EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

SIERRA RAILWAY TO BE EXTENDED.

Cassidy's Mother Pardoned—Values of Primaries Decide a Congressional Nomination—More Troops for Wallace.

The Republican state convention is in session at Boise, Idaho, today.

Two more shoe factories have been added to the industry of Utah.

At St. Michaels hotels are landing freight and passengers and the company has been successfully relieved. Freight is now received source and transported high points.

In another for the Union Colliery Company, Seattle, Comstock, Prisoner Sam, Smith, Comstock, Prisoner allied in the death of at least six people near Wednesday, Aug. 10, pleaded guilty through a counsel and got life.

Passengers from the Lower Yukon say a large number of men are going to Kowak river in Tanana, around Kowak and other diggings at the head of that river. They are taking with gold there, but not in very large quantities.

The river company of Butte, Mont., has added to a franchise to run freight over its track. In return for the concession it offers to pay the city an annual license for freight and to refund all payments from 1890 to a certain amount.

Dunsmuir Bank of California has commenced the erection of John Chinamen who are now serving a five-years' term in the Quentin jail, for illegal entry. He says would have explored Mount Shasta. He is a brother of Prince Cassidy the pugilist.

A site has been chosen in the Presidio reservation, Cal., for the Red Cross convalescent hospital, which will soon be opened. Its Low Chinese employed in connection with the Chinese cigar factory.

There are now 200 vessels in the Alaska fleet, 100 at San Francisco, twenty-five Puget Sound and Port Townsend, two at Portland, and Buffalo, Y. have left for the Yukon. Two additional sailing vessels have been started.

Selling horseflesh in the Cabinet case is illegal the theory advanced that the legality was the reason of the sale of Dewey's horse. The formal services will be held today, Tuesday, and will be strictly private. Public services will be held after the corpse of the two sons, James and Thomas, from the Pass. They are expected to reach San Francisco soon Sunday.

The steamer Dakotan arrived at Victoria, B. C., Aug. 16th, from Skagway, Alaska, with 100 passengers and a considerable amount of gold dust. A city of Norwegians is said to have left the Pass for the land of Uncle Sam to secure the amount of gold brought down on the steamer at half a million. The Dakotan, he thought, had each 100,000. A large number of passengers had small sacks and were so ready from $1,000 to $5,000.

Sent Incident of Honor, Mont., has added to Gov. Lord, at Fort Keogh, for regulation papers for Frank Allen, who is wanted at Helena for the murder of J. J. Hoy, Helena, on July 30th. Allen is now under arrest at Oakland. Allen and Hoy both went from Kansas, Idaho, to Montana and worked in that vicinity shearing sheep. On July 24th Hoy's body was found murdered in the mountains. Allen has admitted the killing, but claims it was done in self-defense.

The Republican primaries in Alameda county, Cal., have virtually decided the congressional contest in the Third District of California. Delegates pledged to Victor H. Metcalf have been chosen in five of the six assembly districts. The Sixth has no nomination and the defeat of Congressman Hilborn, his only opponent.

Prince Kudnowski, W. H. Crocker, H. T. Crocker and others interested in the Sierra railway have asked the legislature to extend the road to the upper pine belt, 25 miles above Jamestown, Calif. The Mariposa, Crocker with about 30,000 acres of timber, is in that section. It is their intention to cross Mile where the road will be and and dressing. It is the general opinion that the road will be extended over the mountains into Nevada next season.

James W. Mosher has been formally accused of the murder of Jesse Ury at Camp Barrett by Corporal W. R. Hirsch of company C, Eighth California volunteers, and will be arraigned before Justice Lawrence in East Oakland, Cal. The coroner's jury has found that Ury was murdered by Mosher. The prisoner admitted that this was the second time that he had faced a charge of murder. Several years ago he killed a man in Arkansas, but was acquitted on the plea of self defense. He makes the same justification for the assault on Ury.

