

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The fusion ticket in Idaho claims 9,000 plurality in the state.

The Wyoming battery of artillery will probably get away from San Francisco on Saturday for Manila.

Omaha Stockman, Oct. 28: Wm. Durkee, a stockman of Thompson, Utah, brought in three cars of cattle.

The Wyoming State society is holding its second annual meeting at Rock Springs, with Dr. R. Harvey Reed president and Dr. E. Stuyver secretary.

The Winnemucca Advocate says work on the railroad to the Golconda mines is progressing rapidly. The grading will be done in the next few weeks so that ties and rails can be laid.

At Elberton, Wash., Monday the sleeping apartments of the inmates of the Whitman County Poor farm were destroyed by fire and G. Hull, an aged inmate, perished in the flames.

Fred Karnich, bookkeeper of the Kemmerer hotel, Kemmerer, Wyoming, was shot and killed Thursday morning by the hotel porter. The men quarreled over the cleaning of the bar-room.

Detective McVey of Dover, Del., who came west several weeks ago for the purpose of taking Mrs. Botkin back to Delaware, returned East Friday night and will remain there until wanted by the San Francisco authorities.

A telegram has been received in San Francisco from the agent of W. O'B. McDonough owner of Ormonde, stating that the Duke of Westminster's offer of \$50,000 for that famous race horse has been declined.

George H. Bonuebrake, president of the First National bank of Los Angeles, Cal., and a well known financier, is dead at his home there, aged 60 years. He was born in Ohio and was a pioneer of Southern California.

The transport steamers Pennsylvania, Puebla and Newport will probably get away from San Francisco for Manila this week. The Pennsylvania will carry the Fifty-first Iowa regiment and will doubtless get away on Thursday.

At Fort Russell, Wyo., Friday morning Edward E. Kemp, private, company D, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, died from the effects of fever contracted in Cuba. Kemp was one of the men who charged up San Juan hill.

The name of Frank S. Moore, Democratic candidate for judge of the Second district for the state of Idaho, has been left off the Populist ticket on the stand that those who sought to nominate Mr. Moore on that ticket had no authority so to do.

An unconfirmed report says the Canadian Pacific railway has received notification from the British admiralty that three big Empress liners may be required at any moment to be transformed into auxiliary cruisers. Guns and other equipment lie at Hong Kong and Esquimaux.

The football players of the Iowa volunteers who recently defeated the Stanford university eleven played against the University of California team Monday. The contest was very exciting, and when time was called was declared a draw, neither side having scored.

The business portion of Divide, Colo., has been wiped out by fire. A number of buildings have been destroyed with their contents. George Sadler's merchandise store, Harkner's drug store,

a boarding house and other business places were wiped out, but an estimate of the damage cannot now be given.

The whaling bark Horatio has reached San Francisco from the Arctic ocean with 840 barrels of sperm oil, 350 barrels of whale oil and 4,300 pounds of bone, the whole being valued at over \$35,000. It is estimated that the whaling fleet will put over a million and a half million in circulation in San Francisco this winter.

Forest fires are raging in the mountains west of La Plata mining district, extending over an area of twenty miles from Mancos river to Bear Creek, near Dolores river, Colorado. Parties from that section report fires started by Indians to drive game. Unless a storm intervenes millions of dollars damage will be done to fine timber sections.

A man supposed to be Thomas Jenkins, a miner from Wyoming, committed suicide at Livingston, Mont., Monday. He went into a hardware store, inspected a gun, had it filled with cartridges and, placing the weapon to his forehead, cried, "Here goes, good-bye," at the same time shooting himself through the head, dying instantly.

Policeman James Green of Cheyenne, Wyo., was fatally wounded Sunday evening by Corporal McWilliams of company C, Twenty-fourth Infantry. The officer was endeavoring to quell a disturbance when shot by the soldier. The latter is still at large, while Green is in a precarious condition, having been shot through both lungs.

Mrs. Botkin's desire for an early trial will probably be gratified. The district attorney says his first move will be to send to Delaware for witnesses from that state. He said probably as many as half a dozen persons would be brought from Dover, and he would make an effort to secure the attendance of John P. Dunning, husband of one of the dead women, as a witness.

