EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

CRUEL MURDER WHILE NEARING KLONDIKE

Girls Wanted for Burglary—Zoological Collection Tour—Tacoma Convention Outlook.

Forest Jno. A. Gamer, Company C, fifty-first Iowa, died Tuesday at the Presidio of spinal meningitis.

Cobbs Stockman, Sept. 17: John Duke, J. C. Duke and E. J. Duke, all of Park City, Utah, had sheep on sale.

The California heavy artillery, Maj. F. S. Rice commanding, has received instructions to proceed to the Philippines.

The Wyoming battery of artillery and the Nevada cavalry, it is understood, are to be assigned to Angel Island, Cal.

A threshing engine on the Collins farm, ten miles from Olympia, Wash., exploded Tuesday afternoon, seriously injuring four employes.

In Tacoma, Wash., Tuesday, the exposition building, the largest structure of its kind in the Northwest, was completely destroyed by fire.

The Fourth United States cavalry is to garrison the Presidio, and a portion of the United States Third artillery will be kept at Fort Point, Cal.

The Washington Republican state convention will convene in Tacoma today (Wednesday) for the purpose of nominating two supreme judges and two governors-at-large.

The royal commission appointed to inquire into certain payments to contractors on account of the new Parliament buildings, met in Victoria, B. C., Tuesday, organized and adjourned until Monday.

The earl of Aberdeen, son of the marquis of Dufferin, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., Tuesday, and Lord Brassey, governor of the colony of Victoria, Australia, reached there in the afternoon, en route to Australia.

Two-thirds of the delegates to the Montana state conventions of the Democratic, Silver Republican and Populist parties have arrived at Anaconda and by noon today (Wednesday) the full delegations will be on hand. The delegates are divided and the prospection of fusion may not carry.

The Democratic municipal committee of 100, sitting as a convention, met in San Francisco Tuesday night and after adopting a platform made the following nominations: For mayor James D. Phelan, renominated; for superior judges, Rhodes Borden, Frank J. Murasky, J. M. Seawell and William T. Wheaton. All except Murasky are now incumbents of the bench.

Perry O. Symonds, a Stanford University student, has been selected by the British museum to make a thorough zoological collection tour of South America, from Ecuador to the Straits of Magellan, and he will leave Sept. 28 to begin his duties. He will be accompanied on the trip by his brother, Lachlan B. Symonds, and a Mexican half of 14 years, whom he will pick up at Magellan on the journey south.

George Mulligan, a miner, who recently returned from the Klondike, lost a purse containing $6,000 on a street car in San Francisco a few days ago. It has been found and returned by John Donahue, the prosecutor of the car. With the exception of $20 in currency, the money was in checks, one of which was a draft for $17,500, issued at Dawson City on the Bank of British Columbia in San Francisco. Mulligan, who was so lucky as to recover his fortune intact, left $20 at the car-house for the honest finder.

Leslie and May Jarvis, sisters, the former about 21 and the latter about 17 of age, are wanted by the San Francisco police on a charge of burglary. They are thought to have left the city Monday on the steamer Umatilla for Vancouver. Their description has been sent to the Vancouver police, who have been requested to arrest them on arrival. They are accused of entering the house of Mrs. J. C. Barrows and stealing various articles and also of robbing a Miss McGee.

As far as the new observation went the expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania to study North Alaska from a scientific standpoint has been a failure. Three men of the party, in charge of E. A. McIlhenny, returned to Seattle on the Dandelion. Nearly 12,000 specimens, including birds and a bald lynx, are in the collection brought back. The specimens were gathered east and south of Point Barrow, and represent a considerable expenditure, but it is said the scientists secured little that is new.

The new torpedo boat destroyer Paragrat has almost demonstrated that she can make the speed of thirty knots an hour required by the government. She has made one mile in five minutes and 24 seconds and several miles in a direction over two minutes. A slight accident caused by something getting between her propeller and hull will necessitate a delay before her official trial is made, but it is believed by her builders that she will easily make the contract speed.

