

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Nevada troop of cavalry left Cheyenne, Wyo., Sunday evening for the coast.

According to an order issued by Maj.-Gen. Otis at San Francisco, no horses will be shipped to Manila.

Emory Lamb, of Laramie, has been appointed to the naval cadetship from that state, with Torrey McGhee as alternate.

News comes from Tagish Lake, Alaska, that Fred Whitcomb, of Keene, N. H., accidentally shot and killed himself on Windy Arm, on the 27th of May.

The troop of Nevada cavalry from Carson City has been ordered to San Francisco. The men are jubilant in the knowledge that they will embark for the Philippines.

The second expedition to Manila will leave San Francisco June 15th. At that time the China, Colon, Zealandia, Morgan City and Senator will be pressed into service.

In his office at Moscow, Idaho, Saturday evening, R. D. McConnell, brother of ex-Governor McConnell, shot himself through the heart, dying instantly. Disposition caused his rash act.

The death of Col. John Morrissey, a Colorado pioneer and at one time one of the richest men of the West, occurred at Leadville Friday. He was about 55 years of age and leaves a wife and daughter in Denver.

The body of George Milden, who so mysteriously disappeared from his home in Evanston, Wyo., about three weeks ago, was found Friday floating down the Bear river. Milden fell into the stream while intoxicated.

The Christian commission, as the war department of the Young men's Christian association is known, will send Frank A. Jackson and C. A. Glunz to Manila to work among the troops sent to aid Admiral Dewey.

Owners of sailing vessels are profiting by the government demand for transport steamers. Every Hawaiian packet now in port at San Francisco has more freight offered than she can carry in three trips and the trade promises to increase rather than diminish.

The Horri coal mines, including 6,000 acres of coal lands in the eastern part of Montana have been sold to a New York syndicate for three-quarters of a million. It is the most extensive plant in the West. J. Howard Conrad owned four-fifths, for which he gets \$600,000.

At one o'clock this (Saturday) morning three masked men entered the Warwick gambling rooms on Pacific avenue, Tacoma, and held up the game. Two men covered the dealers while the third secured \$250. The men escaped with the booty.

The loss caused by the burning of the Aberdeen Packing company's cannery at Ilwaco, Wash., early Sunday morning is estimated at \$75,000. The insurance is about \$40,000. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Major General Merritt at San Francisco wants more troops. He is now in communication with Washington on the subject, and hopes to receive word within a few hours that the additional forces have been granted him and have been started on their way.

Governor Rogers has forwarded to Mrs. Gridley, widow of the late Captain Gridley, of the cruiser Olympia, on behalf of the people of the capital city and the state of Washington, an

eloquent expression of sympathy for the loss of her gallant husband.

The Thirteenth regiment of Minnesota volunteers has been presented with a handsome state flag by Mrs. L. A. Runge, in behalf of the citizens of Minneapolis. It is the handsomest banner that will be carried by any of the troops who are going to the Philippines.

Brig.-Gen. Edwin V. Sumner, of Denver, Colo., was notified Wednesday from Washington of his appointment as permanent commander of the Department of the Colorado, including now also the former Department of the Platte. He was formerly colonel of the Seventh cavalry, stationed in Arizona.

Governor Tanner of Illinois had a narrow escape from drowning while getting into the Warrens mining district, Idaho. In fording the Payette river the governor suffered a severe ducking and was forced to swim to shore, while his guide was carried down the swollen stream and drowned.

The Kansas regiment at San Francisco has received a beautiful banner from the Ladies' Relief Corps of Topeka. The distribution of new uniforms to the Montana men has begun and the command will be completely equipped in a few days. The Washington volunteers are now fully equipped and ready to march at a moment's notice.

Santini Guidi, a young Italian, used a knife with murderous intent last night, and as a result of his work his wife and Londo Pelligrini, his brother-in-law, lie at the receiving hospital at the point of death. The woman was stabbed first, and when her brother rushed to the rescue, Guidi drove him away, then pursued him and thrust the knife in his back.

The steamer Garonne, Capt. Conrad, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., Sunday morning from London, reports that he sighted a Spanish cruiser painted black, in company with a cargo ship, off Point Sur on June 8th. The cruiser was a turret ship, one mast, and the cargo ship had a black funnel. She showed American flags to the Garonne.

