

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Charles Nelson, the slayer of Thomas M. Kerr at Boise, Ida., June 4th, has been held on the charge of murder without bail.

One hundred recruits for the First Colorado regiment will reach Camp Merritt today (Thursday). The men are nearly all from Pueblo.

At Lander, Wyo., Thomas G. Pierce has been found guilty of the murder of Christopher Hass. Manslaughter was the verdict of the jury.

Capt. A. L. Ewing has been appointed superintendent of the Soldiers' home at Boise, Ida., to succeed Charles A. Clark, resigned.

The Alger light artillery, numbering 125 men, will leave Cheyenne this (Saturday) evening over the Union Pacific for San Francisco.

Mistaking his mother-in-law for a burglar, N. L. Wolf of Grover, Colo., shot and fatally wounded Mrs. C. Lingleback Friday evening.

An explosion of a box of powder near Victor, Colo., Friday, destroyed the shafthouse at the Jefferson mine. The engineer was slightly injured by flying rocks.

A camp for the instruction of recruits is to be established at Camp Merritt. It will be in charge of Major A. G. Diggles of the Minnesota volunteers.

Rev. E. E. Smiley of Cheyenne, Wyo., has been selected as president of the Wyoming State university at Laramie, to succeed Frank P. Graves, recently resigned.

It is now stated that two batteries of the Third artillery and the Astor battery will go to Manila on the Newport, which will convey Gen. Merritt to the Philippines.

In Montana the new government loan has caught on immensely, the state treasurer having asked for \$250,000 and the people of Helena subscribing for \$271,000.

The contest over the estate of Jacob C. Davis, in San Francisco, is at an end. The verdict of the jury rendered some months ago in Judge Coffey's court will not be disturbed.

Governor Lord has issued an order for the reorganization of the Oregon National Guard in one regiment of three battalions, each having four companies of 106 enlisted men.

The dead body of F. H. Smith, a miner, was found near his lease at Cripple Creek, Colo., Thursday. He had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Smith was 45 years of age.

Bob Armstrong, a Denver colored man, and Mexican Pete Everett, have signed articles for twenty-round contest for the Colorado heavyweight championship, the fight to take place at Cripple Creek July 4th.

It is thought at San Francisco that the Utah troop of cavalry will shortly be allowed to move its camp on to the Presidio, where there are excellent facilities for drilling, etc. This pleases the Utah boys very much.

The steamer Amur which arrived at Victoria, B. C., from Skaguay Friday evening, brings news of the reported loss of steamer Ora on Lake Bennett. The Ora was enroute to Dawson on her maiden trip. The report lacks confirmation.

Major General Meritt, who expects to sail on the Newport next week, will not likely relinquish command of the new army corps for several months, or until his duties as governor

general of the Philippines interfere with the discharge of military duties.

What promises to result in extended litigation is the declared forfeiture of the George G. Johnstone lease on the Gold Sovereign Mining & Tunnel company's property at Cripple Creek by the company's superintendent Wednesday. It is alleged that Johnstone did not comply with the terms of the lease.

The new revenue cutter for the Yukon river which was launched Thursday from the foot of Taylor street, San Francisco, while being towed away by the tug Elizabeth, came in collision with no less than five vessels. Three holes were punched in her sides and she carried away the bowsprit and part of the rigging of the schooner Prosper.

The Wyoming Republican will hold their state convention at Douglas, Aug. 10th. The basis of representation is as follows: Albany county, twelve delegates; Big Horn, six; Carbon, twelve; Converse, six; Crook, five; Fremont, five; Johnson, three; Laramie, eighteen; Natrona, eight; Sheridan, eight; Sweetwater, seven; Uinta, ten; Weston, five.

The California Winemakers' Corporation, composed of many of the leading men in the wine business in the state, has decided to hold regular auctions in New Orleans. That city is the second largest market for wines east of the Rocky Mountains. The goods sold there are always of low grade, and half a cent a gallon difference in price is always an inducement to the leading French and Italian buyers.

The schooner Jane Gray is reported to be ashore near Kyuquat, about 100 miles from the place where she was wrecked, causing the loss of thirty-six lives, says a dispatch from Victoria, B. C. The survivors of this marine disaster asserted that the vessel foundered at sea, but it is evident that such was not the case. The Indians who found the wreck state that there were no bodies in the cabins.

