

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

At San Francisco the resignation of First Lieutenant DeFord of the Twentieth Kansas regiment has been accepted.

Private Elmer McIntier, Company F, Twentieth Kansas, has died at the division hospital, San Francisco, of acute tuberculosis.

The establishment of a transportation line between Seattle and Hawaii became a reality Thursday night, when the steamer City of Columbia sailed for Honolulu and Hilo, with 175 passengers and 20,000 tons of freight cargo.

In San Francisco C. S. Olsen, on behalf of himself and thirteen other prospective voyagers to the Klondike, has sued the Yukon and Northwestern Dredging & Transportation company for \$7,500 for alleged breach of contract.

John W. Springer, president of the National Stockgrowers' association, says that "Utah is marketing beef cattle off the ranges this year, which is the first time they have been able to do so, in twelve years."

In Seattle Thursday Jacob Martin was arrested on a warrant from Omaha, Neb., charging him with being a fugitive from justice. Martin is accused of having stolen about \$3,000 worth of furs from E. Schukert of Omaha.

George Engelke and Peter Edmiston, who left Riverside, Cal., over a year ago to prospect on the desert, have not since been heard from. The men went from there to San Diego and from there started on their perilous trip. The belief is general that both men have perished.

The steamer Laurada arrived at Seattle Friday afternoon from St. Michael and Dutch harbor, Alaska, with 200 passengers, 150 of whom were from Dawson City. Only a few had gold dust, the total amount of which is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The majority of the passengers were men who went into Alaska last winter, and this spring were unsuccessful.

All of the troops now in San Francisco have been moved from Camp Merritt to the Presidio, and it is believed by the regimental surgeons that the health of the men will be greatly improved by the change. Captain W. H. M. Kitztrick, who raised the American flag over Santiago, is there. He is a son-in-law of Gen. Shafter whom he expects in San Francisco in about two weeks.

The present status of affairs at the Boise, Ida., convention makes it appear quite certain that Governor Steunenberg will succeed himself on the Democratic ticket—that is, as far as the nomination is concerned. Gunn, leader of the Populists, seems to have lost all ground, and the probabilities are that he will be left entirely. The Silver Republicans are supporting Willis Sweet as a candidate for governor.

The California Raisin Growers' association has been organized for the purpose of establishing a high standard of quality and to put a stop to the shipment of inferior raisins. It is its intention to maintain a reasonable price for the product throughout the year. The association has under its control over 90 per cent of the crop of the state and within two or three weeks expects to secure at least five per cent more.

Gen. James Longstreet, United States commissioner of railroads, has arrived at San Francisco on an official inspection trip of the subsidized railroads. In an interview he said: "I believe, what little, if any, sectional

feeling still prevailed before the war has now been entirely obliterated, and that the popular conviction that such feeling no longer exists is one of the grand achievements of the war with Spain."

Pugilist Jim Corbett will leave San Francisco for New York on Monday. He says that McCoy acted very manfully concerning the postponement of their engagement, but as it is purely a matter of business with him, he will try and have the contest carried off according to the original plans, excepting that the time of the fight will necessarily be changed to a later date. The National club has signed Frank McConnell to fight George Green in San Francisco some time next month.

The wool season in Montana is virtually over, says the Helena Independent, though at the various shipping points there is yet a considerable quantity of wool which the owners are holding for various reasons, principally because they are of the opinion that in sixty days they will get more money for it than they would if they were to let go now. While estimates of the wool clip vary from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 pounds as the total clip this year, a conservative estimate puts the product at 25,000,000 pounds.

George Lerri, 3½ years old, was run over by a Southern Pacific train on the narrow gauge road in Oakland, Cal., and escaped without a scratch. The train was moving down the grade at the rate of thirty miles an hour when the little fellow stumbled. He fell just in front of the pilot of the engine, where the section hands had been excavating to remove some ties. His baby form just filled the excavation and the entire train passed over him. He was unconscious when picked up but soon recovered and is apparently as well as ever.

