

The Dalles Chronicle



VOL. V.

THE DALLES, WASCO COUNTY, OREGON, SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1895.

NUMBER 11.

DIVORCE IN HIGH LIFE

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Set Free by the Court.

SHE IS AWARDED HER CHILDREN

Vanderbilt Said to Have Heaped Unbearable Indignities Upon Her in the Presence of Their Friends.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Judge Barrett has granted absolute divorce to Mrs. Alva Vanderbilt from William K. Vanderbilt.

The decree by Justice Barrett awards the custody of the children to Mrs. Vanderbilt, it being provided that they shall be educated in the United States. Action was begun January 3, last, and the defendant put in an answer denying the charges.

Edmund Kelly, who was appointed referee to hear and determine, filed reports January 18, and February 5 and 25. Hearings were had at special terms of the supreme court before Justice Barrett, on a motion to confirm the reports, and the question of alimony.

Vanderbilt on the latter day tendered the plaintiff a deed whereby he conveyed property in satisfaction for the claims for alimony.

Joseph H. Choate, William Jay and William Adur were counsel for the plaintiff, Anderson, Howard and Murray for the defendant.

It is said the break between Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt came at the close of a yachting trip on the *Valiant* last summer, during which it is alleged that Mrs. Vanderbilt was subjected to indignities in the presence of their friends that made it impossible to longer defer action.

It is alleged that Vanderbilt's relations with Mlle. Neustretter were openly paraded by him with the purpose of forcing his wife to take cognizance of them.

Vanderbilt's friends assert that prior to this yachting trip his behavior towards Mrs. Vanderbilt had always been considerate, and he had conducted himself in an exemplary manner. They assert that he had no affection for Mlle. Neustretter and was in no sense fascinated by her.

Though the fact has been known some months that the Vanderbilts were agreed upon the general proposition of a divorce, it was not known by the public until the decree was filed today that proceedings had been begun. Vanderbilt met Miss Smith, who afterward became his wife, in 1878, when he was 29 years of age.

It is understood the settlement upon Mrs. Vanderbilt includes the marble palace at Newport, the residence at Fifty-second street and Fifty-eighth avenue and money and securities that will make her an income of \$300,000 a year.

Business Block Blown All Over an Indiana City.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 5.—The most destructive natural gas explosion in the history of the Indiana gas belt occurred this morning when a \$75,000 business block on Courthouse square was blown all over the central part of the city.

In the building were a clothing store, Prather's shoe store, Handle's drug store, business offices, and a hall on the upper floor.

Fire followed the explosion, which was like an earthquake, and the debris began burning fiercely. The entire fire department was called out and prevented the fire reaching the new courthouse.

Attorney Ballard and County Commissioner Metcalf lived in rooms above the store, and it is feared they perished. The loss on the building and its contents will reach \$400,000.

The fronts of all business houses in the neighborhood of the explosion were demolished, paved streets were ripped open and telephone cables torn down.

In addition to the demolition of the Terhune block, the explosion did much damage. The courthouse and other buildings were struck by missiles. The fire had little to work on save wreckage.

The contents of the stores are scattered everywhere, and not so much as a respectable line of samples could be secured from the ruins. The building and contents were covered by an insurance of more than \$200,000.

Li Hung Chang Began His Journey Today.

LONDON, March 5.—A Peking dispatch says Li Hung Chang started for Japan via Tien-Tsin today. He is completely restored to favor with the emperor and Empress, with both of whom he had several interviews. He is entrusted with full powers to negotiate peace. If successful many reforms will be instituted

in China. Chang's chief rival, the emperor's tutor, Wung Tung Ho, is now out of favor.

Mr. Patrick, American tutor to Li Hung Chang's children, will act as private adviser to the interpreters who accompany the mission.

More Lives Lost.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Mrs. Rose Kennedy, aged 50, perished by fire today in the six-story flat building on 370 Columbus avenue, and for a time forty other occupants of the building were in great peril.

