NEWS OF THE WEST.

The Masked Men Hold Up Thirteen Men in a Store.

ATTEMPT TO KILL A YOUNG GIRL.

Semi-Centennary of California's Occupation for the U. S.—Released from Prison—Agricultural School.

The telephone wires are being placed under ground in Portland, Or.

Robert B. Montague, mayor-select of Lebanon, Or., attained his majority after his election.

The salmon hatchery at Mapleton, Oregon, on the Siuslaw, will probably turn out 40,000 Chinook salmon this year.

The Oriental imports received at Tacoma for the year ending December 30th were valued at $10,477,522. Of this over $9,000,000 was tea and silk.

There have been 6,700 boxes of apples, 1,224 boxes of pears and nearly 600 barrels of hops shipped from Grant's Pass, Oregon, since September 1st.

Clifton E. Mayne, the ex-Ogden boomer who is in jail at Los Angeles, has been refused bail asked of the supreme court of California on the ground of his ill health.

William Brandon, a well known stock dealer and pioneer citizen of Pleasanton, Cal., died Monday afternoon from injuries received several weeks ago by a horse kicking him in the face.

W. J. McGeorge, a young divinity student shot by a companion while hunting a week ago, at Kinsey, Cal., died at the hospital Sunday night from the effects of the wound.

It is announced from Portland, Oregon, that the Burlington railway has a good prospect of forcing the Union Pacific to allow it a western terminal either at Puget Sound or Portland.

Monday afternoon $21,168.30 was paid into the Los Angeles county, Cal., treasury by the bondsmen of ex-County Auditor Eli Hammond, being the amount of Hammond's defalcation, with interest at 7 per cent up to November 1st.

A South Seattle, Washington, matrimonial agent named Newman has been indicted by the federal grand jury for using the mails to advertise fraudulently that he had a $10,000 beauty 22 years old on his list who wished to find a suitable husband.

The faculty at the Nebraska state university announces that on January 7, 1896, a school of agriculture will be opened in connection with the university. The session will last twelve weeks. The course will be on subjects with which there is no good opportunity to become acquainted on the farm.

The Mexican war veterans in California are moving for a grand fiesta in Monterey, to commence on July 4 and end on July 7 next, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the raising of the American flag in California. Secretary Herbert has promised that all the available ships of the navy within reach of Monterey harbor on that date shall be ordered there on the occasion for a naval display.

Another big water scheme has been instituted at San Jose, Cal. A. G. Field filed a notice Monday in the recorder's office to the effect that he claims all the water in the stream known as the Coyote creek and in its tributaries, flowing to the extent of 14,400 inches, measured under a four-inch pressure. The plan of the projectors is to dam the waters of the Coyote creek and form a reservoir for irrigating an immense tract of land.

Three masked men held up thirteen men in a store at the Virtu mine near Baker City, Oregon, Saturday night, and took the contents of the safe, which was $4. The outlaws entered the front door and the command, "Throw up your hands!" was given, to which no attention was paid by the thirteen men in the store, the crowd believing a joke was being perpetrated, as they had just been relating thrilling stories of "bad" men and bold outlaws. Two shots fired over their head were sufficient to convince them that the man meant business, and all hands went up. Mr. Brooks, the proprietor, had about $600 secreted outside the safe and his loss was consequently light. The robbers escaped.

News comes from Boise City, Idaho, of an interesting case decided by the supreme court there on Monday—that of Watson M. Nesbit Jr., son of a well-known Utah mining man, who was sent to the penitentiary November 29, 1894, for two years for stealing $400 in money, a gold watch and a small bar of bullion from the safe of the Gold Hill mining company at Quartzburg. The supreme court finds that there is no legal evidence against him and forces his discharge. There was an English sovereign of 1826 in the money stolen and such a piece was found on young Nesbit, with other money, but the piece was not identified. The court holds that the case of the state was so weak that it takes the usual course of discharging the prisoner.

Word comes from Harrisburg, Or., that an unknown assassin attempted to murder Miss Ethel Riddle, aged 19, Saturday night. The girl lives with her uncle George Henderson, and after supper she had washed the dishes and had stepped out of the back door to throw out a pannful of water, when she was seized by a man in the darkness, who stabbed her in the neck and cut her across the wrists. She broke away and ran screaming toward the house. Mrs. Henderson, hearing her screams, ran to the door, when her assailant fled. The physician who was summoned, found the girl's wound not dangerous, the gash in her neck having just missed an artery. Twice before recently Miss Riddle says her life has been attempted, she having been fired upon in the darkness. Her assailant was not recognized and the only theory as to the cause of the attempted murder is that the deed was prompted by jealousy of a rejected suitor.

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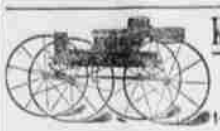

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