

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Butte boasts of the organization of seven companies of volunteers since the President's second call.

Claus Spreckles of San Francisco has given \$1,000 to the Red Cross society. The Red Cross fund now amounts to \$27,141.

While playing soldier Friday evening, Herbert Ward, of Portland, Ore., aged 15 years, accidentally shot and killed Lloyd Vaughan, aged 11 years, with a 22-caliber rifle.

Colorado wants to supply a full regiment of cavalry in the second call for volunteers, and a strong effort is being made to induce the war department to allow it.

The steamship India, which will probably be chartered by the government to carry troops to Manila, arrived at Seattle, Wash., Thursday night, fifty-nine days from Philadelphia.

On Saturday 1,220 men are expected to arrive in San Francisco from Louisiana, being the largest detachment from one state to arrive. They are the Eighteenth and Twenty-third regiments of the United States Infantry.

The official trial trip of the torpedo boat Rowan, Seattle, Wash., will probably take place next Monday or Tuesday. Lieutenant Commander Charles P. Perkins, commanding the Monadnock, has been designated as president of the trial board.

A regiment of mounted riflemen, made up of 500 men from different military organizations in Colorado, has been formed in Colorado Springs. Telegrams have been forwarded to Washington to ascertain if such a regiment can be accepted by the war department.

Lincoln and Blaine counties in Idaho have settled a dispute of long standing between them, the former turning over to the latter the sum of \$290,000 in county warrants. The dispute grew out of the division of old Alturas county, out of which they were created.

An investigation shows that the spoil of the masked men who, after a terrible struggle, beat Deputy Tax Collector William H. Krohn, of Madera, Cal., almost to death, and then robbed the safe in his office, was \$8,000. The robbers are still at large, and no clue to their identity has been found.

Fire in the Crystal Springs Brewing and Ice company's plant at Boulder, Colo., destroyed property to the extent of \$50,000, fully covered by insurance. The building containing the machinery of the plant was completely gutted and a quantity of valuable machinery ruined.

Company D, First Washington volunteers, at San Francisco was presented with a handsome flag Thursday. Major J. J. Weisenberger made the presentation speech in behalf of the citizens of Seattle, who had subscribed for the flag, and he was responded to by Captain Frank E. Adams of company D.

A passenger train on the Midland Terminal Railroad ran into a hand-car on a high trestle near Gillette, Colo., Thursday, and four men who jumped from the hand-car were killed. The dead are: Benjamin Ebbley, William Fynn, James Hannahan, Edward Slynn. There were twelve section men on the hand-car, and all but the four who jumped escaped uninjured.

Denver was visited at 7 o'clock Friday evening by the most severe hail-storm in many years. Windows were smashed, gardens beaten down, and trees damaged. The downpour of rain accompanying the hail was very heavy,

flooding the streets and causing the stoppage of all street cars for hours.

The home of Alfred Lambia, near Gregory Springs, in Chollas valley, Cal., was the scene of a shocking murder and suicide Tuesday night, when Lambia, aged 64 years, murdered his aged companion of the last twenty-two years, and then, with the same weapon, killed himself. Mrs. Lambia was 55 years of age.

The Presidio and Ferries Street Railroad company, San Francisco, through its president, George A. Newhall, has granted the privilege of riding free over its lines to the soldiers now in camp. This is a great boon to the troops for it is five miles from their camp to the center of the city, over some steep hills.

A general court martial has been ordered by General Merriam to meet at the Fontana barracks, San Francisco, on Tuesday next. It is composed exclusively of officers of the Washington volunteers, with Major J. J. Weisenberger at its head and W. V. Reinhart as judge advocate. The cases to be tried have not been made known.

Irving M. Scott of the Union Iron works, San Francisco, has gone to St. Petersburg to consult with the czar's government regarding the building of Russian warships in San Francisco. On Tuesday last he received a message from St. Petersburg congratulating him on the performance of the Oregon and asking him to go to that city.

Herbert P. Case, a native of San Francisco 43 years old, who resided with his parents at 229 Third avenue, between Clement and California streets, was found dead in his room at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. He had inhaled gas through a rubber tube, which his hand was holding in his mouth, when he was found.

