

# Local Men Drown When Alaska Sinks

### THOMAS JOHNSTON, LISTED OF ESTACADA, AND E. PICKELL, OF HUBBARD KNOWN TO HAVE DIED IN WRECK

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—The revision of the death list of the ill-fated Alaska places the missing at 30, and the known dead at Eureka at 17—6 passengers and 9 members of the crew.

Thomas Johnston, of Estacada, and E. Pickell, of Hubbard were drowned when the San Francisco and Portland Steamship company vessel "Alaska" crashed into the reefs off Blunt's point near Mendocino Saturday night. Johnston was given in the passenger's list as from Estacada, although conflicting reports from Eureka state that the man's home is in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Thomas Johnston, evidently the dead man's wife, has been numbed among the survivors.

### Inefficiency Charged

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Immediate investigation to determine the cause of the wreck on the ill-fated steamer Alaska with the loss of many lives, will be made by local inspectors of hulls and boilers, Thomas J. Dolan and F. J. Turner. The investigation will be under immediate supervision of Captain J. K. Bulger, supervising inspector for this district. Captain Bulger said today all charges by passengers of incompetence on the part of officers and crew will be thoroughly probed.

## MERE TWIST OF FATE PLAYS ODD TRICK ON OREGON CITY PEOPLE

This is the story of what might have been. Karma, the Buddhist calls it—Nemesis, it was named by the ancient Greeks—but it is Fate, that eccentric goddess of what almost was, but wasn't. When the Alaska went down off Cape Mendocino it was just chance that Dr. and Mrs. Frank Mount were not on board. And it was chance again that George W. Owen was among the passengers. Doctor and Mrs. Mount had intended to take passage on the Alaska but didn't. Mr. Owens had not intended to, but did. Plans are changed. Doctor and Mrs. Mount left a week ago Monday for California. They expected to go on the Alaska, and had arrangements made for the trip. But the doctor wanted to take his automobile to the sunny south to enjoy the paved highways. The car was too large to get aboard the Alaska, and auto freight was not being taken. The best arrangement that could be made was to ship the car on the Rose city, which left a week ahead of the Alaska. The Mounts took passage on this boat, cancelling accommodations on the Alaska.

A twist of chance in the opposite direction was the experience of Mr. Owen. Mr. Owen was on his way from Oregon City to his home in Hayward, near Oakland, California. He had intended, according to J. I. Tobin, manager of the Electric Hotel where Mr. Owen makes his headquarters while in Oregon City, to take the train. The hot summer weather, and the prospects of a delightful water trip, appealed. Mr. Owen at first felt that the rail trip would be the best, but after discussing the matter decided on taking the steamer. He booked passage on the Alaska. Happily Mr. Owen is now numbered among the survivors. No word has been received from him here except the intelligence that he was saved.

### Loss is Heavy

EUREKA, Cal., Aug. 8.—Forty-eight persons, 35 passengers and 13 of the crew, were lost Sunday when the steamer Alaska of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship company, bound from Portland, Or., to San Francisco, sank 30 minutes after crashing into the rocks of Blunt's reef, 40 miles south of this city. Passengers and members of the crew were blown from the decks of the vessel into the ocean when the ship's boilers exploded as the Alaska started sinking, survivors brought here tonight said. The survivors, numbering 166 persons, were brought here Monday by rescue ship Anxox, the first vessel to reach the scene of the wreck in response to the Alaska's radio signals.

## CROWN-WILLAMETTE BASEBALL SQUAD CINCHESS LEAGUE PENNANT

Crown-Willamette practically clinched the championship of the Willamette valley baseball league by defeating the United Artisans of Portland 11 to 6 on the West Linn diamond Sunday. There remain three more games to be played by the papermakers and one victory will give them the flag. With the score standing 3 to 3, up to the 8th inning, the lodgemen forced three runs across the plate in their half of the 8th inning. Then the papermakers went on a batting rampage and scored eight runs. The fire works started when "Choppy" King went in as a pinch hitter, and sent the first ball over out to center field for a double. "Sonny" Mohler, who started on the mound for the papermakers pitched good ball, allowing only six hits and sending ten men to the bench via the "K" route. He was relieved in the seventh by Stone, who pitched his debut last Sunday against the Kirkpatrick. Stone pitched hitless ball, also striking out two men. Lefty Miller, who has been pitching

