

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

During June the output of Cripple Creek was 34,600 tons, the same valued at \$1,262,175.

The residents of Evanston and Almy, Wyo., have donated \$350 for the aid of Park City sufferers.

The Democrats of Wyoming will hold their state convention at Casper, Natrona county, August 3rd.

Charles Woods, a sporting man, committed suicide at Boise, Idaho, Saturday, by shooting.

Train service on the Wood river branch of the Oregon Short Line is to be cut to two or three trains a week.

An estimate of Montana's wool clip this year places it at 24,000,000 pounds with a value of about \$3,500,000.

In the Standard mine, Wallace, Ida., Archie Shakespeare fell down an ore chute, a distance of 200 feet, and was killed.

A slight earthquake shock was felt at Los Angeles, Cal., shortly before midnight Thursday. No damage has been reported.

A. M. Pruess, said to be of Salt Lake was badly beaten by Editor Arthur of the Wyoming Press, at Evanston Thursday. The editor used a cane.

Louis Guggenheim of Virginia City, Nev., has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for embezzlement while secretary of the grand lodge I. O. O. F.

General Merriam, San Francisco, has ordered Major Frank W. Hess of the Third United States artillery to proceed to Fort Canby, Washington, where he will be permanently stationed.

The Alger light artillery battery will probably move over to the Presidio today (Saturday) to join the forces at Camp Miller. The Iowa regiment drilled Friday before Brig. Gen. Hughes.

The Leadville Herald-Democrat, published at Leadville, Col., has been sold by its former owner, William H. Griffith, to James C. McLannan and Lute H. Johnson.

Battery A, Wyoming volunteer light artillery, known as the Alger battery, in command of Captain Palmer, arrived at San Francisco Sunday from Cheyenne and went into camp at Camp Miller, at the Presidio.

Howard Brewer, in an exciting contest at San Francisco, has beaten the world's amateur swimming record for 440 yards, his time being 6 minutes 10½ seconds. The previous record was 6 minutes 23½ seconds, and was held by Blum of Chicago.

Board's sawmill at Hailey, Ida., was burned on Tuesday, the fire being caused by flying sparks. Five thousand feet of lumber, ten tons of grain and a dwelling house and granary were destroyed, the whole entailing a loss of \$5,000.

Thursday evening 104 recruits arrived at San Francisco from Utah. They will remain in the cars all night and this (Friday) morning will march to the ground assigned the at Camp Merritt, adjoining the quarters of the Wyoming troops.

Near Melrose, Mont., on the Big Hole river, two farmers, George Vauch and W. W. Wench, got into a dispute about hay. Wench went to a cabin, got a butcher-knife and returning cut Vauch's jugular. Wench escaped and has not been caught. Vauch died in twenty minutes.

The difficulty experienced in obtaining steamships for transport service has caused the government to seek for

sailing vessels which may be available. Several have been examined and it is understood that the ship Tacoma will be chartered to carry stores and military supplies to Manila.

Returning from church Sunday evening, Thomas Lewis, a citizen of the Big Horn, Wyoming, basin was struck by lightning and killed. Lewis, his wife and son and E. V. Cooking were seated in a wagon together and the flash killed the horses and burned Mrs. Lewis and the boy.

Col. Smith of the First Tennessee volunteers has asked Major General Otis for a board of survey to pass on the uniforms issued to his regiment. The colonel asserts that the garments were made in Chinatown and are worthless after ten days wear. They are in worse condition than the old uniforms worn by the troops on their arrival in San Francisco.

Miss Birdie Sanders, in resisting an attack by three men, who opposed her retention as teacher of the White Cross school, Boise, Ida., shot two of them, the third running away. One of the wounded men, Wm. Kendrick, may die. It is supposed the men intended to abduct Miss Sanders, in order to scare her out of the country.

A severe north wind has done considerable damage to grain and fruit in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, Cal. The greatest loss will fall upon the growers of wheat. Some conservative farmers estimate that 40 per cent of the cereal has been threshed out by the storm in certain localities.

The company of engineers organized by Capt. Wain-Morgan Draper left Denver for San Francisco last night over the Union Pacific, en route to the Philippines. There are ninety-two men in the company. One hundred and fifty Pennsylvania volunteers passed through last night. They were entertained by the Soldiers' Aid society.

