EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

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Personal Property of Robert Louis Stevenson—Salmon Theories Incorrect—Gold Hunters for Cook's Inlet.

State Chairman A. A. Johnson of the Silver Republican party of Wyoming, has left politics to accept the pastorate of the Methodist church of Longmont, Colo.

The Knights of Pythias of Wyoming are in session at Cheyenne. The election of officers will be held this afternoon (Thursday) and the session is to close with a grand ball.

Thirty-two carloads of Milwaukee beer arrived at Vancouver Wednesday night by special train en route for Manila, and will go via the Empress of China on Saturday.

The Iowa volunteers have just received their pay for the months of July and August. This was $2.20 for each enlisted man. The total paid the regiment was about $55,000.

The steamer Gleneyle arrived at San Francisco at 4 o'clock this (Thursday) morning from Honolulu and Kahului. Her reports that everything is quiet on the Hawaiian Islands.

Sumner Whitney, ex-sheriff of Shasta county, Colo., died Wednesday at Leadville, from wounds received while trying to arrest a crowd of Hobos a month ago. The ex-sheriff killed two of the robbers after having been shot himself.

The southwestern hospital of the Oakland Bell Co. is exclusively for the benefit of the first to be opened on the coast. It is located near Piedmont, Cal., and contains 20 patients, nearly all from the Fifty-first Iowa regiment, who are in charge of Corporal Jeffers of company M.

Private J. C. Taylor, company M, First Texas regiment, recently tried by a court martial for on fact predicted to a subaltern and military discipline, has been found guilty and sentenced to 20 days hard labor and to forfeit five dollars of his pay. The offense committed by Taylor was "talking back" to an officer.

The party of gold hunters that came to San Francisco from New York on the bark Amite are not going direct to the Klondike. As soon as the vessel is provisioned they will sail for Cook's Inlet and will probably prospect that part of the country before heading for Dawson. After landing her passengers at Cook's Inlet the Amite will be brought back to San Francisco and will go into the coasting trade.

The schooner Sophia Sutherland, which has returned to San Francisco from a fruitless search for gold among the South Sea Islands, brought in her hold all the personal property of the late Robert Louis Stevenson, Vailima, the historic Samoan home of the gifted author, was stripped from the mansion before the Sophia Sutherland sailed and now stands in the midst of the broad acres that compose the Stevenson estate, an empty shell.

Surgeon Major H. L. Holgate of the Oregon, recently in Manila, who was formerly editor of the Corvallis Gazette, says: "There is no foundation for the reports that have agitated the Red Cross society at Portland and the governor of Oregon. The sickness among the men has resulted chiefly of measles and mumps, with a few cases of typhoid contracted at Camp Merritt. There is nothing to complain of. The men need everyone ALL MONEY of the pay roll purchase these."

Several salmon, averaging 28 pounds in weight, have recently been caught in the Sacramento river. From the fact that the salmon fry had been removed from each they were checked as they ascended from the hatcheries on the Clackamas river in Oregon in 1897. This discovery is said to refute the theories of Dr. Jordan, Jordan and Gilbert, who have maintained that salmon remain from three to four years in the sea before reaching their majority and then return to fresh water streams to spawn.

Col. Logan, of the Fifty-first Iowa regiment, has received a dispatch from director Stone of the Iowa Central to allow his son to suffer for service and adding that the director will for the office. The colonel's son, who has been sick, underwent an operation for which a requisition has been sent in the army surgeon's report. Look for those who are sick, and the boy desired to middle with the colonel of the men who are well. The colonel is probable in the declaration that his regiment is all right.

If the experiment of colonization which is about to be made by the Hawaiian Plantation company of Hawaii proves to be successful, a promising field will be opened up for the Japanese colony for many laborers in the country to earn there a livelihood and a competence for themselves without personality investing and colonist. Among the pioneers of colonization where the Japanese stock. For in Gatty, silver and industrious Japanese to second products of the island is a profit-sharing system of compensation, free from water, fuel and medical attendance and convenient church and religious facilities. Because this, the company proposed to add each person the sum of $1 a month and only time as the usual crop of cane is harvested and the sugar marketed.