of the Camas nine, started to hurl for the lodgemen. He allowed six hits and struck out seven men. Miller walked off the field in the eighth inning, and Ed Thompson was sent in to attempt stop the band of hitting papermakers. "Mickey" Schulson proved to be the star of the day when he drove out a triple and a pair of doubles. Hoffard, star outfielder of the Artisans, proved to the fans that he could hit by connecting for a homer. His teammate Louis Gallo connected for a triple. The only successful double play was made by Crown-Willamette. Stone to Stephens to Schulson. The score: R. H. E. Crown-Willamette 11 11 2 Artisans 6 8 4 Batteries—Mohler, Stone and Kracker; Miller, Thompson and Rosenberger. Chautauque Lodge 1. O. O. F. held their regular meeting at Paddock's hall Friday evening. A large delegation of Riverview Lodge of Milwaukie attended and a social evening enjoyed.

## "Perhaps You Don't Know" says the Good Judge

How long a little of the Real Tobacco Chew will last. Nor how much genuine chewing satisfaction the full, rich real tobacco taste will give. Ask any man who uses the Real Tobacco Chew. He will tell you that this class of tobacco will give more satisfaction—and at less cost—than the ordinary kind.



Put up in two styles W-B CUT is a long fine-cut tobacco RIGHT CUT is a short-cut tobacco

## Woman Takes 'Hunch' Makes Burglar Alarm Dishpan Stops Robber

A woman's intuition and a home made burglar alarm prevented what might have been a robbery at the home of Anton Natalin, 15th and Jackson street.

Mr. Natalin was away Thursday night. Mrs. Natalin for some "unaccountable" reason, because a trifle uneasy and placed a box with a large tin dishpan on top behind the basement door. At midnight Mrs. Natalin was awakened by a crash in the basement. She looked out of the window and saw two men running from the house. They were evidently in no little hurry. The burglar alarm had worked.

Police were called in Friday to see if any clues to the attempted robbery could be found.

## Gladstone News

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edwards of East Arlington street have as their house guests this week Mrs. Hazel Nichols and daughters Genevieve and Nadine of Lebanon, Oregon, and Miss Helen Hansen of Portland for the week end.

Little Inez Leete, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Leete of West Gladstone met with a serious accident Sunday while running fell over a survey stake and struck her arm against a piece of broken concrete which had been left on the unfinished work of that street, breaking both bones in her right arm between the elbow and wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hayward had as their guests Wednesday their nephews, Albert, Clarence and Herbert Hilgers of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wallace of Parkplace have returned to their home after a most enjoyable week's visit with friends in Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hughes left Thursday morning for a two weeks' outing at Bar View.

Mrs. Pearl Washburn and son, Wallace returned to their home in Corvallis after visiting her parents and Mrs. W. L. Wallace of Parkplace and sister Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Edwards of Gladstone.

Besides a number of new houses being built many are remodeling and beautifying their homes. Mrs. Julia Tingle has recently resingled and newly painted her home on East Arlington street. Frank Miranda and F. L. Sanders are also treating their homes to new paint and shingles. Mr. and Mrs. Elgemyer have let the contract for their store building at the end of the automobile bridge on East Clackamas boulevard and excavation is well under way.

The Gladstone Library is still proving a most popular place from 2 until 5 o'clock on Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Mrs. Edward W. Rauch will have charge Tuesday and Mrs. William Hammond on Fridays for the month of August.

Robert Bruce of the Educational Film Company and party were in Gladstone Saturday taking a picnic along the beautiful Clackamas river. At the old bridge pier they took several views of the river and had obtained several thousand feet of the best film from Casadero down.

Averell Shannon, the dependable Enterprise carrier is taking a "day off" with his fellow Sunday school boys who are enjoying a hiking trip to Larch mountain today. During his absence Elmo Eby is taking his paper route.

Quite a number of people from here are planning to attend the picnic given at Crystal Lake Park September 10. The regular council meeting Tuesday evening was postponed until Thursday evening when much street work was taken up.

Judge and Mrs. H. E. Cross and daughter Miss Francis are spending the weekend camping at Wilholt Springs. Mrs. Cross and daughter are spending several weeks there for the benefit of Mrs. Cross' health which is much improved. Mrs. Eugene Nosen and little son Eugene Jr. are the house guests of her sister Mrs. Dorothy Garlough at the cross home in East Gladstone.