Mrs. Kennedy lived with her brother, Martin Connellan, on the sixth floor. Connellan and his wife reached the ground by the fire escape and appealed to two men ascending to save their two children. The men rescued the little ones, but made no search for other occupants of the building.

Thomas Dougherty, aged 22, was burned to death in the boarding-house, 208 avenue A, which took fire during the night.

The Captured Warships.

YOKOHAMA, March 5.—The captured Chinese warships have arrived here. Reports of the Japanese commanders are favorable to raising the sunken war vessels of China at Wei-Hai-Wei.

The Japanese abandoned the Shantung peninsula, including Wei-Hai-Wei, after destroying the fortifications.

John Wild, alias Howie, the American who planned to blow up the Japanese warships in a novel manner, and having been released on parole, has been brought to Japan for trial.

Spread From Hot Springs.

BURLINGTON JUNCTION, Mo., March 5.—Black smallpox is raging in Nodaway county. The disease was brought from Hot Springs, Ark., by the corpse of a citizen of Maryville, who was under treatment at the springs. The coffin was opened at his father's house, and again at the church. The funeral was largely attended. Sunday, twenty cases were reported. The schools were closed and the city quarantined.

Carried to Springfield, Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, March 5.—The state board of health yesterday received notice of a smallpox scare at Mattoon. Mrs. Peter Mason was at Hot Springs with her husband, who was a consumptive. They returned to Mattoon a few days ago and Mr. Mason died. The funeral was held Saturday and was largely attended. Mrs. Mason is now ill with smallpox.

The Lick Trust.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The Lick trust is in condition to be wound up in three months. By the expert's report made today, the trustees have realized over \$4,700,000, making insignificant losses. They distributed nearly \$3,500,000, for the purpose of the trust, and have on hand property worth over \$1,200,000 ready for distribution.

Crime in Wisconsin.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., March 5.—After purchasing a revolver in the store of A. Moses, yesterday, two well-dressed men loaded the weapon, and then deliberately shot the proprietor of the store when he went to make change. The robbers then knocked him insensible, stole \$100 and escaped. Their victim is seriously hurt.

The Sugar Bounty.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Numerous claims for sugar bounty have already reached the treasury department. The supreme court has decided that the Cherokee national council cannot discriminate against any class of citizens in the Cherokee nation in the distribution of money derived from the sale of Cherokee lands.

Suffocated by Gas.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Mary Bohan, aged 22, and Anna Bohan, 20, orphan sisters, who occupied rooms at 915 Ogden avenue, were found dead today in their sleeping apartment. The gas was turned on full. It is believed that death was accidental, as the girls had a fair income from relatives' East.

Fatally Burned.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Harry Casey, aged 46, bricklayer, who lived at 298 Avenue A, was mortally burned at a fire which started in that building at 1:35 this morning. A man named Mike, whose other name is not known, is missing.

Dynamite Beasts Nine Boys.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., March 5.—Nine boys were painfully injured in an explosion of dynamite, while attempting to blast out a ground hog last evening. One boy had his eyes blown out.

Millionaire Lumberman Dead.

RACINE, Wis., March 6.—Otis Johnson, a pioneer lumberman, died this afternoon, aged 80. He was the owner of extensive red wood tracts in California. He leaves an estate at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, to his wife, two sons and two daughters.

IS NOT LOST SIGHT OF

Ezeta's Dream of a Central American Federation.

HE IS QUIETLY PREPARING FOR IT

A General's Military Costume and Equipment for a War Stead Now on the Way to Him From Paris.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—General Antonio Ezeta is living quietly at the California hotel, and to all appearances it looks as though he were domiciled at the California for good, says a morning paper. He received his numerous friends with open-hearted generosity and, according to them, the ex-president of San Salvador has given up all thoughts of his Central American home.