Fighting From a Turret.

Between the guns and the stern of the cruiser are stationed the men who man the pointing machine guns and other the breech, and, close on, the powder chamber. In view of each gun is a powerful electric fan intended to drive the smoke out of the turret through the bore of the gun, and a hydraulic pumper with which the half-ton projectile is forced up into the gun. At this manner stands the gun captain, who superintends the loading and the first gunner, who sees to the preparation of the gun for firing, the firing, between the platform on which these men stand and the face of the turret is a light iron-bar curtain and a door up which the ammunition lifts are hoisted from the handling room below. On the girders between the guns are stationed the men operating the ammunition lifts, the water service, and the various signals and telephones.

There is a disposition to charge among the uninitiated, the purpose is great and crews to hoist to tear, especially as all of the lifts and the men seem to be engaged.

"Fire on the entrance to the harbor!"

The motors utter a groan and the projectile cylinder swings slowly round, hovering and running. The rattle indicates motion quickly to swiftly, the hundred yards and stops the telephone rings and its attendant reports.

"Fire at will!"

The telephones are set with a turn of the wrist, while with the other hand the guns are elevated until the cross wires accept the bullets; the smoke from the light guns is thick and nothing is distinct.

Suddenly there is a rift, and in it appears the black hull of a ship—for all the carrier a grand ensign mingled with the blood and gold of Spain. Four shots are fired in quick succession, quite clear of lightning flashes, but the fire of many guns allows no sound from her to be distinguished. One questions uncertainly for an instant: "Is she lighting? Is she lifting or are we in a cross fire?" And the cover the upper anxiety to do one's own part and to do it well.

The station men about the guns are now silent and expectant. The turret turns slowly—slowly—stops. The ship is rolling gently, while the enemy's fire between her and Sampson's is creeping on to meet the descending projectile of the squadron; the officer, with an eye and in his eye, awaits the outbreaks, and at the instant pressed the firing mechanism. There is a deafening roar, a blinding flash, the great gun recoils within into the turret, and then slowly and smoothly out again. The air is filled with smoke; two men are already carrying the mud at the pole-crank, and, as the half-ton block swings onto a third director's stream of water into the chamber. A man is given the elevator, and the breech swings on this, allowing the water to run down the bore and out of the muzzle. The gun is ready for the next charge, and the cotton turns to the other gun. He stands at the energy indicator—twenty-six hundred pounds—the right, and a moment later the smoke lifts again.

Two Spanish ships are now out and a third is in the entrance; the first are seen on fire. Was it from his shell? He can tell! For a dozen heavy guns are firing at her. A second later and the instant swings the nearest ship into his sight and he fires again. Another rain of men swing upon the breech and the gun is pointed down the bore.

In the interim the first gun has been loaded into its loading position, the ammunition car has been hoisted in front of it, and the rammer has forced home the shell. Twice more it serves the breech, each time pressing before it the hundred and seventy-five pounds of powder. With no last withdrawal, the empty ammunition car drops out of sight, the breech swings to the stops of the firing gear.

"Ready, sir!" he reports.

And still quick, but not too quick, the officer is hard and fast work. The firing is so fast and continuous that the time cannot keep the correct chase of smoke. The sun shines through a rent in the heaving cloud, and the great gun swings over into the turret, and then slowly and smoothly out again. The air is filled with smoke; two men are already carrying the mud at the pole-crank, and, as the half-ton block swings onto a third director's stream of water into the chamber. A man is given the elevator, and the breech swings on this, allowing the water to run down the bore and out of the muzzle. The gun is ready for the next charge, and the cotton turns to the other gun. He stands at the energy indicator—twenty-six hundred pounds—the right, and a moment later the smoke lifts again.

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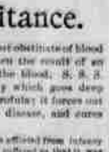

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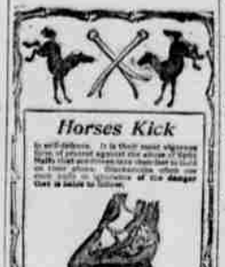

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