

RACE FOR SUMMIT OF MOUNTAIN ON

Mazamas, Poling Cautiously, Hope to Beat the Parker-Brown Launch Party.

PERILS OF RIVER GREAT

Country in Mid-May Is Snow-Covered and Progress Is Delayed by Ice—Susitna Likely to Be Closed for Some Time.

BY C. E. RUSK. Leader of the Mazama Expedition to Mount McKinley. BELUGA, Head of Cook's Inlet, Alaska, May 11.—The Mazama expedition is in sight of Mount McKinley and Halley's comet, although we cannot see either until the weather clears. Whenever the clouds lift a bit, we can see great mountains on every hand in the distance, snow-crowned and rugged, a veritable Alpine wonderland. And every place, even down to tidewater, is a mantle of snow. It is still a land of winter desolation, but every day brings nearer the Spring-tide, under the benign influence of which we hope to work our way to the crowning peak of North America.

The steamer Portland arrived at Port Graham the morning of May 11, and on board were the members of the Parker-Brown party. They brought with them their launch, Explorer, and much equipment. We met the leaders of the expedition and several of the other members. The inlet steamer Tonic was awaiting the arrival of the Portland at Port Graham, as was also the Susitna River steamer Alice. The Parker-Brown expedition proceeded to Seldovia to await the Tonic, leaving two or three members at Port Graham. After the loading of freight onto the Tonic, the Tonic departed in the night.

Mazamas Travel by Launch. The Mazama expedition engaged passage to Beluga on the Alaska Commercial Company's launch, Valdez, and departed at 11 A. M. yesterday. The launch is not rough, and we had a pleasant run to Kasiloff. At night we passed the Tonic towing the Explorer, and with the Parker-Brown party aboard. We anchored for the night in the mouth of the Kasiloff River. At this point is a large up-to-date sawmill, brightly lit by electricity. The cannery belongs to the Alaska Packers' Association, and seems complete in every detail. Quite a village clusters about it, but only a few minutes, however, in which to make our inspection of the plant.

The Kasiloff River is small, rather sluggish river, flowing from a considerable lake on the Kerna Peninsula, about 40 miles to the eastward. Here is the home of the great moose. We saw one man who asserted that he had killed the day before, one of these animals weighing 2000 pounds. We weighed several early next morning and still proceeded through the moose country. As the head of the inlet is approached, the country on each side becomes lower and flatter, although the great snowy ranges are still seen receding from the shore line.

Farming Possibilities Seen. There are many open grassy places where some day will be farms, for this country is fertile and generous. Winter climate has farming possibilities. Cook's Inlet is built on a stupendous scale. It, and the low region about the head, appear to have been formed by a great glacier which swept down to the sea. The soil which has been borne down from the high mountains during ages of erosion has created a fertile, upward end of the inlet, making great flats, and has pushed the land line farther and farther outward. This filling process is still in progress. In places, being more than 50 feet. At Turnagain Arm it rushes through the passage with frightful velocity, causing a tremendous wave called "the bore" which has swamped many a luckless boat.

Vancouver's Records Buried. We passed Point Discovery, where Vancouver took possession of the country in the name of the King of England and buried his records in a hole in the ice. Although the point has been well identified from his description, the records have never been found, and, no doubt, a considerable measure of fame awaits the man who unearths them. We reached Beluga before noon of May 11. Here is a trading post belonging to the Alaska Commercial Company, and a postoffice is situated upon the Beluga River about two miles. The country about is flat and marshy in many places, and there are numerous small lakes, whose ducks nest in great numbers. At the mouth of the river is a muddy sluggish stream, up which the tide flows for a considerable distance.

At Beluga we found S. A. Bigelow, W. D. Nutley and C. H. Tutley, of California, whose acquaintances we had made at Port Graham. These men came here more than a week ago expecting to go up Beluga River about 12 miles, but were balked by ice, the stream being open only about a mile above here. This is an indication that we shall find the Susitna closed for some time yet. It looks probable that we shall be unable to proceed above Susitna until about June 1. The Alce is expecting to proceed to Susitna, however, tomorrow, and it can then be determined how soon we can get on up the river.

Passage Up River Engaged. The Alce will go up the Susitna just as soon as the ice will allow her to do so. The Mazama party has engaged passage as far as Talkootna at the mouth of the Chullitna. This will place us within 20 or 25 miles of Ruth Glacier, and leaves immensely the task of getting to Mount McKinley.

Although the Parker-Brown party is equipped with a splendid power boat, while we have only a 20-foot motor boat, men who are familiar with the Susitna River are prophesying that we will be firm to reach the glacier. They say the Explorer is almost sure to come grief in the uncertain channels of the big river, while we, by using caution, will be able to work our way up the river places and so finally reach our goal.

