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Reported Loss of the Clara among the frightened passengers assur-Nevada in Northern Waters.

The Oregon's Narrow Escape From Fire Which Broke Out in Her Coal Bunkers-Back to Port.

NANAIMO, B. C., Feb. 14.-News arrived here from Union at 5:30 o'clock this evening by the Canadian Pacific Navigation steamer Islander, that the fine steel steamer Clara Nevada, which sailed for Skagway from Seattle two The details of information received are as follows:

Juneau on her home trip, February 5, and, when off Seward City, in Berner bay, about 30 miles south of Skagway, she was seen by the inhabit ants of Seward City, all ablaze, and from stem to stern was one mass of hungry flames. The Supreme Court Decides in While the long wharf at Berner bay was crowded with speciators of the awful scene, a loud report was heard, which resembled the explosion of boilers, and nothing more was seen of the ill-fated May Exercise the Right of Franchise at steamer.

The following day the beach was stre wn with wreckage, which resembled that of the Clara Nevada It is feared that the unfortunate 40 passengers and the entire crew are lost, as no trace could be found of them along the beach of Berner sustaining the right of women to vote at bay. The sea was rough, and a forious gale was blowing. It is thought she was trying to make Berner bay for shelter. This is the first trip of the Clara Nevada, and she was due to leave ton, J. Seattle last Saturday on her second trip, with all the berths sold.

The steamer Rustler had lett for the scene, but no report for her is obtainable. nied the privilege of voting at a school The Islander reports terrible weather meeting in the city of Eugene. The only at Skagway and along the coast. REPORT PROM VICTORIA.

Islander brings news that the steamer the right is claimed is: Clara Nevada, of Seattle, was burned in

board are supposed to have perished. which arrived at Comox this morning, trict 30 days in reached Juneau, the Nevada had not ar meeting, and has property in the dis viewed that they were already asleep rived there. The day that she should trict upon which he or she pays a tax." have reached Juneau, fire was seen on It was contended by defendants that the waters of the canal, and the opinion the law is in violation of section 2, artiis general that the flames were from a cle 2, of the constitution, which provides: burning steamer. Whether the passen- "In all elections not otherwise pro- save themselves as best they could. The gers and crew reached land or whether vided for by this constitution, every latter, who were literally thrown from they perished is not known. It is feared white male citizen of the United States, their bunks in their night clothing, gave that they met with death, as there has of the age of 21 and upwards .. who the necessary orders with great self-posbeen a terrible wind and snow storm in shall have resided in the state during session and bravery. the north, and small boats can hardly six months immediately preceding such live. Captain Irving, of the Islander, election ... shall be entitled to vote." reports that the weather had been ter-

A later report says the steamer Clara Nevada was burned off Berner bay, Lynn canal. The fire and explosion were seen and heard from the wharf, and wreckage was picked up on the beach next day, but there no signs of the 40 men who left Skagway on her.

Captain Lewis, of the Clara Nevada, was one of the best-known steamship men in Portland, having sailed out of that port at various times for the past 20 years. Until the E der was placed on the Alaska run, he was in charge of that steamer, and be has also at different times commanded the Oregon, Willamette, Michigan and other well-known coast steamers.

Foster Beck, the purser of the steamer, is very well-known in Portland. Several years ago he was a prominent athlete, and member of the Multnomah club, of Portland. He married a daughter of Mrs. R. L. Hawthorne, a short time ago.

THE OREGON'S NARROW ESCAPE. Returned to Astoria Where the flames Were Extinguished.

ASTORIA, Or. Feb. 14.-But for the timely discovery of a fire in the hold of the Alaska steamship Oregon, the vessel might now be a mass of raging flames, at the mercy of the waves and wind, office, and how and when they shall be ment still above water. No one had The Oregon sailed from her dock in this chosen. city at 12:30 today, carrying 500 passengers and as much freight as it was possible to place aboard. The steamer proceeded to the mouth of the river without incident, and when just about to of voters at school meetings, but was de- ish officers, including representatives of cross out, smoke was discovered issuing signed only to govern in all general and General Blanco, are now with me and from the bunkers, where 600 tons of coal special elections, not otherwise pro- express sympathy. were stored. The alarm was immedi- vided for by the constitution, and apately given, but it was some time before plies to the election of all officers known dispatch from General Lee: the exact position of the blaze was ascer- to the constitution, as well as may be

was consternation. The steamer was 20 of common schools." miles from a suitable berth, and as the Dr. Miles' Pain Pills stop Headache

A STEAMER BURNED terrible possibilities of the situation dawned upon the fortune-seekers, the excitement was intense. The officers of the Oregon alone were cool, and went ing them that the fire would be extinguished without damage to life or property. The excitement then subsided, and the crew was better enabled to work at the bunkers. The fire was at the bottom of the coal and it was necessary to put back to port. The steamer arrived at her dock at 5 p. m., and the work of unloading the coal commenced. The fire had gained but little headway, and was easily extinguished. Spontaneous

> combustion was the cause. The steamer will sail in the morning.

