

# The Dalles Weekly Chronicle.

VOL. II. THE DALLES, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1892. NUMBER 14.

**ASTORIA IS IN IT.**  
**Railroad Contract Said to Have Been Signed Yesterday.**

**WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.**  
**The Oregon National Guard has a Fine Record in the War Office.**

**THE BLIZZARD STILL RAGING.**

**Heavy Rains in Washington City—Snow Storms in England—Minor Matters.**

PORTLAND, March 11.—It is currently reported that the contract for the building of the Astoria railroad, was yesterday signed by C. W. Schofield and George Goss, who are to construct the road, and by Messrs. Taylor, Dement and Wingate, trustees for the city in the matter of the subsidy, work to commence within ten days. The road is to run through the Nehalem valley and furnish transcontinental connection with Astoria. The builders are to receive \$300,000 in cash as a subsidy, after the first engine has run over the line, and it has been accepted by the trustees. Beside this \$300,000 there are other considerations. Astoria is to furnish the terminal grounds and secure right of way through the city or such portion of it as is needed. The money is not to be delivered till the road is in operation from Astoria, as said, to a transcontinental connection, probably to some point on the Southern Pacific on the original route selected by Wm. Reid. Agoria has subscribed a land subsidy. This is in the possession of the trustees and is about 800 acres. A stock company will be formed and the land used as a basis on which to raise the \$300,000. Goss and Schofield have nothing to do with the land and simply receive the \$300,000 in cash at the road's completion. Mr. Schofield some time ago suggested this method of raising the money, and it was worked well.

**The Oregon Militia.**  
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary of War Elkins has just published a statement of the militia of the United States. Oregon is included and the information is taken from the report of Adjutant-General Mitchell. Oregon has 1,506 men in the militia and 40,796 men available for military duty. Where about one-twenty-fifth of the men available for military duty in Oregon are members of the militia, the case is very different in other states. In Ohio, for instance, there are 600,000 men available and 5,873 members of the militia. Pennsylvania gives in a report of 735,622 available men and only 8,460 enlisted. North Carolina with 235,000 available men and only 1,886 enlisted men. Oregon stands very high in comparison with other states and much better than Washington, which state has 361 less than Oregon—while there are 59,600 men available for service compared to Oregon's 40,796. Washington has 105 officers to take care of its 1,145 men and Oregon has 127 officers to look after its 1,506 men. There are three cavalry officers, three artillery and 108 infantry officers here. Washington has ten cavalry officers and sixty-six infantry officers.

**St. Paul Blizzard News.**  
ST. PAUL, Minn., March 10.—Advice from northern Wisconsin, Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, show yesterday's storm was far-reaching, and of the same degree of severity in all territories. In Crookston, the Northern hotel front was blown in, and the roof demolished. Several stores were badly damaged by the fierce winds. Business is generally suspended. At West Superior several persons are reported missing. At Grand Forks all trains were abandoned. Fears are expressed from many Northwestern towns for people known to have been exposed when the storm broke out. Several buildings were blown down at Winthrop. In Duluth E. F. Cullen was killed by a falling chimney. Drifts in the leading streets of that city are reported twenty feet deep. Specials from various Iowa points state that the blizzard, though somewhat abated, is still raging, and the weather is growing colder. Trains are delayed, and considerable damage is reported.

**Heavy Rains in Washington.**  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Severe rain-storm with wind of tremendous velocity passed over Washington shortly after

noon today. Many people were taken off their feet by the wind, and some of them sustained injuries. The wife of Senator Palmer was approaching the capitol on foot when the storm broke. She was taken off her feet and thrown against the steps, suffering a deep cut in the head. Her sister, who was with her, was uninjured. Mrs. Palmer's wound was dressed in the capitol, and she was taken home. Two other ladies were blown off their feet at the east entrance to the senate, and one stunned. The air was springlike when the rain began, but half an hour afterwards a severe snow storm, suggestive of a blizzard was raging.

