East Cape. The country is said to be very rich in gold, but the Russians are not willing to allow foreigners to find it. The prospectors crossed the straits from East Cape to Cape Prince of Wales in the former town they met a well equipped party of 15 men from the Klondike, who had come overland at Port Clarence. They had unsuccessfully prospected the Kowak and other streams emptying into Kotzebue sound. They found

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worth working. Beasley met several old Montana prospectors, with whom he was personally acquainted, who told him that after having prospected the creeks pretty thoroughly they were convinced that gold in paying quantities lurked in the gravel beds of the creeks. Beasley and his party then proceeded to the Golovin district and found the mines of the recorded discovery, but did not find any claims producing more than one cent to the pan. On their return they prospected a claim, including Tenderfoot claim. Not a pinchful of gold was found with more than few cents. This last information is verified by numerous other disgusted prospectors who are returning to the Yukon. Beasley concluded by stating the conclusive declaration repeatedly that there had not been any mines discovered in all of Norton or Kotzebue sound, either last season or this season.

### Native Plants in the Garden.

Most of our native orchids from the woods do exceptionally well in the garden; the blood root is thoroughly naturalized, growing equally well in the shaded woodland and in the open meadow, in black loam or on the light sands and by the rocky roadside. Our native violets, anemones, columbines, and many others of our woodland beauties are transplanted and will generally improve under garden culture. By far the handsomest clump of Cypripedium pubescens (lady's slipper) I ever saw was growing in a moist, sunny place of a lot in the Dalles on the eve the same day, with its rose colored pouch and brown leaf-sepals just emerging from the water beneath. There were over fifty blooms on this clump. Yet a specimen of this elegant grows elsewhere in the front yard of my neighbor's yard, facing the street, in a place originally transferred from the woods in fall shade, and was every inch, from base to the with the growing. It is believed that most of these can be grown successfully in the garden. Gentiana Andrewsii and G. crinita have grown finely under repeated cares; the fringed gentian, G. crinita, the writer has found, so far, only in the open woods, and has not tried it yet in the garden, but an acquaintance has done so and failed with the gill, and failed to grow hard to get numbers.—Vick's Magazine.


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