The California Christian Endeavor Union has issued a second emergency call which reviews the organized work carried on for years by the union in the army and navy. It requests all Christian Endeavor societies in that and other states sending troops to the Philippines and also upon the churches of which these societies are a part, to stand by this work financially.

Private George D. Couns of company C, Tenth Pennsylvania volunteers, was wounded during target practice at the Presidio Friday. He was marking at the butts, when a bullet struck an iron rod sustaining the target frame, a fragment of which became detached and fell upon Couns's head, inflicting a painful but not necessarily fatal wound.

An amateur playwright brought a play to Richard Mansfield. Mansfield looked it over and pointed out its various defects. The amateur was visibly irritated. "Do you know that play cost me a year's hard labor?" he exclaimed. "My dear man, you are fortunate," replied Mansfield, "a more just judge would have made it ten years—he really would."

Charles P. Chamberlain of Spokane, Wash., receiver of the Central Washington railroad, estimates that the eastern Washington wheat crop this season will yield twenty-five million bushels, three million more than last year. Eighty per cent of the fall sown

wheat is now practically safe from injury. His estimate is based on a recent visit along the line of his road.

The board of health of San Francisco has decided to confer with Gen. Otis with a view to promoting better sanitary conditions than now exist at Camp Merritt. It is feared that the presence of 14,000 men in camp may threaten the health of the city, and the board has decided that some means must be taken to alleviate unsanitary conditions that may result in epidemic.

Nearly 75 per cent of the applicants for enlistment in the United States regular army are rejected at the recruiting offices in San Francisco. The principal causes of rejection is impaired vision, and defective chest expansion. Several natives of the Philippines have applied for enlistment, but all have been rejected. One of these, who was very anxious to go to Manila with the troops, was suspected of being a Spaniard.

The grand chapter Royal Arch masons of Washington convened at Tacoma Friday with a large attendance. Reports showed that the total membership of the state was 1,154. Officers elected were as follows: John Moore, Spokane, G. N. P.; D. I. Paramore, Snohomish, D. G. H. P.; S. H. Rush, Spokane, G. K.; A. Nilsson, Dayton, G. S.; Wm. McMichan, Olympia, G. T.; Yancy C. Blalock, Walla Walla, G. Sec. The chapter decided to meet next year in Tacoma.

Six weeks ago Samuel Larsen of San Francisco left his bride of scarce ten days to sail as second mate on a coasting schooner. Instead of taking ship he wandered about in the north end of the city far into the night, and the next day his body was found hanging to a gas jet in a cheap lodging house but little more than a mile from his home. The story came to light Thursday after Larsen had lain for six weeks in a suicide's grave in the potter's field.

"Here's a story about Irving," says a London letter writer. "He and Wyndham, you know, have a long standing dispute as to which of the two is the older. Well, they met at the Garrick club the other afternoon. 'Ah, Henry,' said Wyndham, 'I'm going to play young Bob Acres.' 'Let me congratulate you, dear Charles,' murmured Sir Henry; 'of course, then, you won't be a bit surprised to hear that I've arranged to appear as Little Lord Fauntleroy.'"

The Christian and Missionary alliance began its sessions in San Francisco Sunday. Rev. J. A. Fraser opened the first meeting and was followed by Dean A. C. Peck of Denver, national field secretary of the alliance, who spoke regarding the work of the organization. The sermon was preached by Rev. John Robertson, a distinguished divine of Glasgow, Scotland. Many prominent clergymen interested in the alliance cause are there and will speak during the progress of the convention.

The Cheyenne Sun-Leader says that Col. Torrey has completed the organization of his pack train. The train is in charge of Paymaster Clark of Casper, and is composed of thirty-nine men chosen from Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and Nevada. The train will leave Wednesday for St. Louis, where it will be equipped with mules which have been purchased. The pack train is considered to be one of the finest in the army. Then men are large and husky, and many have been in the pack service before.

It is semi-officially announced at San Francisco that Brigadier General H. C. Otis has chosen for adjutant general of the Fourth brigade, Capt. Murphy, son of United States Senator Murphy of