**About a Mysterious Disappearance.**  
MONMOUTH, Ill., March 11.—A strange case of circumstantial evidence containing all the elements of a romance has just come to light here. Fred M. Staley was once a resident of this place. Some years ago he removed to Kansas, where he worked on a ranch. Last fall he decided to spend the winter in Illinois, but did not publicly proclaim his intention. One day two young men of his acquaintance asked him to ride with them to town and he accepted the invitation. On the way he informed his companions that he believed he would take the train for the east that night. He did so, and had never written or heard from his former home until Monday of this week, when he read in a newspaper that the young men with whom he had ridden had been indicted for the murder of Fred M. Staley, and the trial had been set for March 10th. The authorities undoubtedly have a strong case against the prisoners, as they were the last men his acquaintances had seen with him, and had not told them where he was going. Staley left here yesterday, and will doubtless be a welcome witness at the trial.

**War Declared on the Columbia.**  
PORTLAND, March 11.—The rate war between the Union Pacific and the opposition steamboat lines on the Portland and Astoria route formally commenced this morning when the cut was promptly met by the steamer Telephone, and the Astorian will probably fall into line in a day or two. Not only are the passenger rates affected but the freight rates as well, which are considered far more important, as greater interests are involved. The Telephone belongs to the line which carries the Northern Pacific's traffic on the lower river, and as merchants in Astoria receive a great deal of eastern freight over the Northern's route, this is considered a point in their favor for a successful opposition.

**Fusion in Kansas.**  
TOPEKA, March 10.—It has been practically decided by the leading democrats of Kansas not to put a presidential electoral ticket in the field, and to support the people's party electoral ticket. A fusion will also be effected on state officers and congressmen at large. The democrats and alliance leaders claim that this will wipe out the republican party in Kansas. The same tactics are to be used in Nebraska and the Dakotas. To offset this the republican leaders of these states urge that the republicans in the Virginias, Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas enter into a fusion with the new party.

**Wall Street in the Throes.**  
NEW YORK, March 11.—Just now Wall street is in the pangs of financial distress and the slightest rumors produce great agitation. To illustrate: Jay Gould is south, and the *Herald* yesterday said that his health had suddenly become very much worse, and that he was hurrying home from the south on that account. A panic followed, and it required several dispatches from George Gould to his father, and affidavits from Sidney Dillon, Russell Sage and George Gould to restore the equilibrium of the street; and convince operators that the "Little Wizard" was all right.

**Snow Storm in England.**  
LONDON, March 10.—Snow continues to fall generally throughout Great Britain. In parts of the country the snow causes considerable obstruction to travel. In London, owing to the chilly weather and the high price of coal, there is much suffering among the poor.

**Gold the Only Standard.**  
VIENNA, March 10.—A majority of the imperial commission on Austro-Hungarian currency report that only a gold standard is possible; also that the half florin should be the unit, and that silver coinage should be limited to a circulation of 130,000,000 florins.

**France and the Vatican.**  
PARIS, March 10.—It is reported Pope Leo is in favor of revising the concordat between the church and France with a view of establishing new relations that will be mutually satisfactory to church and state.