While these assertions and appearances may all be true, there are other things which point to the fact that the general is not asleep, and that his dream of a United States of Central America has not been forgotten.

Last Thursday the City of Sydney sailed from Panama via Central American ports, and she was delayed over an hour awaiting instructions from General Agent Center. There were a number of cases on board which caused the officers of the steamer considerable uneasiness, and when the order came to remove them from the hold there was a general feeling of relief. These cases were said to have contained contraband of war, and to have been shipped by General Ezeta's agents. The only reason the cases were not sent on was that had they been found on board in a Central American port the ship and cargo might have been confiscated.

The custom house records show that there is now on the way from Paris the full equipment of a general, and also the full military costume of a general. These goods are consigned to General Antonio Ezeta, California hotel, San Francisco.

The uniform and accoutrements for the war horse are expected daily via the Southern Pacific railroad, and had there not been a hitch in the proceedings Ezeta would have left for the Central America on the *Acapulco*, which is scheduled to sail on the 9th inst.

Occupy New Chwang.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secretary Herbert has received the following telegram from Admiral Carpenter, commanding the United States naval forces on the Asiatic station, dated New Chwang, March 6th: "The Japanese general has notified foreigners of his intention to occupy this port. All contingencies are provided for."

New Chwang is one of the treaty ports on the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, above Port Arthur. Early in the winter the United States gunboat *Petrel* was stationed there, and as the season closed and the river became icebound, she was placed in a mud-dock, alongside the English man-of-war, to protect her from ice. When the freshets came down she was reefed in and her machine guns placed so as to command the approaches to the vessel, which was to serve as a place of refuge for foreigners in the vicinity.

The town has been occupied by the Chinese as one of the bases of army operations against the invading Japanese. It is one of the first treaty ports to fall into Japanese possession.

Miners' Strike Ordered, to take Effect Immediately

PITTSBURG, March 6.—All negotiations between the miners and the owners in the Pittsburgh district have been declared off and a strike involving from 12,000 to 17,000 men has been ordered.

The conference committee of miners and owners failing to agree on the 6th rate proposed a joint convention of miners and operators in this city Saturday. The proposition was reported to the miners' convention this morning, and promptly rejected. A vote was taken and a strike ordered to take effect, immediately.

The miners are hopeful of winning, as lake shipments of coal are about to begin and never before have they been so thoroughly organized.

Miss Vanderbilt Engaged.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Morning Journal says: Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt is to be married. John W. Mackay, jr., is said to be the lucky man. Mr. Mackay has been assiduous and devoted in his attentions to Consuelo Vanderbilt for some months. For the past six weeks, however, his attentions have been particularly noticed.

Miss Vanderbilt is most retiring in her manner and prefers when in public to

occupy as inconspicuous a position as possible, but at a recent theater party given in her honor by Mackay, she sat in a box, in the place of honor, and then it was first whispered among her intimates that the wedding would shortly occur which would join two of the best known American families. Since this theater party many suppers have been given to Miss Vanderbilt at the Waldorf, and at her right was always to be seen John W. Mackay, jr.

The new house recently purchased by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt at the corner of Seventy-third and Madison avenue, will it is understood, be her wedding gift to her daughter.

Chang Not to Blame.

LONDON, March 6.—A Peking dispatch says Li Hung Chang's friends sent a memorial to the emperor declaring Chang was not to blame for the unprepared condition of China for war. It declares that the emperor's tutor who was president of revenue, is the culprit.

A Tokio dispatch states that the Japanese general reports the Chinese at An San Tien retreated before the Japanese, and the place was occupied unopposed. The Chinese are falling back on Shahachen with the Japanese in pursuit.

A Yokohama dispatch says that March 2d, the Japanese second army occupied An-Shong Hen without opposition.

Troubles Between Venezuela and British Guiana.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secretary Gresham is about to instruct Ambassador Bayard to urge upon Great Britain the adjustment of the long pending trouble between Venezuela and British Guiana, and suggests arbitration of the question. In the event of Great Britain accepting the suggestion it is believed that President Cleveland would be designated as arbitrator.

