EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

CHIEF OF POLICE LEES TO BE REMOVED.

Hurrying Troops Into America—Transports and Their Capacity—Washington Wheat Crop—Miscellaneous.

The transport steamer Indiana left Seattle, Wash., early this (Thursday) morning for San Francisco.

According to an order issued by Maj.-Gen. Otis at San Francisco, six boats will be shipped to Manila.

Henry 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 5th of May.

The troop of Nevada cavalry from Czech 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, Scandia, Morgan City and Senator will be pressed into service.

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.

Lieutenant 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.

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 years hard labor?" he exclaimed. "My dear man, you are fortunate," replied Mansfield, "a more fast judge would have made it ten years—he or it 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 epidemics.

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 capacities. Several natives of the Philippines have applied for enlistment but all have been rejected. One of them, who was very anxious to go to Manila with the troops, was suspected of being a Spaniard.

"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 pay your song bill Acres.' 'Let me congratulate you, Charles,' murmured Sir Henry, of course, then, you won't be a bit surprised to hear that I've decided to appear as Little Lord Fauntleroy.'"

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 Carlisle, 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 worked. The pack train is unlike others. It is one of the finest in the army. Thus men are large and husky, and many have been in the pack service before.

Patrick C. Lynch, mayor of Vallejo, died at his residence at 11 o'clock Monday night. For years the mayor has been a sick man, having suffered himself apoplectic from asthma, which aggravated the heart failure that carried him off. For some months he had been barely able to get around and attend to his business, and two weeks ago the condition became so serious that he was compelled to take to the bed from which he never arose. He deceased was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland. All was so peace ful at the time of his death.

"During the Revolutionary War," says the Christian Leader, "a Dunker preacher named Miller was grievously assaulted by a man named Widmen, who was afterward sentenced to be hanged as a British spy. Miller went to Gen. Washington and begged for Widmen's life. The commander-in-chief replied: 'I would like to release Widmen because he is your friend, but I cannot, even for that consideration.' 'Friend!' cried Miller, 'he is not my friend, he is only my enemy, and therefore I want to save him.' The general was so touched that he pardoned the man."

About a year ago the "William E. Gladstone Library and Scientific club" was started in New Haven. The secretary wrote to Gladstone requesting permission to use his name for the society, and also asked him concerning his position in regard to the southern rebellion. "It is entirely untrue," remarked the grand old man. "that I commiserated the death on the establishment of a separate nation. But it is true that I noticed it as a fact—that I cried in so doing—that I apologized for my error, and that the American government most meekly accepted my apology."

The Alaska Exploration company has received advices from L. B. Faith, its agent at Dawson, dated April 26th, in which he informs the company that he has purchased a large block of land in that place upon which he is having built warehouses and dwellings for the company's use. He says Dawson has a real estate boom, and choice lots bring as much as the best property on Market street in San Francisco. Prices have once risen, and values have increased a hundred fold within the year. A combination has bought up all the water front to prevent competitors from making a landing.

Hows, the inventor of the sewing machine, did not let his great wealth prevent him enlisting in the Union army. At one time, when the men of his regiment were in need of money, he advanced the $15,000 out them. While he was handing out the money he was asked for a subscription to a new church. "Oh," said Howe, "this is war time." "Yes," was the reply, "but we need churches and hope you will give us something for St. Peter's." "St. Peter," said Howe, "he was the fighting Apostle and cut off a man's ear." "Yes," "Oh, well," said Howe, "I'll give you $5 for St. Peter, but just now most of my money is being spent on saltpeter."

The United States artillery encampment at the Presidio has named Camp Miles in honor of Adjt.-Gen. Miles, who is now in camp here with 62 officers and men, the enlisted men composing the battalion are O. H. Dick K. of the regiment, E and H of the First battalion at California, United States artillery volunteers Battery B, in command of Capt. Hulsey, arrived Wednesday afternoon from Alcatraz Island. The Third artillery will be detained up to the time of the first to each battery. The artillery men are being drilled daily by Maj. Hulsey, preparatory to their departure for Manila.