**TORIES WANT A BOOM.**  
**Behring Sea and Esquimalt Their Text to Work Upon.**

**DESPERATE ACTS FOR AN ISSUE.**  
**"Canada Too Close to the United States to be Trusted."**

**THE NOISY HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

**What Uncle Sam May do in Case the Tory Element Force the Issue—Other News.**

LONDON, March 10.—The question of the defenses of the harbor of Esquimalt, on Vancouver Island, was raised in the house of commons this afternoon, and was discussed by several liberal members, causing a very lively breeze. Hardly had this commotion died out when the Behring sea controversy was brought before the house by the questions addressed by Edward Temperley Gourley, the advanced liberal member from Sunderland, and answered for the government by the Right Hon. James William Lowther, under secretary of the foreign office. Ronald Craufurd Monroe Ferguson, liberal member from Leith, led off in the matter of Esquimalt's defenses by asking a series of questions of the first lord of admiralty. While making interrogatories, Mr. Ferguson was interrupted frequently by cries of "Oh," "Oh," "Oh," and other noisy demonstrations of the ministerial majority. The impression left by his inquiries and by the emphatic, hear, hear, with which some of them were greeted from the opposition was that he intended to say Canada had drifted too far toward the United States to be trusted to cooperate with the mother country in case of trouble with the American government. This was Hamilton's view of the matter, and he declined to answer any except those in reference to the harbor itself. In the matter of the Behring sea controversy, it is intimated strongly that should the American government attempt retaliation against Canada, England will withdraw the arbitration and meet any issue the United States may choose to raise with the plain assertion of the right of English subjects to hunt seal outside the recognized limit of the United States jurisdiction. This position is urged by the Tories who are desperate for an issue that will arouse jingoism and rally the country to the support of the government. The Tories are playing a pretty bluff game by printing all manner of bombastic letters, forged perhaps, but alleged to come from Americans containing menaces against England. There is reason to believe they have been written to order, as Tories regard the time favorable for an anti-American demonstration on account of the irritation that exists among numbers of the working people, who had their wages reduced, or have been deprived of employment on account of the McKinley law. This feeling is especially strong in the manufacturing districts. "In naval quarters it is stated the British squadron in the Pacific can be depended upon to do its duty in the event of any encounter with the Americans. On the other hand, from Washington it is well understood that in case Great Britain declines the proposition for a renewal of the *modus vivendi* this government will no doubt send all available vessels to the Behring sea soon enough, if possible, to control its approaches and prevent the entrance of all sealing vessels, American as well as others. The vessels available for this service are: The Charleston, the Baltimore and the Ranger, at San Francisco; the Mohican, now on her way to Port Orchard, with the Nipic in tow, and the Yorktown and the Boston, en route to San Francisco from Callao. The revenue cutters Bear, Rush and Corwin, now fitting out at San Francisco for an annual cruise for the Seal Islands, will also assist.

**Behring Sea Muddle.**  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The president will take no further action regarding the Behring sea matter until he receives a reply from Salisbury to Wharton's note insisting on a renewal of the *modus vivendi* of last year. There need be no fear but that a resolute stand on this subject will at once put an end to the mischief complained of. Inquiry at the capitol today revealed the fact that in its present shape and under the present condition, the arbitration treaty will hardly be ratified.

**Another Chilean Outrage.**  
VALPARAISO, March 11.—Consul McCreery is investigating another brutality of the Valparaiso police, resulting in the death of Carlos Garissen, a seaman belonging to the American bark Edward Diller, which put into this port February 21st, en route to Antofagasta from New York. February 21st, early in the morning, Garissen was found lying on the Cable Blanco, suffering from a wound in the abdomen, from which he died on the 27th. Before death he made a statement implicating the police in the assault. The statement is doubted by the captain of the bark, but Consul McCreery, who visited deceased in the hospital, firmly believes it, and has presented a letter to the intendente of Valparaiso quoting Carlsson's declaration, and adding a request for an immediate investigation of the case, arguing in a positive manner that the police are guilty.

**Old in Years and Crime.**  
LONDON, March 11.—The trial of Maitland Francis Moreland, an aged Oxford tutor, accused of attempting to blackmail members of the nobility, took place today. When Moreland was arraigned he pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to extort money from the Earl of Russell, and now guilty to the charge of extortion. The prisoner was sentenced to ten years penal servitude. This is equivalent to a life sentence, for Moreland is now 65 years old. It was shown by the prosecution that the prisoner, under the names of Maitland and Moreland, wrote to a number of young members of nobility representing himself as a young and fascinating widow, who for a money consideration was willing to assume immoral relations with them.

**To Disarm Bombthrowers.**  
NEW YORK, March 11.—At the coroner investigation today concerning the deaths of Norcross and Norton, killed in the dynamite explosion at the office of Russell Sage, December 4th, the jury recommended that the legislature immediately pass a law making it an offense punishable by imprisonment, for any person to carry any object whatsoever, capable of destroying life and property, without proper authority.

**Robbers Routed.**  
EAGLE PASS, TEX., March 11.—Word has just been received at Eagle Pass of an attempted robbery and the killing of C. M. Brittain, of the Las Vegas mines, who left Durango city February 29 for the mines, with \$10,000 in Mexican silver in a safe in a wagon. This fact became known to six desperate characters, who waylaid Brittain's party, but were routed, and one of their party killed.