Evangel Foundered.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 6.—The steamer *Evangel*, plying between Victoria and Puget sound ports, while lying alongside the wharf at Port Angeles last night, foundered. No one was injured. The accident was caused by the engineer leaving the sea cock open after the vessel had been tied up for the night.

Vanderbilt at Nice.

CANNES, March 6.—William K. Vanderbilt's steam yacht *Valiant* has been lying at Nice some time. Vanderbilt lives on board the yacht and is a frequent visitor to Monte Carlo. Mlle. Neustretter, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the divorce proceedings, inhabits a villa at Monte Carlo.

Use of the Knout Abolished.

BERLIN, March 6.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg today says an imperial decree just issued abolishes the use of the knout for offense committed by the peasantry. Statistics have been submitted to the czar showing that during the past two years 2000 have died as a result of being whipped with the knout, and the greater number were only guilty of having stolen produce from farmers.

Milit Use Great Care.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Spanish government has been notified that customs officers at all United States ports will be instructed to be particularly careful in allowing doubtful vessels to leave. The order is to prevent aid being rendered Cuban insurgents.

The Atlanta Sails.

COLON, Colombia, March 7.—The United States warship *Atlanta* has sailed from this port for Bocas del Toro, under orders from Washington. It is reported that she intends to overhaul a schooner supposed to have a cargo of arms.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured J. G. Gorrell of the worse case of eczema ever known in the state of Indiana. It cures scalds, burns, indolent sores and never fails to cure piles. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

A Strike Compromised.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., March 6.—The striking miners at the Cleveland Hematite mine have resumed work on a compromise, allowing the men to put in longer hours at the same rate per hour as formerly.

Don't neglect that cough, it leads to consumption. One Minute Cough Cure possesses a double virtue. It cures and cures quickly. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

Still Going South.

NORFOLK, March 6.—The *Violet*, with the president aboard, arrived this morning and left for North Carolina sounds, via the Albemarle and Chesapeake canals.

It was asked about an indifferent football player what place he occupied in the field—was he a fullback or a halfback? "No," was the reply, he was a drawback."—Boston Post.

BEHRING SEA MATTERS

Subject of Discussion in the House of Commons.

THE GOVERNMENT QUESTIONED

Nothing Will be Done Before Congress Reassembles This Fall—Gresham Expresses Regrets at the Delay.

LONDON, March 7.—Sir Richard Webster, one of the British counsel before the Behring tribunal arbitration, in the house of commons today questioned the government regarding negotiations for settlement with the United States of British sealers' claims for seizure prior to the arbitration proceedings.

Sir Edward Gray, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, said Canada had agreed to accept a lump sum of \$425,000 from the United States, but as yet the money had not been paid. No representations, however, had been received from Canada on the subject of the refusal of the American congress to agree on an appropriation.

Sir Edward Gray added that negotiations which were originally in progress respecting all claims of British subjects for injuries, sustained at the hands of United States cruisers were suspended when the United States offered the payment of a lump sum. He also said that Secretary Gresham had expressed deep regret at the unfortunate delay which had taken place in discharging the obligations of the United States.

He Killed His Wife.

LOS ANGELES, March 7.—The Record will publish exclusively this afternoon the story of the probable murder of Mrs. Louis L. Hoffman by her husband, formerly a Los Angeles constable, but now a local butcher.

Recently one human leg was found in the garbage dumps, and yesterday afternoon Mrs. Walbridge called on the chief of police and said she believed that her daughter, the wife of Hoffman, had been murdered and her body mutilated by the butcher. They had been married five years, but had quarreled frequently of late, owing to it having leaked out that the supposed 8-year-old son of Mrs. Walbridge was in reality the son of her daughter before she married Hoffman.

