

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Private Jno. A. Ganser, Company C, Fifty-first Iowa, died Tuesday at the Presidio of spinal meningitis.

Omaha Stockman, Sept. 16: The Victoria L. S. Co., had fifteen cars of cattle here from Kamas, Utah.

Omaha Stockman, Sept. 19: John Duke, J. O. Duke and E. J. Duke, all of Park City, Utah, had sheep on sale.

The California heavy artillery, Maj. F. S. Rice commanding, has received instructions to proceed to the Philippines.

President McKinley has been invited to attend the Idaho International fair, which comes off at Boise the early part of October.

The Wyoming battery of artillery and the Nevada cavalry, it is understood, are to be assigned to Angel Island, Cal.

Private John A. Ganser, company C, Fifty-first Iowa, died at the division hospital, San Francisco, Monday, of spinal meningitis.

A threshing engine on the Collins farm, ten miles from Olympia, Wash., exploded Tuesday afternoon, seriously injuring four employees.

In Tacoma, Wash., Tuesday, the exposition building, the largest structure of its kind in the Northwest, was completely destroyed by fire.

The Fourth United States cavalry is to garrison the Presidio, and a portion of the United States Third artillery will be kept at Fort Point, Cal.

Gen. Miller, now in command at San Francisco, will command the reinforcements ordered to Manila. Batteries A and D of the California artillery will go with the expedition.

The Washington Republican state convention will convene in Tacoma today (Wednesday) for the purpose of nominating two supreme judges and two congressmen-at-large.

Martin N. Elliot was found dead in his cabin Monday at Cripple Creek, with a bullet hole in his head. It is supposed he committed suicide, being driven to it through lack of employment.

N. W. Rulick, heretofore a prominent Populist of Idaho, has deserted his party and will stump the state with Judge Heyburn, Republican candidate for Congress. Rulick's action has created quite a sensation.

The royal commission appointed to inquire into certain payments to contractors on account of the new Parliament buildings, met in Victoria, B. C., Tuesday, organized and adjourned until Monday.

The earl of Ava, son of the marquis of Dufferin, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., Tuesday, and Lord Brassey, governor of the colony of Victoria, Australia, reached there in the afternoon, en route to Australia.

The falling of an ore car a distance of 100 feet in the Orpha mine at Cripple Creek Monday killed Matthew Brangan and Patrick Fitzpatrick. Frank Crawford was badly injured and had a leg amputated.

On Monday last James C. Singer, a wealthy visitor from Montana, was found dead in his room in San Francisco. Wednesday his will was filed for probate. All of the property is divided into equal shares between two cousins.

Herman Oelrichs of New York has offered a number of championship belts for all weights to amateur boxers of

the Olympia club and preparations for an athletic tournament under the auspices of this organization are now in progress in California.

In each of the regiments at the Presidio, Cal., collections are being taken up for the benefit of the family of Henry Hildebrand, who was murdered by hospital steward Rosser of the First Tennessee. The collections now amount to about \$2,500.

A sergeant, corporal and twelve privates of Battery I, Third artillery, will relieve the battalion of Washington volunteers under Lieut. Col. Fife, who have been stationed at Angel Island, Cal. The Washington battalion will rejoin the two others at the Presidio and get ready for their trip to Manila.

R. P. Neu, of the firm of Heldmaier & Neu of Chicago, the contractors to whom was awarded the work of building the breakwater at San Pedro harbor, has arrived at Los Angeles, Cal. The formalities have now all been complied with and the building of the breakwater will begin as soon as preparations can be made.

It has just been learned that on Sept. 9th, a number of children entered the residence of Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager of the Southern Pacific company, San Francisco, during the absence of the family and stole various articles valued at over \$1,000. The burglars ranged from 9 to 12 in age. Most of the property has been recovered.

The Democratic municipal committee of 100, sitting as a convention, met in San Francisco Tuesday night and after adopting a platform made the following nominations: For mayor James D. Phelan, renominated; for superior judges, Rhodes Borden, Frank J. Murasky, J. M. Seawell and William T. Wallace. All except Murasky are now occupants of the bench.

