EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

MERRITT WILL SAIL NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Montana Men Reduced to the Ranks—Nevada's Adelmann—Killed His Father—Damage by Rains.

Thirty recruits from Oregon arrived at San Francisco Tuesday, and over a hundred more are due today (Wednesday). They will be quartered with the Seventh Minnesota regiment, which they are sent to Manila.

The official vote in the recent state election, Oregon, shows the following result for Governor: Total vote, 44,712; Geer, Democrat, 6,391; Kiza Fusion, 4,116; Lane, Middle-of-the-Road, 1,866; Osborne, Prohibition, 1,211; Geer's plurality, 2,341; Geer's majority, 2,275.

Three sergeants and four corporals of the Montana regiment now at San Francisco, have been reduced to the ranks for disobeying their commanding officer. The dismissed officers are members of Company I, which attempted a week ago, against the park service at noon and refused to march when ordered out.

Four companies, instead of three, have been allotted to Nevada to fill the issue call for volunteers. Each will consist of 101 men. The state militia is composed of six companies, aggregating 501 men. At least 40 of these are disqualified for service in the United States army. The governor will make his call upon the militia today. (Wednesday).

At San Francisco Louis Mitchell, who had all spoken to his wife for the first week, his 8th minor on Friday last by telling her he was about to commit suicide. There he set out to carry out his word, but signally failed, despite the fact that he cut his wrist and took two or three shots at Mitchell. He now occupies a padded cell in the city jail.

Heavy rains and the melting of snow has caused Kootenai lake, British Columbia, to rise four feet during the past week. The lower portion of Kaslo is under water and trains take on passengers on the Kilties road the station. The lower portion of the town is navigated in boats, and business is at a standstill. Still higher water is anticipated. The Sandon line will be heavy.

Ninety-one men enlisted by Capt. F. W. Cattell in Denver to fill the company ranks in the First Colorado regiment, left for San Francisco Tuesday morning via the Denver & Rio Grande and the Colorado Midland railroads. Sixty-eight men enlisted by Capt. Howard at Cripple Creek, completing the quota for the regiment, will probably start west today (Wednesday).

The work on the cruiser Philadelphia at Mare Island, Cal., is progressing rapidly and she will be ready for sea by the first week of July. The tugs Active and Pearlson are being prepared for service as auxiliary cruisers. The Pearlson will carry seven guns and have a large searchlight on her wheel house. The Active and other tugs to be used by the government will carry five guns each.

Arthur Falor, residing in the Fall River basin, Uinta county, Wyoming, is reported to have shot and killed his father. The son claims he did it in self-defense, and has gone to Evanston to give himself up.

Frank A. Dean, a Chicago visitor to Boise, has mysteriously disappeared and great concern is manifested as to his whereabouts. He has been sought for for some time past but without success. His mother lives on Sixty-seventh street and Michigan avenue, Chicago.

The body of W. Thiedemann was found early Monday morning on the suburb behind Sutro Heights, San Francisco. A revolver still clutched in his lifeless right hand and a bullet hole in his right temple told the story of suicide. Thiedemann had evidently sat down deliberately, placed his walking stick to his left side and then fired the fatal shot. The suicide was a son-in-law of Felix Leader of Merritan, Cal., who is a member of the firm of Joseph Brothers, at 1119 Mission street, San Francisco.

Frank McConnell of San Francisco defeated Charles McKeever of Philadelphia Tuesday night in the fourth round of a scheduled 25-round contest for the championship of the Pacific coast, but was so nearly that the referee declared the fight and awarded the decision to McConnell. It was an even and interesting contest until the fourth round when McConnell landed a terrific blow on the Philadelphia's jaw, knocking him down. McKeever came on strong and received another furious, which sent him down again. At 2 was clearly unable to continue the fight with any prospect of ultimate success, the referee interposed.

It is now stated on good authority that Major General Merritt will sail for the Philippines next Wednesday on the steamship Australia, leaving the third fleet of transports which will probably sail away on Monday. The Seventh California regiment is said to be assigned to go on the Nebraska with Gen. Merritt. Major-General Otis sailed Wednesday from Manila on the Newport with the Fourth infantry and ordering his to be assembled preparatory of the next expedition in Manila. At the same time an order was issued assigning Col. A. S. Frost of the fourth Indiana regiment to the command of the Fourth brigade. Two hundred Nevada's for the Kansas regiment and 100 of the Tennessee will sailors arrived today. Five soldiers affected with pneumonia were taken from Camp Merritt to the French hospital today.

Death of a Lehi Pioneer.