Nevertheless, we are making no boasts, for there are many contingencies that may defeat our party on both, and a slight turn of luck may determine the race one way or another. W. J. Erskine, general manager of the Alaska Commercial Company and his charming wife are aboard the Alce and probably will go on up the river to Talkootna. Mr. Erskine has extended many courtesies to us and his assistance and advice are proving invaluable to the expedition. The other officials of the

PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM, WHICH WON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGENTS' CUP.



Campbell Crockett, Leader, Lower Photograph; Lyman G. Rice, Center Photograph; James Hartwell, Top Photograph. PENDLETON, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—The Pendleton High School debating team won the championship of the Oregon High School Debating League at Willard Falls last week, taking the decision from the Eugene High on the question, "Resolved, That the State of Oregon should adopt a system of guaranteeing bank deposits." The local team upheld the affirmative, while the visitors talked for the negative. This made the Pendleton team had already won three victories in its own district on the question of the commission form of city government, this made the team's fourth consecutive victory for the year, which carried with it the beautiful Regents' Cup, presented by the Regents of the University of Oregon. Last year the cup went to Grants Pass and the year before to Lebanon. When won twice by the same school the cup then becomes the permanent trophy of that school.

company have also lent us willing hands whenever the opportunity has offered, and we now feel that if we succeed in our undertaking our success will be largely due to the aid of the Alaska Commercial Company.

ROAD IS CONGESTED

Interior Seriously Affected by Delays to Freight.

WAGON HAULING COSTLY

Concentration of Working Force Upon Line to Bend Will Hasten Completion Greatly—Bend Now Is Center of Activity.

BEND, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—The inauguration of construction work on the Oregon Trunk line south of Madras and the rapid settling of the country and the inland towns have created a situation in transportation probably unequalled in the country. The new order of things means that through Shaniko, the present railroad gateway for Oregon's inland empire, must pass every pound of freight not only for the needs of that great territory but for the many camps and crews of the railroad builders.

FIREMEN ATTEND FUNERAL

Detail of 50 at Services for Late Frank B. Harrington.

The funeral of Frank B. Harrington, assistant chief of the Portland volunteer fire department years ago, was attended yesterday by a detail of 50 men from the Portland Fire Department under Chiefs Laudonkies and Dowell. The firemen escorted the body from Holman's chapel, where the funeral service was held, to the Morrison-street bridge, whence the funeral proceeded to Lone Fir Cemetery. Rev. T. B. Griswold preached the sermon yesterday afternoon. The service was attended by many friends, among them Mayor Simon, ex-Fire Chiefs Jordan and Doherty, and members of the Ex-empt Firemen's Association. Among many beautiful floral pieces were those from Mayor Simon, the Ex-empt Firemen's Association and friends of the Portland Police Department. The pallbearers were: C. C. Doherty, C. A. Allsly, W. W. Sweeney, Captain W. R. Kerrigan, G. C. Doherty and John Barry, all veteran firemen and friends of Mr. Harrington for many years. He died Thursday night.

YOUNG TIMEKEEPER, DEAD, WAS POPULAR IN CONDON RESIDENT.



Marcus Henry Portwood. CONDON, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—Marcus Henry Portwood, who sustained fatal injuries while employed as a timekeeper for a railroad construction gang near Chelonia, Thursday, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Portwood, of this city, one of the pioneer families of Gilliam County. With the assurance, "I'll try and make good," which he gave his friends here on his departure, less than two months ago, Mark, as he was known to the residents of his home town, left Condon. Young Portwood was in his 21st year, and was among the popular young men of this city. Funeral services, held here this afternoon, were largely attended.

INJURED BRAKEMAN DIES

Wreck Near Arlington Counts Victim in O. A. Sproule. O. A. Sproule, brakeman on the O. R. & N. freight train which was wrecked near Arlington last week, died at Samaritan Hospital early yesterday. Sproule's skull was crushed in the accident, and he had been lying in a critical condition in the hospital in this city ever since. Mrs. Estelle Wiselmer, a sister, living at 148 Leavenworth avenue, San Francisco, is the only known relative of the accident victim. She was notified. There were four other persons hurt in the crash, but all are recovering. The smash-up was caused by the engine of the freight train running into a big boulder on the track about a mile east of Arlington. The engine jumped the boulder, which had become loosened by the rains and rolled down the mountainside, but the freight cars which composed the train were hurled over an embankment. Two of the men injured were hoboes. Each of them had a leg crushed.