The Beard family are holding a reunion picnic at the Sam Bailey Park near Maple Lane Sunday. About thirty five relatives and friends are enjoying the fun. The ladies are enjoying a vacation for the day as it is planned that the men folks will serve luncheon. The party will leave Gladstone in automobiles about ten o'clock taking a basket lunch.

John Virelius of Portland is spending Sunday with his sisters Mrs. F. B. Hayward and Mrs. Ben Feard. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freytag have received word from their daughter Miss Alice, who is spending two weeks at Seaside saying she is having a most wonderful vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Freytag will leave early Thursday morning for Seaside where they will join the Burdon party and remain the week end and return to Gladstone Sunday evening, they will be accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burdon, making the trip in the Freytag machine.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Turner received a letter from them at New Vienna, Ohio. Mrs. Turner says in part "We are leaving Ohio this first of the week for Maunston, Wis. to join Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McGeechie who are domiciled in a lovely little cottage near the Lake. We will start for Yellowstone Park later and return to Gladstone about the middle of September." Enoch Todd, brother of Mrs. Turner remained in Boston, Mass.

A number of boys left Saturday morning for Casadero for a two weeks camping trip in the hills on Roaring river, where they will enjoy fishing. They will make the trip as far as possible in the Oswald automobile. Mr. Frank Oswald will act as their leader. The boys going are, Ernest Niles, Randolph Surlice, Mead Oswald, Regie Russell and Kent Oswald.

## Immature Judgment

It is one thing to assist in the creation of a definite power for the development of a community. It is quite another thing to tear it to shreds before it has had a fair opportunity to function.

This is the position of the Portland Telegram in relation to the Oregon Tourist Commission, authorized by the last legislature and for which there was appropriated \$12,500 per annum. The Telegram had a finger in the creation of the commission, but no sooner had the governor appointed the members of it, than "the paper that does things" started a fight, for reasons that will probably appear. It is current report around Portland that the Telegram developed a running sore when it was not permitted to dictate the membership and the policies and expenditures of the commission.

Leslie Butler of Hood River, is chairman of the commission, and Sidney Vincent is secretary. Mr. Butler is in the banking business, but he spends easily four-fifths of his time for the public good, without remuneration. He is intensely and patriotically interested in the good of his state and sacrifices his personal interests for Oregon. He is also a director of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association and of the State Chamber of Commerce, serving without pay. Mr. Vincent is a former newspaper man, for years Portland representative of the Associated Press and was connected with the publicity and convention bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce until recently. He is energetic, capable and an Oregon enthusiast.

Now the Telegram is complaining because an excursion party has been organized to go to Crater Lake and Josephine Caves. Of course the commission is not financing the party. But the Telegram expects the organization, within a few months, and upon an appropriation of \$1,000 a month, to erect signs on roads all over Oregon and to establish tourist depots in many towns along the line of tourist travel.

The snap-judgment attitude of the Telegram is the principal reason why men are unwilling in Oregon to devote their time in non-salaried labor for the development of the state. Yet this critical newspaper carries this slogan at the head of its editorial column as a part of its program:

"Make Oregon America's playground. Provide highways and tourist accommodations which will open to the host of American pleasure seekers Oregon's scenic wonderland and release to Oregon dividends on undeveloped recreational wealth."

## ON THE ROAD

A motorist who came here after an extended trip throughout the United States remarked in the difference in the attitude of motorists to each other along the road in different sections of the country.

Suppose, he said, your car is stalled along the roadside with trouble. Some places every passing car offers aid, and yet again in other places dozens of machines will pass without proffering help.

The fraternity of motorists is based on common interest, and often upon mutual trouble. It should be based upon mutual aid. The habit of extending a helping hand to the man who is stalled on the highway is one which more motorists should cultivate.

If you have ever had a puncture or a blowout, you know how it feels to discover that your repair kit is home on the garage bench. The proffered assistance of some passing driver is gladly welcomed. Even if you are stalled and not in need of assistance, it is a comforting thing to have the occupants of a passing machine hail you with "Need any help?" Any state or county which expects to exploit its highways to the fullest must develop the courtesy of the road. It is a little thing, but true of most little things, it counts.