Herman Singletary, posing as a wealthy plantation owner, married Miss Alice Hazen at Cheyenne a few days ago and while making a trip East an officer appeared on the scene with a warrant for his arrest on the charge of embezzlement. He escaped arrest and skipped out leaving his wife a few days penniless and alone. It now appears that Singletary is a scoundrel, has another wife living and has been misappropriating money belonging to Howard Cole and Co., a Shreveport, La., real estate firm, for whom he has been working.

The state convention of the Prohibition party of Colorado was held at Denver Tuesday, and the following ticket placed in the field: Governor, Rev. C. H. Spencer of Denver; lieutenant governor, F. E. Dunaway of Trinidad; secretary of state, W. A. Rice of Grand Junction; auditor, Mrs. Elsie Chambers of Colorado Springs; attorney general, Tell Top of Denver; treasurer, O. A. Mitscher of Denver; superintendent of public schools, Miss Alice Mitchell of Denver; regents of the state university, A. A. Bird of Boulder, and S. B. Sachson of Greeley. The platform is confined almost exclusively to a consideration of the liquor question, no reference being made to silver or woman suffrage.

The Anaconda Standard says: Henry Clay Graves, a prominent business man of Butte, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, which he was carrying. Mr. Graves, in company with A. F. Greene, was coming from Bannock to Dillon in a buggy, and when about ten miles from the place the gun, which was a short double barreled gun, slipped out of the buggy and presumably the wheel struck the hammer, discharging one barrel, loaded with buckshot, the entire charge striking Mr. Graves in the left side, just above the hip. Mr. Graves pitched forward out of the buggy and was dead before Mr. Greene could stop the team and get to his side.

George Bowman, of Bridgeport, Conn., was murdered last winter during a terrible snow storm by a companion named Johnson of Springfield, Mass. He was almost in sight of the Golden Moon when his strength failed him and he sank down in the soft snow. Johnson, who was the leader of the party, went back to him and with an oath blew out the unfortunate man's brains with a revolver. This is the terrible story that is told for the first time by J. C. Smith, who has just returned from Alaska. His partner, Edward T. Culbertt, of Yonkers, N. Y., witnessed the terrible deed, which was committed near their cabin, a short distance from Dawson. Culbertt, too, nearly lost his life from a bullet from Johnson's revolver. Nothing was ever heard of Johnson. It is presumed he perished in the snow storm while trying to escape.

Tuesday night's caucuses of the Tacoma Republican convention were not very productive of results. The King county delegation could not agree on a candidate for supreme judge and adjourned till morning. The northwest section, constituting what is called the Northwest Combine, with ninety-six votes, all nothing. Ferd Rudkin of the King county caucus but it was withdrawn before action was taken. At midnight the combine for temporary chairman was between Blake and Fiske. Congress is in the lead for permanent chairman. Developments indicate that the congressional nominees will be Chadwick and Jones. Fullerton is believed to be out of the words in the race for one of the judges owing to the non-endorsement by King county of any one of its candidates. It is difficult to forecast the remaining judgeship. Judge H. C. Gerstein of Seattle is considered a very promising dark horse.

Shooting Tournament.

A shooting tournament will be one of the features of the sports at the Idaho Inter-Mountain Fair at Boise October 24 to 29. The live bird shoot will be for the championship of the state, a trophy and a fine purse. The purse will be divided: $50 to the first, $30 to the second, and $20 to the third. The clay bird shoot will also be for the state championship, with trophy and purse of $25, in addition there will be a clay bird handicap open to all, purse $50, divided, $20 to first, $15 to second and $10 to third. E. H. Moberly, Boise, is chairman of the committee and will furnish circulars giving all information.

Fifty balloon ascensions with parachute jumps will be a feature of the fair at Boise. The balloon is to rise to 45 feet high and is painted red, white and blue. The aeronaut's wife accompanies him in his ascensions and participates in the thrilling descent. They take up dogs and other animals with them that are sent down on parachutes.

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