**Will be a Cardinal.**  
ST. PAUL, March 11.—Rev. Father Hefferon, who has charge of the Catholic affairs during the absence of Archbishop Ireland, has at last received definite advice from the Holy See. The Archbishop is to be made a second cardinal for the United States, and the ceremony of conferring the red hat will occur in Rome during the latter part of this month.

**Preparing for Peace.**  
MONTEVIDEO, March 11.—Two of the government warships have been dismantled and their crews discharged. Three squadrons of cavalry have also been disbanded. These measures have been adopted for economic motives.

**Speeding Safely On.**  
LONDON, March 11.—The American steamer Indiana, which sailed from Philadelphia for Russia with a cargo of flour and provisions for the famine sufferers of that country, was sighted off the Hebrides this afternoon. She signaled "all well."

**Kansas Wheat Ruined.**  
TOPEKA, March 11.—Reports are coming in of great damage to winter wheat by the blizzard. Some reports say thousands of acres are blackened and wilted. The injury is especially noticed on the bottoms.

**Department Officials Uneasy.**  
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Uneasiness is felt at the agricultural department on account of the serious outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in Great Britain. The disease does not exist here now, but as many sheep are imported from Great Britain, it is feared it will be introduced by them in spite of the quarantine. If the disease continues to prevail in Great Britain it will probably be necessary for this government to forbid the introduction of sheep, goats and swine until the outbreak is suppressed.

**She Will get out.**  
LONDON, March 11.—Mrs Osborne, after her sentence, yesterday developed hysteria-cataplexy so seriously that her condition last night was critical. Friends hope to obtain a medical certificate to the effect that a prolonged imprisonment would be certain to cause death.

**NEW ENGLAND'S VIEW**  
**When Canadian Goods Cannot Cross in Bond—the Jig is Up.**

**POSSIBLE EFFECT OF SUCH MOVE.**  
**Great Britain and Canada for Free Transit—Not for Seal.**

**SENATOR MORGAN'S SUGGESTION.**

**Kansas Republicans Alarmed—Coal Pit Calamity—The Blizzard Reaches New York.**

BOSTON, March 11.—Senator Morgan's suggestion that the United States should retaliate upon British interests by shutting out the bonded goods from Canada is of especial importance to New England, since a large part of the bonded freight from Canada is shipped to Europe through New England ports. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, who is in the city, says the policy of excluding Canadian goods from free transit in bond across this country, if rigorously enforced, would bring Canada to terms inside of three weeks, and would dispose of all this sealing business in short order. Great Britain has no interest in the continuation of the destruction of the seal. On the contrary, all her interests run the other way. Canada herself has no very great interest in the matter, except a few Nova Scotians at long range, and the British Columbians who are reaping a rich harvest by the destruction of the seals. President Marcy, of the Fitchburg, and President Jones of the Boston and Maine railways, show that especially during the winter months, when the St. Lawrence river is frozen, an immense amount of produce, from every part of Canada and Manitoba, crosses New England for shipment from American ports.

**Politicians Alarmed.**  
TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—The action of the Kansas democratic state central committee in deciding to put no state or electoral ticket in the field in the coming campaign, and to work for and vote with the people's party, in consideration that certain congressional candidates to whom the people's party agree shall be democrats, has aroused republican leaders throughout the state. It is understood that in a few days a committee of prominent Kansas republicans will go before the republican national committee and present a request for a retaliatory campaign in the south. The national committee will be requested to organize a party in Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia for united action with the alliance, and in this way offset at least the action of the Kansas democracy in trying to turn enough states into the people's party column to throw the election of the next president into the next house of representatives, which will be democratic.

**Colliery Explosion.**  
BRUSSELS, March 11.—An explosion occurred at the Annderlius coal pit today which will probably result in great loss of life, as 300 men were at work, only three of whom have thus far reached the mouth of the pit in safety. Should any of the workmen survive the shock of the explosion they are almost certain to meet death from choke damp, as with the destruction of ventilation it is impossible to rid the mine of gasses, although a large force of volunteers are at work clearing the mouth of the mine. A large number of the imprisoned miners are married men, and their families and friends are at the pit's mouth, frantic with grief. The explosion occurred in a gallery 400 feet below the surface.