A fatal shooting accident occurred at Arcata, Cal., Monday afternoon, by which a five-year-old boy named Pigeon lost his life. While playing with the grandson of Captain B. L. Sherborne, a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of the latter was accidentally discharged, hitting the Pigeon boy in the eye, killing him instantly.

James C. Cary, an attorney, aged 73, shot himself in the head in his bedroom at his home, 930 Chestnut street, San Francisco, and was found dead at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning by his son, Walter M. Cary. He had been sick for years, had no expectation of regaining health and had become despondent. He was a native of Canada.

Arthur C. Rass, by W. McKinley, his attorney, has sued F. H. Seymour at San Francisco, for a balance of \$6,000,000, which he claims is due on account of mining transactions in Mexico. Mr. Rass said that he owned one-twelfth of the Grand Central mine of Missouri and charges that Seymour, who was its superintendent, manipulated the mine for his own benefit.

A strange rumbling sound heard in Tacoma, Wash., Wednesday evening, was explained Thursday by settlers down from the base of Mount Rainier, who say an avalanche occurred at that time, the Bowitzer glacier being rent in twain. Acres of snow, ice and rocks plunged furiously down the mountain side. No damage was done, as no one lived within the track of the great slide.

At Onkesdale, Wash., W. H. Coolidge went into the residence of his father-in-law today (Saturday), lay down on a bed and shot himself through the

heart. Financial reverses and family troubles were the motives. Three years ago he separated from his first wife and eloped to Wisconsin with her niece, the eloping couple returned and separated. Coolidge's father is a wealthy stockman in Wisconsin.

The steamer Rio Jun Maru arrived at Seattle, Wash., at 10 o'clock Friday night bringing meager news of an anti-European riot at Sha-Shi, China, in which the British consulate, customs-house and the stores of Jardine, Matheson and Co., and Butterfield & Swire were destroyed by fire. The British consul was severely beaten and the European residents were forced to take refuge in the tea and silk hulks lying in the river. No one was killed.

Sensational rumors in circulation Friday night to the effect that privates of various volunteer regiments encamped at San Francisco were dead or dying from drinking poisoned water, are utterly without truth. Several soldiers in the Washington regiment, encamped at Fontana warehouse, were ill from eating sandwiches the meat which was slightly tainted, but they were all right again tonight. There were no fatalities nor cases of serious illness reported Friday at any of the camps.

The Idaho Prohibitionists have held their state convention and nominated the following state ticket: Governor, Mrs. L. P. Johnson, of Idaho Falls; Congressman, William J. Boone, of Caldwell; lieutenant-governor, James Ballantine, of Boise county; superintendent of public instruction, J. N. Reynolds, of Emmett; secretary of state, Hon. J. W. Knott, of Soda Springs; treasurer, J. J. Anthony, of Moscow; attorney-general, William A. Hall, of Grangeville; auditor, Mrs. Naomi McDonald Phelps, of Boise; mine inspector, David Farmer, of Silver City.

Mrs. Frank M. Pixley, widow of the late prominent politician and journalist, died last night at her ranch near Corte Madera, Marin county, Cal. The cause of disease was heart disease, from which she has suffered for many years. Mrs. Pixley, who was born in Philadelphia in 1833, was the daughter of Captain John Van Beynegon. She was noted for her unostentatious charity. She has no children, but leaves an adopted daughter three years old besides many relatives on the coast and in the East.

The internal revenue collectors of the First and Fourth California districts have just made public figures showing the production of sweet wines during the season which began last August and expired May 1st. After the latter date the fortification of such wines with brandy is not permitted without the payment of an internal revenue tax of \$1.10 on each gallon. The production of sweet wine during the season was about 7,000,000 gallons. When the sweet wine law first went into operation in 1893, the production did not exceed 3,000,000 gallons. All of last season's product has been sold.

News was brought to Laramie Wednesday, says the Republican, of the death of Mrs. Livona Birkett, a highly respected resident of North Park, while going through a pole fence, being struck by lightning. The fence was badly shattered and one of the shoes of the dead woman was found some distance from the body, and it is evident that it was torn from her foot by the lightning. The other shoe was consumed by the blaze, as was also all the clothing on the lower part of the body. The feet of the corpse were burned to a crisp, nothing remaining but the charred bones.

The new charter submitted to the electors of San Francisco Thursday has been carried by a majority approximating 2,000. The new charter, which will