Tampering With U. S. Mail-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- That the torpedo boat Cushing was sent to Havana is now known, because it was learned that weeks ago, was lost with all on board. the Spanish were tampering with official United States mail sent to the battleship Maine. The torpedo boat will now The Clara Nevada left Skagway for transfer mail to the battleship herself.

WOMEN MAY VOTE

Their Favor.

School Elections-Appeal From Lane County.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.-The supreme court here today rendered an opinion school elections. The decision follows: Laura Harris, respondent, vs. Sherwood Burr et al., appellants, from Lane county; affirmed. Opinion by Wolver-

The appeal in this case was from a judgment in the court below, awarding damages to plaintiff for having been dequestion presented is whether women are entitled to vote at a school meeting for directors of the district in which the

"In all school districts in this state Lynn canal and 40 men who were on with a population of 1000 and opwards,

It says: "The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the establishment of a wounded is inaccurate. Captain Sign-

schools." The clause of the constitution, "In all elections not otherwise provided for by than 200 of the crew are missing. this constitution, every white male citizen....shall be entitled to vote at all elecall elections not otherwise regulated by Blanco's orders. the constitution.

the constitutional provisions and the legislation under them, the qualifications of an elector at school meetings have never been identical with those of an elector under the constitution; that the the school system, and that the power Captain Sigsbee: given to the legislature under the constitution to provide for the establishment of a uniform and general system of power to establish the unit of that system; to determine what officers shall ad-

"The elective franchise," it is said, 'conterred by section 2, article 2, of the constitution, does not nor was it intended to fix and define the qualification are not yet accounted for. Many Spanprovided for thereunder, aside from those In the meantime, the passengers had provided for under special power of the learned of the fire, and for awhile there legislature to establish a uniform system lost. It is believed all the officers were

GREAT EXPLOSION

United States Battleship Maine Blown to Atoms.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST

Cause of the Explosion Unkown-Spanish Naval Officers Aid in Rescuing the Injured.

HAVANA, Feb. 15-At a quarter to 10 o'clock this evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States battle-ship Maine, in Havana harbor. Many were killed or wounded.

All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII are assisting.

As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. It is believed that the battleship is totally destroyed.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the

The correspondent of the Associated Press says he has conversed with several of the wounded sailors, and understands from them that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so they can give no particulars as to the cause.

The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine. At quarter of 11 o'clock what remains

of the Maine is still burning. Captain Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved.

It is estimated that over 200 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible yet to give exact details. Admiral Manterola has ordered that

boats of all kinds should go to the assistance of the Maine and her wounded. The Havana firemen are giving aid, tending carefully to the wounded who

are brought on shore. It is a terrible General Zolana and the other general VICTORIA, Feb. 14 -The steamer meeting is held. The law under which have been ordered by Captain-General Blanco to send troops to help the Maine

crew in every way possible. The correspondent of the Associated any citizen of this state shall be entitled Press has been near the Maine in a boat The Nevada left Skagway for Juneau to vote at a school meeting who is 21 of the cruiser Alfonso XIII, and has February 5, and when the Islander, years of age and has resided in the dis- seen others of the wounded, who corroborate the statement of those first inter when the explosion occurred.

Captain Sigsbee says the explosion oc curred in the bow of the vessel.

Orders were given to the officers to

At 1:30 the Maine continues burning. The first theory was that there had A history of the territorial and state been a preliminary explosion in the legislation touching the organization and Santa Barbara (magazine) of powder oc promotion of the common school system dynamite below the water.

is set out in the opinion, and section 35 Admiral Materola believes that the of article 8 of the constitution is quoted: first explosion was of a grenade that was hurled over the navy-yard. The report that Captain Sigsbee was

uniform and general system of public bee, with other officers, went in a small boat to the Ward line steamer City of Washington. Two officers and more

Some of the crew who were able to support themselves by swimming were tions authorized by law," is interpreted saved by the boats. Six of the wounded by the court to mean that every male crew and one of the officers have been citizen, etc., shall be entitled to vote at taken to the military hospital by General

It is futher held that is the history of NEWS AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT. Immediate Steps Taken to Relieve the

Survivors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The secretary school district is the fundamental unit of of the navy received the following from

"The Maine was blown up in Havana harbor at 9:45 and destroyed. Many were wounded, and doubtless many were common schools carries with it plenary killed and drowned. The wounded and others are on board the Spanish man-ofwar and the Ward line steamer. Send minister its affairs, and who and what the light-house-tender from Key West manner of persons shall be eligible to for the crew and the few pieces of equipother clothes than those upon him. Public opinion should be suspended till further reports. All the officers are believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt

Secretary Day received the following

"The Maine blew up at 9:40. The explosion occurred well torward, under the men's quarters, consequently many were saved but Jenkins and Merritt, who are

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