

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Bertillon system of criminal detection is to be adopted by the Denver police department.

Edward McConville of Lewiston, Ida., has been commissioned second major of the First Idaho volunteers.

While learning to ride a bicycle Sunday, J. T. McDaniels, deputy sheriff of Bannock county, Ida., fell and broke his knee cap in four places.

News from Cheyenne indicates that Col. Torrey is having considerable trouble in mustering in seven troops from the state of Wyoming.

The Wyoming battalion of infantry is now enroute for San Francisco, having left Cheyenne Wednesday afternoon amid great enthusiasm.

Mike Corcoran, a miner 56 years of age, fell from his wagon while driving near Halley, Ida., Friday, the fall killing him. Corcoran has relatives in Saginaw, Mich.

Alex Hayden, a rancher of Henry's Fork, Wyo., was thrown from a fractious horse Wednesday, resulting in death. He was 50 years of age and leaves a wife and child.

Eight companies of volunteers from Idaho en route to San Francisco, spent four hours in Portland, Ore. Friday and at 1:30 in the afternoon left for the south over the Southern Pacific.

B. J. Franklin, ex-governor of Arizona, died suddenly at his home at Phoenix Thursday. He lay down to rest and when a member of his family went to call him he was found to be dead.

Utah's troop of rough riders will hereafter be designated as "I" troop. Capt. Jno. Q. Cannon having picked that letter from the hat. The boys have agreed to make the "I" famous.

The resignation of T. R. Stevenson, commissioner for the Third district of Elmore county, Ida., has led to the appointment by Gov. Steunenberg of Calvin H. Schoff, of Glenn's Ferry, to fill the vacancy.

George Milden, an employ of the Union Pacific shops at Evanston, Wyo., has been missing since Wednesday night, and it is feared he has walked into the river as when last seen he was intoxicated.

A temporary state organization has been perfected by the Red Cross Society of California, which already embraces all of the leading cities. Good work is already being done for the soldiers encamped at the Presidio.

At San Francisco the City of Peking, City of Sydney, and Australia are now ready to receive their quota of troops for the Philippines. The three others chartered by the government will be ready in about a week or ten days.

The steamship Roanoke will start on her first Alaska trip from San Francisco on the 25th of this month. On her first Alaska trial trip from San She will carry no passengers from that port, and will run in future between Seattle and St. Michael.

Edward Taylor, of San Francisco, has been adjudged insane and committed to the Ukiah asylum. He imagines that he is an officer in the United States army and is imbued with the idea that he should invade the Philippines at once.

Thomas J. Riley, on trial at Helena, Mont., for the murder of Millionaire Patrick Largey of Butte; has been convicted of murder in the second degree. Riley was defended by the Miners' Union of Butte, to which he belonged.

E. W. Mutch, who has arrived at

Seattle, Wash., from Dawson, confirms the reported drowning of Thomas Barnes of Axtel, Kansas, and Louis Bisham of Montana, in Lake Bennett, May 10th. Mr. Mutch says that the spring cleaning began in the Klondike April 19th, the day before he left.

Ex-Treasurer J. W. Thompson of San Diego, Cal., was arrested Monday charged with the misappropriation of \$12,764.25 from the funds of the county. The arrest was made upon complaint of Chairman Justice of the board of supervisors, and Constable Clark found Thompson at his residence.

The San Diego, Cal., chamber of commerce has shipped to San Diego a carload of lemons, consigned to the Red Cross society for the American soldiers and sailors in the Philippines. The fruit was freely given by the growers in that county. One box of the finest lemons is addressed to Admiral Dewey.

Seafaring men at Tacoma, Wash., declare that the many accidents to vessels in those waters are largely due to the defective charts supplied by the United States government. It is said that except for the small beginning made by the steamers Hassler and Patterson the surveying of Alaskan waters remains wholly neglected.

Miss Rachel Vrooman, a society belle, has been admitted to practice law before the Supreme court of California. She graduated with honors from Hastings College of Law, and now is a fully accredited member of the bar. Her father, the late Henry Vrooman, was one of the most prominent attorneys of California. He left a valuable estate, which his daughter proposes to manage herself.

