

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Colorado regiments received new rifles today and 10,000 rounds of ammunition.

Kenneth MoRae, tried for the murder of Robert Gordon, has been found not guilty at Rawlins, Wyo.

The Nebraska regiment has been presented with fourteen large flags by the Red Cross ladies of Oakland, Cal.

The First Nevada volunteers cavalry was scheduled to leave Carson City today for Cheyenne, where the men will be mustered into service.

Governor Richards of Wyoming has received a dispatch from the war department to the effect that no more troops can be taken from that state.

Captain Charles E. Woodruff, of the medical department of the United States army, and attending surgeon on the staff of General Merritt, has reported for duty.

Charles Van Doon, warden at the Idaho penitentiary, has been arrested for battery, it being alleged that he assaulted Douglas Hix, a late guard at the prison.

United States Circuit Judge Morrow, of San Francisco, is taking the lead in movement to organize a society to aid the families of the volunteers during the absence of the troops in Manila.

It is now thought that no cavalry will be taken to the Philippines. Experience has shown that the shipment of American horses would be impracticable and it would be very difficult to secure enough of the native stock.

The Bay City wheelmen entertained the members of company I. Colorado volunteers Thursday night at their club house. The soldiers were accompanied by Captain Grove, Lieutenant Hilton and Lieutenant Hauley, of Idaho.

Nellie Adams, alias Zellah Ward, a young woman 23 years of age, Friday night murdered a young negro, Chas. Kincaid, alias Charles Brown, in the Empire hotel, Victoria, B. C., where they were living together. Jealousy was the cause.

The directors of the Oakland, Cal., board of trade have instructed Secretary Sharp to draft a strong set of resolutions to be forwarded to the California senators, urging them to use every effort to secure Hawaiian annexation as soon as possible.

Friday being ladies' day at Fort Russell, Wyo., Torrey's rough riders were each presented with a needle case, 1,028 being distributed. The boys gave a regimental drill review for the ladies and were treated to a supply of cake and other goodies before the festivities were over.

E. M. Bradley was acquitted Friday night at Seattle, Wash., of the murder of M. F. Schelderup. In his charge to the jury Judge Jacobs laid down a new principle. It was in effect that an unlawful intrusion into the home of a father may be made by means of a telephone used for the purpose of decoying away children for immoral purposes.

The Catholic Truth society has arranged to erect a tent capable of accommodating 2,000 people close to Camp Merritt, and the priests of San Francisco have arranged to alternate in holding mass on week days as well as Sundays. Catholic soldiers will be granted full liberty to attend these services.

Lieutenant Kraus, of company H, Colorado volunteers, now at San Francisco, was under fire Thursday. He was in the act of combing his hair when a bullet from the Minnesota camp

whizzed over his head and cut off the shoulder strap from his coat, which hung beside him in his tent. The shot was the result of carelessness.

The threat made by Ernest Faubel of San Francisco that he would commit suicide, as stated in a letter that he wrote to Coroner Hawkins, was carried into execution early Tuesday morning in Alta plaza, near the Scott street side. He drank enough carbolic acid to kill several men, and when he was found he was beyond human aid.

Kum Shu, editor of the Chinese newspaper in San Francisco, has opened a subscription list for the Red Cross society among his countrymen, and has already received \$100 from the Sam Yip company. He is writing up the work of the Red Cross society in his paper and is confident a large amount of money can be raised among the Chinese there.

The steamer Albion from Copper river reports that there has been a second heavy slide on the Valdez glacier. A number of pack animals were buried in the snow, but no human lives were lost. The glacier is now impassable and traffic for the season is said to be at an end.

Hy Smith, an inmate of the Montana state prison at Deer Lodge, so slashed himself with a knife Tuesday that he died Thursday morning. He imitated an operator for appendicitis, opening up a wound from which his bowels protruded. The prisoner was demented and was serving a sentence for attempted wife-murder.

A dispute over lines led to the killing of Captain Charles Postman of the schooner Louise, by Captain Antone E. Christensen, of the schooner Reliance, at the Berry street wharf, San Francisco, Friday evening. The men engaged in a rough and tumble fight on board the Reliance. They fell on the deck, when Christensen picked up a pair of blacksmith's pinchers and dealt Postman a terrible blow on the head, fracturing the skull. He died a few hours later. Christensen claims that he acted in self-defense.