Dave Lant and Harry Tracy, the two Robbers' Roost desperadoes who were taken to Aspen, Colo., some weeks ago for safekeeping, are again at liberty. They succeeded in escaping from the Pitkin county jail about dark Wednesday after beating into insensibility Jailor Jones with an iron poker. They are armed.

Charged with having threatened his wife's life, Harrison De Silva Pike appeared in a San Francisco police court Wednesday. Pike is now secretary of the Jumper Mining company and was formerly assistant general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway company. He was allowed his liberty after promising faithfully to behave himself in the future.

Chung Ying, nephew of the famous "Little Pete," has been killed by a highbinder, who it is asserted, was to be paid \$500 for the crime by the Gim Yee Tong, an association of the Chinese sewing machine workers. Ying conducted an overalls and shoe factory in San Francisco, and was accused of cutting rates on work which was sublet to him by a white firm. He was waylaid and shot, receiving a wound which has proved fatal.

It is stated that the foreign insurance companies doing business in California have yielded to the demands of Commissioner Clunie, having agreed to pay the one per cent tax. It is also that rates will be reduced about 25 per cent. This will save the state about \$30,000 a year, and the policy holders \$200,000. The agreement will also have the effect of practically breaking the

existing insurance compact in that state.

A dispatch from Juneau, Alaska, June 20, via Seattle, Wash., June 25, says: On Friday last an Indian, belonging to a Chilcat band of Sticks, fired two shots from ambush at Jack Dalton, the noted Alaska explorer and trail breaker, narrowly missing his life. All the circumstances of the shooting show it to have been a carefully planned to assassinate the man whom the Indians hold responsible for the influx of whites into their country.

A dispatch from Juneau, Alaska, June 17th, via Seattle, Wash., June 24, says: A party of sixty-one disappointed miners has just reached here from the Copper river country. One of the men, E. W. Hoag, formerly editor of a paper at Poplar Bluff, Mo., says it took eight weeks to get their outfits fifty miles over the Valdes glaciers. He speaks in a most discouraging way of the country and says that while copper exists there no gold worth working was found.

The first activity in the down town mines of Leadville, Colo., since the long strike was observed Thursday afternoon when a force of men began cleaning up and digging holes for the winches at Bonair and Penrose mines. Thus was begun the initial work of the Home Mining company, and within two weeks all preparatory work will be finished, and this company and the Leadville Pumping association will be ready to start the pumps in the down town mines.

Herman C. St. Clair was hanged at Idaho City, Ida., Friday morning, and died protesting innocence and remaining firm to the last. The crime for which St. Clair was hanged was the murder of John Decker near Van Wyck in Long valley on the night of October 21, 1897. The murder was a particularly cold-blooded deed. This fact, taken in connection with a desperate effort made by the murderer to escape, has made the trial and execution of this man one of the famous cases of the kind in the annals of Idaho.

A Honolulu special to the San Francisco Chronicle says: From a source high in the foreign office it is learned that the republic of Hawaii has assured the British consul general that in case the action of the Hawaiian government in offering herself as an ally to the United States should result in the bombardment of Honolulu any damage done to English property or interests would be paid by this government. It is also reported that the German consul, learning of the matter, demanded the same guarantee for German merchants. The Hawaiian government has not as yet replied.

It is alleged that another highbinder war is imminent in Chinatown, San Francisco. The shooting of Chung Ying two nights ago, it is said, has been followed by threats against at least four other prominent Chinese. A price of \$500 is reported to have been put on their heads. The men are all manufacturers and they have gained the enmity of a portion of their countrymen by employing non-union laborers. Their names are: D. Wing, Kim Wah Lung, Moy Hin and Nock Foo. Wing is an overall maker and employs over eighty hands. His factory is now closely guarded.

The building trades council of San Francisco has adopted resolutions arraigning Major O. T. Long, department quartermaster U. S. A. for permitting uniforms for the troops now there to be made by Chinese and for denying the fact in an official dispatch to Washington. The secretary of war is requested to make an investigation of the matter. Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald is also incensed at the telegram of Major Long which is said to entirely