About three-fourths of the total vote of Oregon has been counted, and Geo. Chamberlain, democrat, has a plurality of 2,000. Approximately 25,000 votes yet of this number remain to be counted, and the result is thought to be in doubt for a short time. According to the vote as thus far counted, Chamberlain gains about five votes at least in every precinct in the state. The vote, as far as counted, is approximately as follows: Geo. Chamberlain, D., 13,000; King (Populist), D., 10,000; T. H. Tongue (Silver) republican, 11,000; Newman in the First district 2,000. The returns so far from the second congressional district give M. A. Moody (dem.) 400 plurality. This will be increased probably by 1,000.

Clarence Dickson, a Nevada-old lad, living with his parents about two miles from Dunton's Ferry, near Ukiah, Cal., was arrested in Santa Rosa Monday charged with the stealing of $1,000 belonging to Silas Crocker, considerable of which, it is alleged, he has spent, with reckless prodigality. Young Dickson is one of those queer individuals who has no faith in the banks, so keeps his fortune, amounting to about $15,000, in safes hid in outbuildings on the premises. It was one of these safes, containing $1,000, which young Dickson accidentally discovered. He set to work to pumping the golden opportunity, and then commenced life on a footing with his easily acquired wealth.

The San Francisco Call this morning asserts positively that Chief of Police L. W. Lees will be succeeded in that office on July 9th by Dr. James W. Keeney. This change, it is asserted, was definitely agreed upon by Police Commissioners Abbott and Tobin at a secret meeting a week ago. Commissioner Gunst, the third member of the board, is in the East. Probably no officer of justice in the United States is better known than Chief Lees, who for many years was head of the San Francisco detective force. Dr. Keeney, who it is said, will succeed him, is a nephew of Commissioner Abbott and is now examining and consulting surgeon of the police department, residing at a hospital. His present place will be given to Dr. Thomas E. Shumate.

It appears that the steamers Senator, City and Florida, and Queen, owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company, were not chartered but impressed into the service of the government as transports. The company hopes that the City of Topeka will be substituted for the Queen, which is greatly needed in Alaskan waters. The City of Para arrived at San Francisco Wednesday night and will at once be fitted out for Manila. The capacity of the transports already engaged or likely to be chartered is as follows: China, 1,500 men; Colon, 1,000 men; Zealandia, 700 men; Senator, 600 men; Morgan City, 700 men; Chile, 1,000 men; Indiana, 1,000 men; Victoria, 600 men; Olympia, 600 men; Arizona, 600 men; Tacoma, 400 men; Columbia, 400 men; Queen, 400 men; City of Peoria, 800 men; City of Para, 800 men. This makes a total of 12,700 troops to go in the next two expeditions. There were 2,000 men in the first expedition. It is understood that the government intends to send to the Philippines 20,000 men. At least five more transports will be needed to carry all the troops.

It is reported at Tacoma, Wash., that importers are making a quiet and extraordinary effort to hurry on the tea possible into America before the prohibitive import war duty shall become effective, and that probably four of the Northern Pacific Steamship company's fleet of tea steamers will arrive there this month, an exceptionally large number. In view of the fact of the government's assuming those steamers for transports, it is inferred that the teamers may be loaded with tea at the nearest available point and rushed to Tacoma before July 10, during those days of intense duty, which would go to Uncle Sam after the war revenue law begins operation, and at the same time hurry the boats along for service in conveying troops to Manila. The Olympia is due at Tacoma June 16th, and the Arizona June 17th. The Columbia is in Japanese waters and the Tacoma will sail for Tacoma in a day or two and could be returned in a very short time. Pacific coast officials are not nothing about such a move, thinking that arrangements for freight coming that way is made on the Atlantic side.

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