**The Blizzard Reaches the Atlantic.**  
NEW YORK, March 11.—The western-born blizzard of the 9th reached this state yesterday, and has complete possession of a large scope of country. Syracuse, Watertown, Fonda, Utica, Rome, and other points of the interior, report heavy falls of snow, which have blocked the railways filling cuts to their tops, and doing immense damage, both in town and country. On the country roads the snow drifts to a depth of several feet. The weather is rapidly growing colder, and winds are interfering with the working of telegraph and telephone wires. The storm is growing worse hourly.

**Damages in Duluth.**  
DULUTH, Minn., March 11.—It is estimated the damage from the blizzard will exceed \$100,000.

**Lumber Drove Wrecked.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Information received here today tends to show that the wreckage flowing between Grays harbor and Shoalwater bay belongs to the schooner Big River. There is every reason to believe that the vessel is a total loss and the entire crew has been drowned. The Big River was commanded by Capt. L. P. Nissen. She left on the 19th of January and without mishap, should have reached Astoria Feb. 8th. The trip is usually made in fifteen days.

**Coming Too Late, Possibly.**  
SALEM, March 10.—Articles were filed in the secretary of state's office today of the Portland and Pacific railroad company. The incorporators are D. W. Lichtenthaler, A. C. Rowland and C. D. Lowndale. The capital stock is \$1,500,000. The object is to build and operate a railroad from Portland to a point on the Pacific ocean in Clatsop county. The principal office will be in Portland.

**Hepner School House Burned.**  
HEPNER, March 11.—At 4 o'clock this morning the Hepner public school building was discovered to be on fire. An alarm brought out the residents and the fire company, with its new hook and ladder truck, buckets and Babcock extinguisher, but to no purpose, so far as the building was concerned. The whole structure was in ashes in a few minutes, the fire being so hot that it could not be reached by buckets. A lack of wind probably saved the entire city from destruction. A light was seen shining from an upper window more than an hour before the alarm was given, but was supposed to be from a lamp. How the fire started is a mystery, as no fire had been used in the building during the previous day or night. The fire company did good work, and no other buildings were damaged except the residence of County Treasurer Matlock, which was scorched to some extent. The loss is about \$8,000, insurance \$4,000.

**Douglas Will Represent Hayti.**  
WASHINGTON, March 13.—Frederick Douglas, who has been selected by the government of Hayti as the representative of that country at the World's Columbian Exposition, has received his commission and has accepted the position offered to him by the government of the country to which he was a short time ago accredited as the minister of the United States. Mr. Douglass, who is naturally much pleased by the honor thus conferred upon him, is greatly interested in the duties of his new position, and is determined to use every effort to make the display from Hayti fully complete.

**A Riot in Vienna.**  
VIENNA, March 13.—Thousands of workmen today joined in the annual procession to the graves of the victims of the rebellion of 1848. The police forbade speeches. Many socialist symbols were deposited on the monument. Everything was orderly until on returning to the city, when the police broke into the procession to arrest a man. This incensed the crowd, and instantly the police and processionists had a serious collision, in which the police were finally victorious.

**The Storm's Path.**  
The superintendent of the New York Central railroad stated that the main tracks were clear of snow and trains were running with an average delay of two and a half hours; but that the storm at Syracuse had not abated, although the wind is not so high.

From reports received from Germany and Spain it is learned very heavy snow storms are prevailing throughout those countries. Telegraphic communication between France and Spain is interrupted. The thermometer ranged down to 30 degrees at Clinton, Miss., Saturday. Ice formed and the ground was frozen. It is feared that great harm will be done fruit trees, as they are in full bloom.

It is denied at the office of the state board of agriculture that the late cold snap injured winter wheat in Kansas. It was not far enough advanced to be affected by the cold.

A blizzard is raging in Northern Austria and Hungary. Snow has made the roads impassible, and trains are imbedded. Traffic in Vienna was suspended for hours.

The cold wave touched New Iberia, La., Friday night, and the mercury fell to freezing point. Heavy frost and ice were seen Saturday morning.

**The Behring Sea Matter.**  
WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Behring sea question was again considered at today's meeting of the cabinet, but it is understood no action was taken.