The monitor Monterey left the Mare Island navy yard Friday afternoon for San Francisco. As the vessel steamed away from the dock she was greeted with cheers from hundreds of sailors and people on shore who witnessed the departure. All the steam whistles in the vicinity saluted the vessel as she passed down the bay. The collier Brutus, which is to accompany the Monterey to Manila, will leave for San Francisco today (Saturday), and the two vessels will probably sail from San Francisco today or Sunday.

A dispatch from Guatemala via San Francisco says: Instructions have been received by the agency in this city of the Pacific Mail Steamship company to retain in the port of San Jose for further orders the steamers City of Panama and Newport, both of which are now anchored off the roadstead. It is believed that the Newport may be ordered to return to San Francisco to be utilized as a government transport and will transfer her cargo, mail and passengers to the City of Panama, which will proceed with them southward.

N. S. Harrold, a pioneer and prominent rancher of Stanislaus county, Cal., died at his home at Escalon, about twenty-miles from Stockton, at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning from paralysis. Tuesday morning he suffered a stroke, probably brought on by worry over his financial trouble, of which he had had considerable of late. At one

time he was one of the richest farmers in the San Joaquin valley, his wealth being estimated at \$250,000. He had a model farm, owned property in other sections of the state and had money out at interest.

The Chicago-Denver fast train of the Gulf-Union Pacific-Northwestern combination was wrecked by the spreading of the rails near Sedgwick, Colorado, Thursday, while it was running at a high rate of speed. Fortunately no one was killed and only a few received injuries beyond a severe shaking up. The damage to railway property was considerable, as all the coaches except the last sleeper left the track and were badly smashed.

The scarcity of water on the Presidio reservation has thrown the men now encamped there in a serious predicament. The supply in the reservation reservoir is about exhausted and the pumps which supply the water are not powerful enough to keep the reservoir filled. Stringent orders have been issued cautioning the men stationed at the Presidio against any unnecessary waste of water. The culinary department has been ordered to use only enough water for actual cooking purposes and the men have been ordered to discontinue bathing until the situation can be remedied.

Governor Budd of California has commuted the sentence of Ramon Romero, an aged Spaniard, who was serving a life sentence at San Quentin for murder. He was sent from Contra Costa county in November, 1877, and will be released today (Saturday). There was a strong petition for the commutation and it was recommended by supreme court justice and sheriffs. Romero in 1881 rendered the state great service in extinguishing a serious fire in the penitentiary. It is also shown that he lent invaluable aid in assisting Sheriffs Thomas Cunningham and Harry N. Morse in hunting down Vasquez, the notorious bandit.

A dispatch from Empire City, Ore., says that Friday the Cape Arago lighthouse keeper, Thomas Wymann, his daughter, Joseph Yonker and John Colwell, were crossing from the mainland to the lighthouse in a basket running on a wire cable. When about half way across the cable broke, letting the occupants fall to the surface, about sixty feet from the shore. Three of the party fell into the water and escaped with slight injuries, but Wymann struck his foot on the rocks and one leg was badly broken. The lighthouse tender, Columbine, which was lying near, floated a raft of lumber to the unfortunate people, and succeeded in taking them aboard.

Rawlins, Wyo., Republican: A couple of young girls named Lillian Pries and Birdie Bickford, aged 13 and 14 years, took it into their heads to run away with the soldiers who are going to the Philippines. Last Sunday afternoon when the engineering corps from New York went through, the girls concealed themselves in the linen closet of one of the sleeping cars occupied by the soldiers. Their absence was discovered by their friends, and when the train arrived at Rock Springs, officers were on hand to intercept the flight of the giddy girls. They were returned to their homes in Rawlins Sunday. The girls were well supplied with funds, one having about \$100 and the other \$80.

The report from Washington that the annexation of Hawaii is about to be consummated is given much credence by the officers at Camp Merritt and they are already figuring upon an order to send troops to the islands to look after Uncle Sam's interests and some of the volunteers who fear that they will not be sent to the Philippines are counting upon being ordered to Hawaii as a place of second choice.