In the east, owners of a popular make of machine have organized a "courtesy club," the only obligation of which is to help owners of the same make of car in time of trouble. It is a good idea, but one which should be extended to the field of all motordom rather than to a particular make of machine.

The few instant delay which it might occasion to pass out a tire patch, or locate some hidden trouble, if repaid in no other way, is worthwhile in the kinship of the road which it fosters.

## FIFTY-THREE YEARS AGO

Taken from the Oregon City Enterprise of August 3, 1867.

Oswego Post Office—J. A. MacDonald has received all the papers necessary and assumed the duties of postmaster at Oswego. His office is on Green street and is very conveniently situated. Mr. MacDonald will act as agent for the Enterprise at Oswego and subscribers will find the papers at his office on Saturday evening of each week.

On Sunday while Sheriff Burns was walking with his family on the bluff, he was badly poisoned with oak, and at present is able to attend business. The part worst affected is his face, which is badly swollen and much inflamed.

The long established and well known firm of Charman Bros. was changed on the first of this month by the retirement of Mr. F. Charman, junior partner, who has disposed of his interest to Mr. Thos. Charman, the original head of the business. There is scarcely one of our readers but knows Mr. Charman and we need only to say that we are pleased that he will continue trade. Mr. F. Charman has a host of friends who will wish him all possible success in whatever

## STATE HIGHWAY ROAD-BUILDING PROGRAM NEAR COMPLETION HERE

The present highway improvement program, which is being carried out by the state highway commission here, will be completed at the latest by the end of this year, according to the announcement made by Resident Highway Engineer F. T. Young.

The present road building for Clackamas county, states Mr. Young, is practically complete. The building of the Oregon City—West Linn bridge, will however, require the next year and a half. Actual road work will be finished in a short time, if no unforeseen delays arise. The work in Clackamas involves, according to Mr. Young's figures, a total expenditure of \$44,950. This amount, aggregating nearly half a million dollars, is not inclusive of the amount which is to be spent on the new Willamette river bridge. The expenditure covers the period of the last two years.

During the past twenty-four months which Mr. Young's office has been located here the state has completed six large projects, including roads and bridges, and has the work on one project, the Pacific Highway, at a point practically finished.

The improvement of the Barlow Aurora road, by graveling entailed an expenditure of \$11,450, according to Mr. Young. The Canby-Aurora grading cost \$35,000, the Oregon City-Oswego grading, \$57,000, the Tyron creek bridge, \$6,000, the Sucker creek bridge, \$69,500 and the bridge at Molalla \$46,000. This work involves a total expenditure of nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. The largest project, however, is the Pacific Highway, which will cost when completed \$220,000. The portion of which Mr. Young rejected, necessitates from Oregon City to the Mattonah county line. Work on the highway at present is in progress near Bolton, and the closing of the gap in the road at that point should be completed by the middle of the coming week. It was slightly held up due to the fact that some poor gravel was delivered, which Mr. Young rejected, necessitating a delay until the proper material could be secured upon the road.

If the 6,000 feet of road extending from the West Linn bridge to Bolton is not completed this year, the local office will finish its work this September, Mr. Young estimates. This portion of the road has not been definitely established, due to the fact that it crosses a location of the proposed Southern Pacific main line. If it is decided to pave this portion this year, the office will probably be kept in operation until January 1, 1922.

For the building of the Willamette

River bridge, the highway department has established a bridge office here which will have charge of the engineering work. Engineer R. A. Furrow, of the state department is in charge of this office. Market Roads Surveyed. Mr. Young, during the time has been here, has made surveys on the entire road program of the state. He has made surveys on a number of market roads, and surveyed several locations for the Oregon City-Canamah road. This road, says Mr. Young, is one that is badly in need of improvement. The highway commission cannot improve it because of the fact that a good portion of it is within the corporate limits of Oregon City. The commission, he says, is willing to pay its share of the portion outside of the city.

Mr. Young surveyed three routes for this road and made plans and estimates for the construction. The best route, he says, is that over the old South End road—taking the hill route. This route would cross the bridge, going straight through to the S. P. depot, go south two blocks to 5th street where an undergrind crossing would have to be built. The road would then follow up the hill and along the bluff. A grade of six percent, which is less than the grade on the highway near Oswego, could be attained. The cost of this route, Mr. Young estimates at \$162,176.