Perry O. Symonds, a Stanford University student, has been selected by the British museum to make a thorough zoological collection tour of South America, from Ecuador to the Straits of Magellan, and he will leave Sept. 28 to begin his duties. He will be accompanied on the trip by his brother, Luther B. Symonds, and a Mexican lad of 14 years, whom he will pick up at Magellan on the journey south.

Wednesday was Comstock day at the Nevada state fair. Weather was fine, track hard, attendance good. First race, trotting, free for all, mile and repeat, six starters—Peo, won; Lottie G., second; Mamie F., third. Time, 2:26 both heats. Second race, hurdle, free for all, one and one-fourth miles—Diaboleto won; Centenella, second; Baleric, third. Time, 2:25. Third race, six furlongs, purse—Fannie E. won; Mafada, second; Gossip, third. Time, 1:17½.

The new torpedo boat destroyer Faragut has almost demonstrated that she can make the speed of thirty knots an hour required by the government. She has made one mile in five minutes and 9¼ seconds and several miles in a fraction over two minutes. A slight accident caused by something getting between her propeller and hull will necessitate some delay before her official trial is made, but it is believed by her builders that she will easily make the contract speed.

Australian papers just received report a daring bank robbery at Penhurst, about 200 miles from Melbourne. An unknown man entered the local branch of the Bank of Victoria, and covering the manager, Mr. Jamieson, with a revolver, bound and gagged him, and obtained possession of the keys of the

strong room. He abstracted about six hundred pounds in notes and gold and made off. A man named Glen Thompson has been arrested on suspicion, the evidence against him being very strong.

As far as new discoveries went the expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania to study North Alaska from a scientific standpoint has been a failure. Three men of the party, in charge of E. A. McIlhenny, returned to Seattle on the Excelsior. Nearly 12,000 specimens, weighing eleven and a half tons, are in the collection brought back. The specimens were gathered east and south of Point Barrow, and represent a considerable expenditure, but it is said the scientists secured little that is new.

George Mulligan, a miner, who recently returned from the Klondike, lost a purse containing \$61,000 on a street car in San Francisco a few days ago. It has been found and returned by John Donahue, the gripman of the car. With the exception of \$40 in currency the money was in checks, one of which was a draft for \$57,000, issued at Dawson City on the Bank of British Columbia in San Francisco. Mulligan, who was so lucky as to recover his fortune intact, left \$20 at the car-house for the honest gripman.

The fires that have been sweeping over the Sheephorn Mountains in Colorado have resulted in the loss of hundreds of acres of valuable timber, and the burning of at least one settler's house and crops. Mr. Mandlin, who has a ranch in a small valley in the mountain, lost his entire year's crop, together with his dwelling and other buildings. Several other ranchers further down the same valley are endangered. Fires are also raging in the Castle Dome, Piney country, and in the district south of Tulford, where vast tracts of fine timber have been wiped out.

The Republican state convention of Washington, nominated the following ticket Wednesday. Congressmen—W. T. Jones, Yakima, and Francis W. Cushman of Tacoma. Judges of the Supreme court—Mark A. Fullerton, of Colfax, and T. J. Anders, of Walla Walla (renominated). The nominations of Jones and Cushman were by acclamation, and the nominations of the supreme judges were made unanimous before the result of the first and only one ballot was announced. The business of the convention was conducted in a smooth and expeditious manner. There were no spirited contests on the floor, and the proceedings were almost featureless.

The prosecution in the Botkin poisoning case believe that they have discovered a means by which the accused woman can be legally turned over to the Delaware authorities for trial. Chief of Police Lees has secured an opinion based on article 3, section 2, Federal Constitution, which provides that the Supreme court shall have jurisdiction in controversies between two or more states or between a state and the citizens of another state. A remedy is suggested in a writ of habeas corpus, known to common law as a writ of habeas corpus and prosequendum, which, if granted, will result in the transference of Mrs. Botkin from California to the state of Delaware.

The state convention of the Prohibition party of Colorado was held at Denver Tuesday, and the following ticket placed in the field: Governor, Rev. C. B. Spencer of Denver; lieutenant governor, F. E. Dunleavy of Trinidad; secretary of state, W. A. Rice of Grand Junction; auditor, Mrs. Elsie Chambers of Colorado Springs; attorney general, Toll Topp of Denver; treasurer, O. A. Rhinehart of Denver; superintendent of public schools, Miss Alice Mitchell of Denver;