Demonstration "Schram" Automatic Sealer Fruit Jars—Standard Sewing Machines Demonstration Polar Star Ice Cream Freezers—Sale of Refrigerators on Third Floor



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- \$3.75 Batiste Waists, June White Sale, at, each, \$1.39
\$37.50 Trimmed Hats, June White Sale, special, \$9.95
All French Plumets at the June White Sale, at 1-3 OFF
35c Taffeta Ribbon, this sale, special, at 22c per yard
40c Fancy Ribbon at this sale, special at 25c per yard
1.50 Hand Bags, special during the great sale at 69c
\$6.00 Hand Bags, special during this sale, at \$3.19
\$6.00 Suede Pumps, June White Sale special, at \$2.95
White Canvas Oxfords during this sale 1-2 Price
\$2.25 Hat Pins, the Great White Sale price, for 97c
75c Dutch Pins, June White Sale, special price for 39c
1.25 Hat Pins at the June White Sale, special, for 57c
50c Beauty Pins, Great June White sale price, for 29c
1.00 Watches reduced during this June sale to 69c
35c Fancy Neckwear, June White Sale price, each, 25c
Men's \$3.00 Pajamas, June White Sale price, at \$1.69
Women's \$2.50 Gowns, June White Sale Prices, 98c
\$2.50 White Petticoats, June White Sale price, at 98c
Women's \$2.50 Drawers, June White Sale price, 98c
\$2.50 Corset Covers, June White Sale Price each 98c
Women's \$2.50 Chemise, June White Sale price, at 98c
\$2.50 Combination Suits, June White Sale price, 98c
15c Coat Hangers, June White Sale price, for, each, 8c
50c Hair Rolls, June White Sale price, special, for 25c
25c to 50c Dress Shields, June White Sale Price, for 19c
75c Turban Braid Pins, June White Sale price, for 25c
Girls' \$1.25 Dresses, June White Sale price, each, 98c
Infants' \$1.00 Dresses, June White Sale price, for 59c

\$42.50 Linen Dresses Spec'l \$13.95 \$45.00 Tailored Suits Spec'l \$14.95

Lest you forget, we remind you again of this very unusual offering of Women's Linen Dresses. In all our experience we have never offered such excellent values in such perfect styles at this ridiculously low price. 500 choice styles in house samples just received. They were picked up by our New York buyer at less than the maker's cost, with the idea of making a big feature item for our Removal Sale. Don't fail to see them today. Take advantage of our lucky buy. These are most exceptional bargains. \$42.50 values at \$13.95 TAILORED SUITS—There are 400 in this lot for today's selling and each one seems better than the rest. The materials are serges, wide wales, diagonals, sack cloths, worsteds, mixtures, rough pongees, cloth of gold, etc. The Jackets and skirts are styled in the latest vogue. Regular \$45.00 values to \$45—our Removal sale price \$14.95

- \$2.00 Wash Veils at June White Sale, special, for 69c
\$2.50 Auto Veils, at June White Sale, special, for \$1.48
\$2.25 Val. Laces, June Sale Price, special 98c dozen
Infants' Bunny Blankets, June White Sale price, 47c
Baby Shoes, June White Sale price, special, at 39c
75c Nickel Coffee Pots, June White Sale, special, 38c
50c Enameled Wash Basins, special this week at 25c
15c Enameled Cake Pans, special this week at, each, 7c
65c Haviland Plates, June White Sale price, at 33c
90c Haviland Plates, June White Sale price, at 45c
\$1.90 Haviland Plates, June White Sale price, at 95c
\$2.90 Haviland Plates, June White Sale price, at \$1.45
\$1.30 Haviland Sugar Bowls, June White Sale, at 65c
\$3.50 Haviland Sugar Bowls, June White Sale, at \$1.75
\$4.10 Bread Trays, June White Sale, special at \$2.05
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EDUCATIONAL AND FASCINATING Very few people are at all familiar with the great names in music. Few still know how to spell them. Further, how many know the old alphabet numerically? As an example, the letter "N" is the 14th letter, letter "G" is the 7th, "W" is the 23d, etc. Youngsters know the alphabet numerically better than the "old folks." This contest enables everybody to become familiar with the relative numerical position of the different letters of the alphabet, and also to become familiar with the names and spelling of the great composers. Every letter in the squares on the left represents a related numerical letter, or a name of a famous composer. We have omitted the numbers in four of the squares (?) which you must supply.

INFORMER BLANKS Fill out this blank, or use a similar form. Write plainly. No answer will be considered unless full information is given. Name..... Street Number..... City..... What make of piano is your preference?..... Why?..... Give below names and addresses of three or more of your friends and neighbors who have no piano or whom you think would consider the purchase of a Piano, or Player Piano, stating which they prefer Name..... Address..... Name..... Address..... Name..... Address.....

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