About a month ago Mrs. Hoffman disappeared, and her mother has sought in vain to get Hoffman to give her any information as to her whereabouts. He showed her notes purporting to have been written by Mrs. Hoffman, but her mother believes them to be forgeries.

Interviewed today Hoffman said Mrs. Hoffman left in a temper and went to New York, February 3. He professed to have heard from her since, but when asked for the letters could not produce them. He said he intended to leave in a few days for San Francisco, where he has a sister, or else go to New York. He claims to be related to "Hoffman House" Hoffman, of that city. He was very nervous when pinned down to the facts about the time of his wife's leaving.

Mrs. Walbridge says Hoffman once threatened to chop his wife up with a cleaver. Hoffman said he did not know the whereabouts of his wife, who is stopping in New York.

Hoffman's first wife was Abbie Russell. Detectives are watching his butcher shop to see that he does not leave town until the mystery is cleared up.

Strike on in Full Force.

PITTSBURG, March 7.—The strike of miners in the Pittsburgh district is on in full force, and it is expected today will see a general suspension of work except by less than 1,000 men. It is estimated that before night 15,000 miners will have quit work.

Reports received at the miners' headquarters up to noon show a general suspension of work throughout the district. From the report of the commissioner of labor it is estimated that the number on the strike is over 21,000, and the number employed at the mines where there will be no strike is about 1300.

The Story is Unconfirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Neither the state department nor the Spanish legation here has had any confirmation of the reported demand for the recall of United States Consul-General Williams,

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Have YOU

Dyspepsia

In your family?

No one thing causes more dyspepsia than

lard.

COTTOLENE

the new shortening is sweet, clean, and healthful.

DYSPEPTICS

and other invalids can eat food cooked with COTTOLENE without unpleasant effect.

For ALL cooking purposes it is PURER, SWEETER, NICER, than any other shortening. Therefore, use COTTOLENE.

Made only by The N. K. Fairbank Company, ST. LOUIS and Chicago, New York, Boston.

at Havana. Williams was made consul-general in 1884 and has held the place ever since, owing to his high ability. It is surmised here that he became persona non grata to the Spanish government in the discharge of some diplomatic duty connected with the protection of American citizens in Cuba.

A Lost Steamer Located.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 7.—A short time ago two young men near Elk Point procured a piece of sandbar on the Missouri, and started to search for the hulk of an old steamer, that was sunk before the war, with a valuable cargo on board, including 100 barrels of whisky and a large amount of farm machinery.

After some effort they located the vessel and sank a shaft 15 feet to it. They are clearing the hold and will try to take the whisky out as soon as it can be reached. It is the only part of the cargo that is expected to be of any value. The steamer was one of the best on the river in its day, and was scuttled when on fire. The river channel changed before it could be raised and the boat was left buried deep in the bar.

Income-Tax Cases Before the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Argument in the income-tax cases was begun in the supreme court at 3 o'clock today. Mr. Guthrie, one of the counsel for appellants, first addressed the court. He attempted to show the unconstitutionality of the income-tax law because of its discrimination in favor of individuals and certain corporations. He will be followed by Seward, counsel for appellants.

The Brakeman Wins.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The United States circuit court of appeals has affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company against H. Poiver. Poiver was a brakeman, who was injured in a collision of trains at Clyde, a spur station, in Oregon, and recovered from the company \$7,500 damages.

Will Go to Alaska.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 6.—The United States revenue cutter *Corwin* from San Francisco for Sitka, called here this morning and proceeded to Whatcom to load coal. The *Corwin* will be subject to orders of customs of Alaska and will be used to suppress whisky smuggling along the southeast coast.

Factory Hands Quit.

TRENTON, N. J., March 7.—Six hundred of the 750 employees of S. K. Felton's wool mill have struck for the restoration of the second 10 per cent reduction made in wages last summer. They claim the promise to restore wages January 1 has been violated.