Lehi Banner: After months of suffering from a tumor, Mrs. Charlotte Dixon gave up the fight at last and death released her from her sufferings on Friday. She was one of the pioneers of Lehi, having come here in 1853. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holm and was born in Denmark September 5, 1846. Soon after she came to Lehi she married the late Joseph Dixon and was the mother of six children. Though of a mild disposition she was well known and deeply respected. A large assemblage attended the funeral services which were held at the residence on Saturday afternoon. The speakers were Edward Edwards, John Woodward, Andrew Peterson, Guy Billingsen and A. R. Anderson.

Germans and Americans at Manila.

(New York Journal.)

It is hardly conceivable that the German naval force in the Pacific can have any hostile designs against Dewey but in view of the fact that the German ships in that region are concentrating at Manila, the will no more affect make it worth while to be a little alarming on the subject of comparative strength.

The German vessels now at Manila are the armored cruiser Kaiser, of 7,331 tons, its protected cruisers Kaiserin Augusta and Irene, of 6,811 and 4,526 tons and the gunboat Cormoran of 1,940 tons. In addition, within a few days's sail, are the two ships brought up Prince Henry from Germany, the armored cruiser Deutschland, of 7,531 and the protected cruiser Gefion, of 4,256 tons.

Against these Admiral Dewey has the protected cruisers Olympia, Baltimore, Raleigh and Boston, of 5,870, 4,413, 3,213 and 2,900 tons respectively, the gunboats Concord and Petrel, of 1,130 and 892, and the revenue cutter McCulloch, of 1,546 but to some of the small craft captured from the Spaniards on the way, and probably near enough to reach him as soon as Prince Henry's reinforcements could join the Germans, in the protected cruiser Charleston, of 3,270 tons. The monitors Monterey and Monadnock are trailing along on the other side of the Pacific, but cannot be considered factors in the present situation.

In tonnage the two squadrons now at Manila are about equal, if not absolutely equal. The four German vessels carry 18,000, and the seven American, 20,000 tons. The Kaiser has the advantage of armor, which all of our ships lack, and also of a most tremendous battery. She has four 9.4-inch guns, 18-inch guns, more than equivalent in weight of metal at a range to the unarmored main batteries of the Olympia and Baltimore, besides six 15, six 4 and nine 3.4 inch rapid fire guns. The other German ships are fairly powerfully armed, some of them having a gun heavier than 12 inch. As they have an abundance of them, and, moreover, they are all of the rapid-firing type, they would be formidable, if not dangerous, if the guns were well handled, as they probably would be.

The German squadron has forty-seven guns of 4 inches and over, and the American squadron fifty-three. But as only twenty-nine of the American guns against thirty-nine of the German are of the rapid firing variety, and as we have nothing to match the Kaiser's 18-inch guns and 9-inch armor, we should really be at a considerable disadvantage, with the world, moreover, greater after the arrival of Prince Henry's ships. On the other hand, the fortifications of Cavite, manned and manned by American gunners, would count for more than they did on May 1st, or that, on the whole, our men should have a fair chance, and that is all they have ever needed.

Our War and After It.

(London Truth.)

The United States are at war with Spain. As friends of peace we regret our war; but we fully believe that, if the United States put an end to Spanish misrule in Cuba, this will be a gain to humanity, and we heartily wish the United States success. Neither we, nor any other European power, have the moral right to interfere on behalf of Spain. I have always had a special and particular affection for the United States. If I might venture to tender a word of advice to them, it would be this: (1) Insist upon the Monroe doctrine and form part of the North American continent, and rest satisfied with the vast territory that will form part of that continent. Consider any footnote that a country given to Jefferson. You stand to lose by it. We are two equal lands and we have been obliged to arrest ourselves everywhere. Not satisfied with conquest, we have taken upon our shoulders about four hundred millions of men's and women's souls. This is a source of weakness rather than of strength to us. But instead of recognizing this, we seem only desirous to rule over more and more black and yellow men. Forty-four millions per annum is the cost of the armaments that we and our Indian subjects have to maintain, and each year this expenditure goes up by leaps and bounds. (2) Keep friends as far as possible with all European powers, all yourself with none, for an alliance with one is an alliance against others. You have become great and prosperous by keeping your hands to your proper tasks. This has been your traditional policy, allow no one to induce you to alter it in favor of a belligerent disposition concerning the entire globe. (3) Recognize that sufficient for the day are the dangers thereof. You job on hand is to vanquish Spain, when you have done this and when her conquerors are at your disposal, we may be likely to hinder you from keeping them if you so desired. Why I advise you not to do so is because I do not believe it would be to your interest. Once assume your wise policy of foreign annexation outside the American continent, and you are certain to go from blackmail to annexation, up to (4) you will find that problems, with Mr. Chamberlain, that no empire can maintain itself that does not eternally maintain a navy. Do not waste money on needless armaments. Have a reasonable number of warships for defense and distrain all who may yet to increase beyond absolute requirements your regular army. Otherwise you will find that your army will sooner or later, be used against your own liberties.

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