The investigation set on foot by Gen. Miller in the case of Thomas the negro, who was assaulted and whose home was partly demolished by Tennessee volunteers at San Francisco on Monday morning, is progressing. The accused of passing the mob of the Ninth regiment involved in the affair and at extra guard duty at the Presidio grounds and the streets adjacent. The regiment will at its own expense repair the damage done to the Thomas house.

The board of survey which has been examining the accounts of Lieutenant W. A. Green, regimental commissary of the Twenty-fifth Kansas, at San Francisco, is in the employ of the quartermaster's department of certain supplies which Quartermaster Sergeant James A. Young has been tried for selling and dissipating. If the value of the stores has completed its report. Lieutenant Green is held responsible for the loss, which amounts to $18, while the criminal responsibility is fixed on Young. Green was ill in the French hospital at the time. Young's trial before a court martial has been finished, but the result has not yet been given out.

The steamer Tees arrived at Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17th, from Skagway, Alaska. Her passengers confirm the news of the rich strike on Pine Creek, in the Lake Teagish district, though some of them say that previous reports from there are somewhat exaggerated. The amount taken out, they say, ranges from one to forty dollars a pan. The more enthusiastic ones say that as high as $5 a pan has been taken out. The claims can be easily worked and are well adapted for hydraulic work. Regular Strickland of the mounted police say the gold will average fifty to an ounce more than Klondike. There is some question as to whether Pine creek is in British Columbia or in the Northwest territory.

The weekly bulletin of the weather bureau for Wyoming gives the following summary of crop conditions in the state during the week ending Tuesday, Aug. 16th: Warm days and cool nights were general throughout the state during the week; there were light showers in some sections, although most of the state received no rain at all. Through out Uinta and Fremont counties harvesting has not begun, but grain is excellent crop. Harvesting is in progress in the Sweetwater country, with reports indicating that the crop will yield much below the average this year. Potatoes and the garden products are in good condition, and the prospects are still good for a large crop of potatoes. From the Big Horn region reports show harvesting begun, with good crops of grain and straw. Water for irrigation is plentiful.

The transport steamers Arizona and Australia are under orders to sail. Word was received at San Francisco from the war department, on Wednesday, approving the recommendation of Gen. Merriam, advising that these two vessels be sent to Manila, independent of any further call for troops from Gen. Merritt. This news was welcomed because the troops assigned to the Arizona are all Astoria, Oregon, regiments already in the field, and the Australia is well adapted for the purposes of a hospital ship. The Arizona will sail immediately, getting into the stream Friday afternoon and sailing Saturday. The troops assigned to her are as follows: Brig. Gen. Charles King, U. S. A.; escorts for the Tenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, Lieut. Col. James E. Barnett commanding; escorts for the First regiment, Nebraska volunteers, Capt. George H. Holdsworth commanding; escorts for the First regiment, Colorado volunteers, Capt. F. V. Carroll commanding. The Australia will sail in about a week.

Navy Has Been Underrated.

That the United States had a navy before this war leaves a fact that has been not little appreciated both at home and abroad. On the continent of Europe it was quite divined and secretly hoped that the Spanish navy would be more than a match for ours. There were Englishmen and Americans, too, who had not read their history—who forgot that a hundred years ago the British navy was not even ours. When Admiral Cervera sailed into Havana harbor there were people all over this country—patriotic men and women undoubtedly—who honestly believed that the coming of Dewey, if he proved, if a match of Cervera, would be at least due to a faulty construction of the ship. For many years this branch of our service has been persistently neglected by those who know nothing of what they speak. At every grounding or risk of other mishap to our new ships heavy unreasoned criticism and the reckless use of partially published jokes about the inexactness of our battleships. If any of these critics, after four years of the hardest kind of work at Annapolis, were put on the bridge of a warship and told to conduct her from port to port, they would perhaps appreciate that the successful handling of a war vessel, even in times of peace, is one of the most difficult tasks in the world and is only secured after a long period of the most assiduous study and the practice of the—From "The Battle With Cervera's First Off Santiago" by Winston Churchill, in the August Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

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