Quartermaster Sergeant James A. Young of Kansas, sentenced at San Francisco to imprisonment for embezzlement, declares that he is not guilty, because if he violated any military law it was through ignorance, and he never appropriated a cent of the money to his own use. He says that he has friends at home who will present his case direct to Secretary Alger and that he will soon be out of the penitentiary. Gen. Miller says that any ameliorating circumstances in the case will be forwarded by him to the adjutant general at Washington.

The steamer Dawson City, which departed from San Francisco for St. Michael more than two months ago had a very bad time of it on her voyage and when last heard from had not then reached her destination. She was the smallest steamer that ever left there carrying passengers for Alaska and was intended to go up the Yukon, dredging the river to make it navigable, and also to scoop up gold. A letter from the steamer, dated at Dutch Harbor, says that it took her thirty-five days to reach that port, which her commander expected to make in ten days.

Burton J. Mitchell, Company I, Twentieth Kansas, has been made regimental quartermaster sergeant, vice James E. Young, convicted of larceny and discharged from the service. The latter will be taken to the penitentiary at Leavenworth by Sergeant F. R. Dodge and a detail from the Kansas regiment. Young now claims that he disposed of commissary stores with the knowledge of the officers and men of the regiment and that the total sum was invested in tobacco for the regiment. This he sold to the officers and companies, each captain being responsible for his company.

A Missoula, Mont., dispatch to the Anaconda Standard says H. Boles, who formerly lived in Missoula and who was a petty officer under Dewey, arrived there Tuesday from Manila. Mr. Boles returned a wealthy man, having received a large slice of the prize money. He was one of the party of Americans who maned a steam launch that pursued a Spanish gunboat. J. F. Burns of the Second volunteer artillery is also in Missoula, having returned from Manila on account of injuries received by mounting a gun. Mr. Burns says that Boles received \$68,000.

Governor W. A. Richards of Wyoming has received a telegram from Bannock Indian Agent Warner at Ross Fork, Idaho, saying that an Indian buck by the name of "Daylight" had been arrested there charged with the murder of one of his squaws, named "Sleep" just west of the Shoshone reservation recently. Zleezcep, another of Daylight's wives, and her son Abraham Lincoln, are the informing witnesses. The governor has referred the matter to Prosecuting Attorney Vidal, of Fremont county, Wyoming.

Mrs. Frank Powell of 433 Jessie street, San Francisco, was fatally burned while preparing to cook a meal over a small coal oil stove Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock and died at the receiving hospital a few hours later. There was scarcely a square inch on her person that was not scorched by the flames. At the receiving hospital Dr. Maher, the surgeon on duty at the time, placed the suffering woman under the influence of chloroform. It was evident that she could not live, but her agony was alleviated and about 7 o'clock her lungs became so congested that death ensued.

The Republican state convention was late in assembling at Sacramento, Cal., Thursday, but soon got down to business and proceeded with nominations. E. P. Colgan was nominated for state controller by acclamation, as was M. J. Wright for surveyor general. Truman Reeves secured the nomination for state treasurer. Tiley L. Ford of San Francisco was nominated for attorney general. Thomas J. Kirk of Fresno was declared the nominee for superintendent of public instruction. A. L. Johnson secured the nomination for state printer, after which the convention adjourned sine die.

The Utah volunteer cavalry arrived at Wawona, Cal., Thursday, under Capt. Caine. They are to guard the Yosemite Park the balance of the season under the direction of Superintendent Zevely. The troops will go into quarters at Camp A. F. Wood, formerly occupied by the regular troops. Since July 25th the Park has been guarded by a force of mountaineers organized by Superintendent Zevely, under command of Special Agents Cullom and Buck. They have ejected from the Park about 175,000 head of sheep. Several extensive fires have already occurred, but were soon subdued.

Four masked robbers held up the station agent and section-house at Arkansas Junction, three miles from Leadville, Colo., at 8 o'clock Friday night. A special train carrying a posse of officers was at once sent out over the Midland, and the officers are now in close pursuit. Details at hand state that the robbers secured about \$2,000, a large part of which was the savings of years accumulated by Mrs. Williams, wife of the agent at the junction. The section hands were relieved of a few dollars and some silver watches. The robbers had horses near at hand, and after firing a few shots to scare their victims, they rode rapidly away. A telegram just received, says three of the robbers were caught.