The California Eastern railway, it is said, is to be extended from Manvel, San Bernardino county, to Goode Springs, Nev., a distance of seventy miles. It is said the Campbells of Salt Lake City, who own valuable lead mines at Goode Springs, have guaranteed an average freight of 300 tons of lead ore per week.

Logan Stair, a fourteen-year-old boy, was drowned in the tank at the Natatorium on Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal. Thursday afternoon. A dozen comrades were in the tank at the time, but they had not the slightest idea of young Stair's danger and left him to drown. He was probably seized with a cramp. The parents are from Akron, O., and have lived in Los Angeles three years.

The San Francisco Call says that the schooner Laura Tadson, belonging to the Mutual Mining and Transportation company of Boston, which was to have sailed for St. Michaels on May 15th last, is still tied up there owing to the fact that San Francisco merchants have liens on her amounting to \$17,000. Over \$40,000 has been expended by the company in extensive preparations for its proposed operations in Alaska.

Claus Isaksens, who recently absconded with over \$70,000 belonging to the Pacific Rolling Mills company, San Francisco, has been located by the detectives at St. Paul, Minn. He has been indicted by the grand jury, and today Governor Budd will be asked to issue extradition papers for his return to that city. He is said to have left

disguised as a tramp and to have visited Seattle and Vancouver before going to St. Paul.

The Yukon Northwestern Dredging & Transportation company has brought suit to recover \$10,000 damages from William Birch & Co., George Thompson and E. T. Engelbrecht, San Francisco. The plaintiff corporation complains of breach of a contract under which Birch & Company agreed to construct and deliver within a certain time a stern wheel steamer. Thompson and Engelbrecht are sued as sureties on a bond given to insure performance of the contract.

Second Lieut. Horace T. Devereaux, reported wounded among Roosevelt's rough riders at Santiago, is a prominent club man of Colorado Springs and Denver. He enlisted with the rough riders as a private, later becoming a sergeant. Two weeks ago he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon the recommendation of Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt. Devereaux is a graduate of Princeton and played quarter-back with the Tigers for several years.

Two companies of the Second regiment of volunteer engineers went into camp at San Francisco Sunday on the Presidio plain north of Camp Miller. One company is from Colorado under Captain Draper, the other is a California company under Captain Wreken. Major Langfit is in command of this battalion. The colonel of the regiment is Willard Young. Two more companies are expected in a week. One is coming from Salt Lake and the other from Portland.

South Dakota needs forty more recruits at San Francisco. Kansas wants several more and the Eighteenth United States infantry is short two men. The United States signal corps detachment at Camp Merritt wants sixty or more recruits in addition to twenty reported to be on the way there from the east, and the United States hospital corps, attached to the field hospital, desires 200 recruits to complete its quota of 700 attendants. Practically no other vacancies exist among the different commands destined for or on the way to the Philippines.

The steamer Pennsylvania has brought to San Francisco nine gold seekers from Boston, who sailed on the schooner Stowell Sherman and were stranded at Montevideo. Their vessel was pronounced unseaworthy at that port. Captain M. F. Culbert and First Officer Roose remained to look after the schooner. The men who have reached there report that the Klondikers who left New York in February on the schooner Actaea, under Captain McCarthy, are at Buenos Ayres without money to pay for necessary repairs to their craft.

It was learned at Sacramento, Cal., Thursday night that a field fire started near Rockliff, Placer county, in the forenoon, and, driven by the fierce norther, the fire swept southward, burning almost everything in its path. It reached the American river, jumped the river and swept over the hills clear to the Consumnes river and how far eastward is not known. Houses, barns, fences, grain and hay fields, cordwood, etc., were wiped out, and it is said that considerable live stock perished. Several persons are said to have been injured.

Ex-Secretary of State John Sherman arrived at Seattle Thursday night from Alaska. Speaking of his trip to Alaska, Mr. Sherman said: "It was the most delightful I have ever had the pleasure of taking. The strangest thing of all was the constant daylight. Alaska would be better governed had she regular territorial laws, is one conclusion I have reached on this visit."