

There are forty-nine vessels, nearly all British, in the harbor of San Francisco under engagement to transport wheat to the British Isles.

A good deal of sarcasm has been wasted on the United States Government for its folly in spending \$8,000,000, in the purchase of Alaska.

This is a great country, but too much of it is going up in smoke nowadays. The year continues to maintain its unenviable distinction for the number and seriousness of its conflagrations.

Mr. John Thomson, a bank president of New York, gave the following excellent advice in a paper read before the late Bankers' convention at Saratoga:

The public press commends a late decision of Judge Brewer, the new judge of the United States circuit court, in the Maxwell land grant fraud in Colorado.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News. Daily Postal Bulletin—Discontinued—Minnesota, Pleasant Prairie, Martin county.

The postoffice department finds the sale of 2-cent stamps steadily increasing, and the officials of that branch of the government service expect to soon see the branch department again.

The acting secretary of the interior has decided in the case of the Southern Pacific Railroad vs. the state of California that invalid school sections are a bar to the attachments of lands under railroad rights.

The naval coal board has investigated the subject of the comparative merits of anthracite and bituminous coal for ordinary naval use, and reaches the conclusion that semi-bituminous coal, especially of smokeless, is best for such use.

Much good work has been done by the land department through the agency system to break up fraudulent land entries and surveys of the public lands, but acting Land Commissioner Harrison said recently, the system was imperfect owing to inadequacy of the force.

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Casualties of the Week.

At Wilkesbarre, Pa., Prof. W. R. Kingman of Charleston, S. C., walked out of a window while asleep and was killed by the fall.

Crimes and Criminals.

Charles Hartlett, sentenced to death at Cincinnati for killing his wife. Near Cooperstown, N. Y., Farmer Clayton and delirium tremens murdered his two-year-old boy.

Wisconsin Counterfeiters Arrested.

Joseph Lane and Joseph Hight were arrested at Clayton, Polk county Wis., recently, upon a charge of manufacturing spurious coin, and waiving a hearing were committed to jail in default of \$1,000 bail each.

Market Reports.

St. Paul.—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 92@95c. Corn, No. 2, 48@50c; No. 3, 47@49c. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 28@29c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 white 24c; rejected, 23c.

Health Inspector Kerr and others. Some of the aldermen are placed in an unsavory light.

Personal News Notes.

Henry James Bohn, author and publisher, is dead. Mrs. A. T. Stewart is reported to have made Judge Hilton her heir.

General News Items.

A stranger who attended the Presbyterian church in Lafayette, Ind., dropped a \$20 gold piece into the plate, and he left a letter at the hotel containing \$50 for the church.

Foreign Flashes.

The crops in Ireland are said to be superb, and more noblemen and other rich landlords are spending the autumn on their Irish estates than during many years past.

Pleuro Pneumonia in Illinois.

The Chicago Breeder's Gazette says: At last the unwelcome truth is forced upon us that contagious pleuro-pneumonia has found a lodgement in the prairies of Illinois.

Death of Hon. Grove B. Cooley at Minneapolis.

Hon. Grove B. Cooley of Minneapolis, Minn., died on Wednesday last. Mr. Cooley was born at Utica, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1827, and was therefore nearly fifty-seven years of age.

Another Proposed North Pole Hunt.

The New York Yacht club, of which James Gordon Bennett, Jay Gould and Cyrus W. Field, Jr., are members, entertained the officials of the Greeley relief expedition at dinner a few days ago.

WHEAT GRADES AND PRICES.

New Inspection Rules at Duluth—Prices and Grades Fixed at Winona.

At a meeting of grain operators, held in Huff's hotel, in Winona, on Monday, all dealers on the Winona & St. Peter, Southern Minnesota and the River division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, were represented.

Following is the substance of the inspection rules at Duluth:

No. 1 Hard Spring Wheat—Must be sound, well cleaned and weigh not less than 58 pounds to the measured bushel, and be composed mostly of Scotch Fife wheat.

Important to Dairymen.

Hon. C. E. Marvin, of Rochester, Olmsted Co., Minn., general superintendent of the dairy department of the world's exposition, has issued a circular letter to the dairymen of the world, stating the amount and division of premiums and the conditions of competition therefor.

Indian Agent McGillicuddy, of the Pine Ridge Agency, in a letter to the commissioner of Indian affairs, says that Son of No. Water recently attempted to take the agent's life.

Thomas Huling of Bell's Bend, near Nashville, shot and killed his little daughter by mistake for a burglar.