The sealing schooner Kate and Anna has been held at San Francisco on a charge of violating the law against pelagic sealing, to await the opinion of the United States district attorney. The captain alleged that he received his license and cleared before the order forbidding sealing was issued, and that the 336 skins which he had on board were taken south of the thirty-fifth degree.

The Rufus C. Wood sailed from San Francisco this (Friday) morning for Alaska. Among her 100 or more passengers is the Gardner party of forty civil engineers and mechanics, who are sent out by a London and New York syndicate to survey a railroad from Norton Sound to the Northwest Point on the Yukon, making a saving of about 300 miles in the distance to Dawson.

The discovery of a stick of dynamite at the Emeryville depot, Cal., is causing the police and railroad officials much anxiety. The dynamite was found hidden among some rubbish and is now in the possession of Division Superintendent Agler. Much significance is attached to the discovery owing to the fact that nearly every day trains loaded with troops are passing through that locality on their way to San Francisco.

Passengers on the steamer Morgan City, which arrived at Seattle, Wash., from Copper River, Alaska, Thursday, report that two large snowslides occurred on Valdes glacier, April 30th and May 1st, in which about 100 people were caught. Only three persons were killed. They were: Joseph Furner, Chicago; B. Antwerp, Minneapolis; A. Johnson, Eureka, Cal. A report was current that four more were missing, but it could not be confirmed.

An explosion occurred at Baker City,

Oregon Thursday evening when a mortar was being fired to welcome the troops from Idaho, who are en route to San Francisco. An immense crowd had gathered at the depot, and the explosion occurred in the midst of it. Curtis Spencer, a 6-year-old boy, had his skull fractured and will die. E. A. Worswick had a leg broken and Mrs. William Good, John G. Foster and J. H. Parker were badly bruised.

The San Francisco Examiner says: It is not an invidious distinction to say that of all the troops who have entered the city since the declaration of war, those constituting the Thirtieth Minnesota volunteers approach the nearest to the military experts' ideal. This regiment is well known throughout the east and for twenty years it has held a high rank in interstate competitions and contests in which the manual of arms and marksmanship were the tests of excellence.

Silver candle sticks, yards of old lace, medals of the Legion of Honor, diamond rings, ivory bound prayer books, silver sauce pans, all sorts of old jewelry and articles of luxury have just been sold by the sheriff of Los Angeles, Cal., to satisfy claims against the estate of Count de I de Kersausson-Pennordreff. The count had been decorated by Napoleon III as one of the La Ville Noblesse. Later he lost his all in the Panama scheme and soon after died. Only a few hundred dollars were realized by the count's heirs.

News comes from New Zealand of an outbreak of Maoris near Ohoewal. The authorities attempted to make the Maoris pay a tax on each of the large number of dogs they have around the villages, whereupon the natives went on the warpath and burned many bungalows of the white residents in the vicinity, besides roughly using the occupants. It is understood that no lives were taken. Her majesty's river gunboat Torch has been dispatched to the scene to put down the outbreak.

William B. Gregor, the 6-year-old son of John Gregor, who lives at Prospect avenue and New Broadway, in Temescal, Cal., fell from a wagon on which he was riding with his father Monday afternoon and was so badly injured that he died one hour later. The little fellow had climbed to the top of the load of hay, when a wrench of the wagon threw him into the road. Before he could regain his feet the heavy wheels of the truck passed over his neck and head.

Police Judge James A. Campbell was stricken with apoplexy shortly before 9 o'clock Monday evening in the parlors of the Susalito house, 110 Ellis street, San Francisco, and died within a very few minutes. The fatal stroke came on without warning while he was attending a meeting of the Society of Old Friends, of which he was president, and, although medical aid was at hand, nothing that was done served to stay dissolution for even a few moments.

Great excitement was created at Hueneme, Cal., Wednesday, by cannonading, sufficiently heavy to rattle windows, which was apparently taking place at sea. No war vessels were in sight, and the source of the firing is a mystery. About forty shots in all were fired. The only vessel known to be in this vicinity is the United States steamer Alert, but why she should be firing is as great a mystery as the source of the cannonading. She may have been indulging in target practice.

The happiest people in California are the sugar beet growers of Pomona and vicinity. There are assurances of at least 4,000 acres of sugar beets for the Chino sugar factory next August, and there may be several hundred acres more. It has rained over