Brigadier General Marcus P. Miller has been relieved from command at the Presidio, on account of his early departure for the Philippines. Major Kinzie of the Third United States artillery, stationed at Alcatraz Island, has been temporarily assigned to the command of the Presidio, pending the arrival of Lieut.-Col. Warner, Fourth cavalry, who is at present on sick leave.

Joshua K. Brown, who was to be sent from Detroit to San Francisco as a Chinese inspector, has been ordered to Honolulu as Chinese inspector to carry out the restriction laws. These laws as well as the treaty now in force between this country and China will apply to the territory of Hawaii and the Chinese residents of the islands are not entitled to American citizenship by reason of Hawaiian annexation.

Friendly Chinese have warned Rev. Dr. Gardner, interpreter of the Chinese bureau, San Francisco, who is making an aggressive campaign against the trade in slave girls, that at a meeting of highbinders held Sunday night it was decided to take the doctor's life at the first opportunity if he persists in supplying the government with information detrimental to the interests of the highbinders and their chattels.

The big collier Willamette is to go into commission again this week. She has been overhauled and has had new boilers and engines put in at a cost of \$105,000 and she will now be able to carry twice as much coal as before the

alterations were made. The engines of the British tramp steamer Linlithgow, that was wrecked on Coronado Island, have been put in the Willamette and they are expected to drive her ten knots an hour easily.

Advices from Dawson of Oct. 4, say: Today the steamer Arnold of The Alaska Exploration company reached port and reports that probably four other steamers following her will reach here before the river closes. The Arnold carried United States troops from St. Michael to Rampart City and Circle City, together with their winter equipment. The detachment was in command of Captain Richardson. The Arnold brought 52 sacks of mail which has been accumulating for a year at St. Michael.

Parties who came in from Rangley, Colorado, report between 400 and 500 Indians camped on Douglas Spring, Sulphur and Cathedral creeks, in the vicinity of Langley, and killing deer in great numbers. The country where they are camped is near the locality where the killing occurred last year. A company of soldiers from Fort Duchesne is now encamped at Rangley and hope to get the Indians back to the reservation in the next few days. No game wardens have been in that section this fall and the Utes have had things all their own way.

Capt. Abercrombie, U. S. A., of the Copper river exploring expedition, with the remainder of his command, has arrived at Juneau, Alaska. He predicts a great future in mineral and some agricultural development for the Copper River valley. He states that his party discovered anthracite and bituminous coal in quantity. When asked to what he laid the general disappointment of the season, Capt. Abercrombie said: "To men who should never have left the plough-handle. Most of them were grubstaked. They weakened and remained in camp."

The Japanese government is taking steps to determine for a certainty whether or not the emperor of China is alive, according to advices received at Seattle by the Japanese mail steamer Rio Jun Maru. To that end Minister Yano has been dispatched to Peking, with instruction to demand a personal interview with the emperor. If refused the Japanese government will consider Kaung dead. That the reform movement may be given backing, the Japanese are going to assemble a fleet of war vessels at Peking as soon as possible.

The Southern Pacific company is looking out for sources of coal supply. Second Vice President George Crocker will leave San Francisco on the 20th inst. to direct the introduction of machinery for developing new shafts in the company's coal mine at Carbon, a place on the northern Pacific out from Tacoma, Wash. About the same time an engineering and prospecting party will leave for the state of Sonora, Mexico, to make a more careful examination of certain coal districts in the mountains about 100 miles off the line of the road to Guaymas, over which the Southern Pacific runs its trains.

A Genesee special to the Lewiston (Ida.) Tribune says: A sad tragedy occurred at the farm of Ned Bartlett on the reservation four miles from Genesee, this afternoon. Charles Setler stabbed to death Robert Fogarty, inflicting a deep wound in the victim's right side. A few minutes before the boys, who are about 15 years of age, were engaged in contented play. The boy who committed the awful deed is a quarter-breed Indian, the son of Charles Setler, a well known citizen re-