

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Sunday Cripple Creek celebrated the victories at Santiago by a parade, a concert, speeches and a grand ball.

Strict orders have been issued for the sanitary improvement of Camp Merritt.

Lieutenant Colonel Barnett of the Tenth Pennsylvania regiment has returned to Camp Merritt with 256 recruits.

Private G. D. Granville, Company A, First Tennessee regiment, died at the marine hospital, San Francisco, Sunday of meningitis.

Lieutenant Colonel Little of the Twentieth Kansas says that he has not tendered his resignation and has no intention of doing so.

Elmer Molmin, a lad of 11 years, died at Laramie, Wyoming, Wednesday morning from injuries received by being struck with a rocket July 4th.

Corporal Wilson H. McAllister of Company M, Twentieth Kansas volunteer infantry, has died in the division field hospital, Camp Merritt, of pneumonia.

Switchman Charles Ashley, in the employ of the Union Pacific, was killed in the yards at Cheyenne Sunday morning. His head was severed from his body.

A state convention of the Silver Republicans of Wyoming has been called for August 3rd, the meeting to be held at Casper with 50 delegates appointed to the different counties.

At Cripple Creek, Colo., Saturday Charles Peterson, a miner, fell forty feet in the Half Moon mine and was cut about the head and face as well as receiving internal injuries.

Litigation having been ended by a ruling of the Montana supreme court, it has been decided to go on with the erection of the state capitol building and finish it this year.

Thursday night the Episcopal parsonage at Pocatello, Ida., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$1,000, with no insurance. It was the home of Rev. P. Murphy, the pastor.

At San Francisco, Thursday, Henry Williams, aged 73 years and an inmate of the almshouse, killed another inmate named Louis Perritt, aged 76, by beating him over the head with a crutch.

It is reported at Cheyenne, Wyo., that one of the army pack trains which left there in charge of George Knight of Camp Carlin, has been cut off by the Spaniards, four of the men killed and the others captured.

The schooner Hattie I. Phillips reports having left at St. Michael, the schooners Falcon, J. S. Leeds, G. W. Watson, Charles Hanson; also passed the schooner Florence, hence April 18, going into St. Michael on June 19.

Private John Dale, Company H, South Dakota, who on Saturday was accidentally shot through the right lung, now lies in the regimental hospital, Camp Merritt, in a very precarious condition and may not recover.

The People's party convention at Bellevue, Ida., Saturday, endorsed the state administration, and resolved their appreciation of the tireless efforts and hard work done by Congressman James Gunn in behalf of the best interests of the state and nation.

The Diamond Coal and Coke company's mines have been purchased by Marcus Daly of the Anaconda Mining company. The properties are at Diamondville, Wyoming, and will here-

after be operated by the new company.

The First New York Volunteer infantry, commanded by Col. T. H. Barber, passed through Cheyenne Sunday evening in four sections, en route for San Francisco. Lunches and coffee were provided for the men by the Ladies' Volunteer Aid society of Cheyenne.

The schooner Thomas F. Baird, Captain Anderson, has arrived at San Francisco from Philadelphia with a party of Klondike treasure seekers on board. She had a very stormy passage of 166 days, her only stop being at Valparaiso. The passengers and crew are determined to push on to the gold fields.

The pulpits of the various Protestant churches of Portland, Or., were occupied Sunday morning and evening by visiting delegates to the National Council of Congregational churches. Special thanksgiving services were held in all the churches in accordance with President McKinley's proclamation.

The Republican League clubs of Wyoming have elected the following delegates to the national convention at Omaha: A. D. Kelley, F. A. Hadsell, J. D. Adams, H. P. Hynds, C. B. Hadley, M. D. Edgar, Otto Gramm, J. B. Shoenfelt, Louis Kirk, and Mrs. Woodmansee.

The dry season has so seriously injured the vineyards of the Livermore valley, California, that it is estimated that the yield will only be about one-third that of last year. In some localities the crop will practically be a dead loss. If the heat is excessive between now and harvest time the output of even the most advantageously situated vineyards will be greatly reduced.

