EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

GOLD STRIKE IN AMERICAN TERRITORY.

Narrow Escape for the Northern Light—Back from Alaska—Difficulty at Dawson—Portland Arrives.

The death of D. W. Grant of Ogden on August 29 in Dawson was said to be an opinion of morphine, taken to kill pain from pleurisy.

Frank A. C. McCook, company I, second Oregon volunteers, died of typhoid fever on San Francisco. Three new cases of typhoid have been admitted to the Relief hospital, one being that of Private Wm. Ramm, company K, Twenty-third U. S. Infantry; Sergeant Alfred E. Gray and Private Edward Lloyd, company B, Fifty-first Iowa.

The steamer Portland arrived late Monday night at San Francisco from St. Michael with passengers estimated from one million and a half to two million dollars. She brought down a large number of passengers, most of whom were repeaters who had been employed at St. Michael in hauling freight over the Dyea Chilkoot and Chilkat passes. There were about 35 or 40 miners on board, nearly all being well supplied with gold dust and nuggets.

The United States gunboat Bennington has been ordered to Pago-Pago by Admiral, according to Mare Island reports, to make a special cruise in Samoan waters. She is to sail next Wednesday. Upon finishing the survey she will proceed to Mare Island and follow the Corwin, which will come to Mare Island and go on the dry dock, the Boston being now being overhauled. The Bennington will ship at Mare Island to-day.

A special from Seattle says: Col. McCook, U. S. consul at Dawson, has had a slight difficulty with Dominion officials already, yet he has been at Dawson but a few weeks. As a result he was compelled to remove the U. S. flag from the store of the Alaska Commercial Co. at Dawson and raise a Dominion customs office. Davis, to hoist the British ensign. The American coat of arms was removed from the door and Col. McCook sought another office.

A letter to the San Francisco Call, dated Bering Straits, June 27, states that the bark Northern Light, Captain Whitcomb, from San Francisco for Kopotkin, has arrived safely in port with her crew and 142 passengers, after a voyage during which it was discovered that four large sugar tubes had been bored in her bow. It was found that the vessel was leaking badly and but for the timely discovery of the cause she would have gone to the bottom. There is apparently no case to the men who tried to sink the ship.

Captain Joseph McIntyre reported to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington as having been under court martial for certain grievances made by him against the naval officials, as in San Francisco and not in Denver as reported. He arrived there some days ago. He professed to be greatly surprised when seized of the action of the department, and says that he has been misquoted and misrepresented by the newspapers, and that the reported interviews with him, published by several Eastern papers, were garbled. He says that he will prove his conduct to have been above par and not warranting an office.

Until the exact facts of the awful affair around the death of Mr. John F. Dunning are known, Mrs. Dunning has been withdrawn from the care of the San Francisco police. The dispatches say: A little purchased from a local drug store, a quantity of morphine, with not one of a book service in the Dunning family, report has been freely circulated. All the whole hidden beneath the impenetrable veil of Chilkoot Pass, the circumstances of the death of Mr. Dunning will not be known for a long time, if ever. Mrs. Dunning is said to have made the statement to a local newspaper writer that she had taken a dose of morphine of any kind. It is also stated that the family of Mrs. Dunning claim that the family was in Prescott, Arizona, and that Mrs. Dunning's maiden name was Mrs. Dunning's maiden name was Mrs. Dunning's maiden name was