Hon. T. F. Burke, appointed United States attorney for Wyoming, was born in New York City in 1855. He was educated in the public schools of Connecticut and Columbia, N. Y., law school. He came to Wyoming in 1891 and has since practiced law in Cheyenne. He served in the second state legislature and has been a trustee of the Wyoming university for the past four years.

Steven Gordon, the agent of the California Navigation and Improvement company at Bouldin island, was shot and dangerously wounded at Stockton Friday morning by Charles Swanson, who, believing he had killed his man, turned his gun on himself and blew the top of his head off. The shooting was the result of a drunken spree on the part of Swanson, who operates the ferry at that point.

The gunboat Bennington has arrived at San Francisco from Mare Island and anchored near the Rush, Corwin and Albatross. Admiral Miller will probably transfer his flag to the Bennington. The Philadelphia will not go into commission until Tuesday. The Bennington's coal bunkers are full, and it is expected she will sail for Honolulu in a few days to carry the official news of the annexation of Hawaii.

Maj. Gen. E. S. Otis has received a telegram from the war department ordering him to proceed at once to Honolulu to assist in the ceremonies of the occupation of the islands. He is making preparations to go immediately and is detained only by the question of a transport. He has been ordered to take the First regiment of New York infantry, United States volunteers, with him to garrison Honolulu, and will need a large transport.

Although there is believed to be nothing in the story that a privateer

has been fitted out to attack boats bringing down Klondike gold, it has leaked out in Vancouver, B. C., that the matter was brought to the attention of the British admiral by American Consul Dudley a few days ago. Admiral Palliser at once dispatched H. M. S. Amphion north. The Amphion is a second-class cruiser. The admiral has also ordered the sloop Icarus, carrying eight guns, to be on the lookout for any suspicious craft.

The Eighth California regiment is likely to be sent to Honolulu to garrison that city. It can be prepared for such service in a few days and its departure would not weaken the Philippine expeditionary force now in San Francisco. The choice lies between this regiment and the Sixth California supplemented by the Washington volunteers. The arrival of 15 recruits from Kansas will more than fill the signal corps, and it will likely go with the next expedition.

A dispatch from Unalaska, June 16, via Seattle, Wash., July 9, says: On June 14 the revenue cutter Bear cleared for the north with supplies for the ice-bound whalers. The Bear was detained here a few days on account of the dangers to which several ships were subjected, owing to the fierce winds that prevail at this time of the year. There is no doubt that several ships would have gone ashore had the Bear not come to their assistance and towed them to deeper water. Especially is this true of the bark Harry Morse.

M. H. Mead, who has been drawing a salary of \$2,000 annually for four years as assistant coinier in the United States mint in San Francisco, has been suspended from service as an official, and the men who brought about his suspension do not think there is any probability that he will be restored. Mead is a Democrat, and consequently does not stand much show of receiving favors from a Republican administration. He was laid off on account of charges which were made by the Democratic coinier of the mint, Albert T. Spotts.

Major General Otis will hasten his departure for Manila in accordance with instructions from Washington. He may go on either the Peru or City of Puebla, which are expected to sail not later than the middle of next week, without waiting for the other vessels now being prepared for use as transports. On reaching Manila, General Otis will probably assume command of all the troops in the field, leaving General Merritt to discharge his duties as governor general. It is stated that Brigadier General H. G. Otis will accompany Major General Otis and that General Miller will assume charge of the troops remaining at San Francisco.

Instructions have been received at Mare Island to get the cruiser Philadelphia ready for sea immediately. Her supplies are now being assembled with greatest dispatch. She will go into commission on Tuesday next, according to the latest reports, and will probably get under way for sea within a week later. The Bennington has about all her coal on board from the collier Swanilda. Orders received today (Thursday) are reported to contain instructions to her commander to leave tomorrow. Either the Philadelphia or the Bennington will convey the official news of the action of Congress on the Hawaiian annexation and formally raise the flag in the name of the U. S.

There is considerable illness at Camp Merritt, though the death rate remains very low. South Dakota has seventy on the sick list and though practically an acclimated regiment the Seventh California has 17 in the hospital and as many more in quarters. The 134 beds of the field hospital are all in use,