A route was surveyed along the river which would follow the present line past the mills. The cost of this, however, would be nearly \$16,000 greater, due to the fact that cement structures would have to be built from the bank in order to support a widened road.

Due to the excessive cost of both these routes, Mr. Young laid a location which would not reach such a high figure. Also this location is not as desirable it would provide a great improvement over the present route. He planned to follow the existing line, using the present crossing at 3rd street. The road would be widened, and a better grade secured. This could be done at a cost of \$96,500. These figures, however do not include hard surface, but merely the laying of the sub grade, and the placing of all structures so that the road is actually ready to surface. While the work in Clackamas county has involved a large expenditure, the results obtained have been worth while, says Mr. Young. The finest type of road has been laid and the highways that have been completed under the present building program will be in good condition to give service to generations of the future.

## WOOLEN MILL EMPLOYEES PLAN TO STAGE BIG ANNUAL PICNIC

According to Webster the origin of the word "picnic" is uncertain. But there is nothing uncertain about the word in the minds of the many employees of the Oregon City Woolen Mills who will enjoy the fourth annual picnic given by the company on August 13, at Crystal Lake Park.

The special cars provided by the company to take the picnickers to Milwaukie will leave the mills at 8:15 sharp and will make only two stops, one at Gladstone and the second at Jennings Lodge. The picnic and all events are open to the employees of the mills and their families. The company will furnish coupons for ice cream and drinks but everyone will take their own basket lunch.

Sports of all kinds will be enjoyed during the game with cash prizes for each contest. Those who will have the sports in charge are, Chas. Legler, chairman, Fred Curran, Leslie Curran, N. W. Covey, Gordon Fauley, Arthur Rothe, Louis Sanatel, Ruby McCormick, Elmer Bowles, Fred Hayward, Rose Ruminiskel, Frank Stasney, Fred Bingerheimer and Clyde Green.

Dancing also will be an event of the day and will be in charge of a committee with Bunny Ownsby, chairman, Waldo Silvers, Evelyn Robinson, and E. Weber. The refreshments are in the care of Mrs. Lena McMillan, chairman, Bert Wilson, Daisy Akman and Lee Yoder. The Advisory committee includes A. R. Jacobs, H. Weirich, Ed. Schwab

J. Collie and H. F. Tschirgl. The program for the day is: 9:00 a. m. Athens baseball game, 7 innings. Mill team vs. Garment factory; Arthur Rothe, manager of the Mill team and Frank Stasney, manager of the Garment factory team, prize \$15.00.

11:00 a. m. Ladies baseball game, 5 innings; Mill team, Fred Curran, manager vs. the Garment factory, Fred Bingerheimer, manager; prize \$15.00.

1:00 p. m. Tug of war, 4 teams entered, 10 men to each team. The two winning teams to compete for \$15.00 prize.

At other times, 50 yard dash for ladies, free for all; 50 yard dash for men, free for all. Department relay race, 9 teams entered Silver cup. Teams entered from garment factory, spinning room, carding room, weaving room, finishing room, dressing room, sales room and offices. News paper race free for all boys and girls under 16 years.

100 yard dash for men. 50 yard dash for girls under 12. 50 yard dash for boys under 12. Three legged race, 1 man and 1 woman in each race. Sack race free for all. Doughnut race for women. Egg rolling contest, boys and girls under 15. Swimming race for men. Swimming race for ladies. Long distance diving contest free for all. Tub race, one man and one woman in each team.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Taken from the Oregon City Enterprise of August 7, 1891.

From West Linn: The new school house will be completed in a few days. It will be the finest school house in the county excepting the high school building.

City Hall Park: In making the grade on Seventh street, considerable surplus earth will have to be disposed of and City Engineer Smith is going to propose to the council that it be used in leveling up the public square on the bluff at the head of the seventh street stairs. At the rate that Oregon City is growing the time is not very far off when we will need a City Hall and what nicer place could be found. It is in the heart of the business section. In the meantime it could be leveled off and planted with trees and would be an ideal place for the children to play.

The town of Barlow has been granted a postoffice by the Post Office department. This now makes thirty-seven postoffices within the borders of Clackamas county, and if only direct communication was made with the county seat, instead of the round about way of Portland, with its constant delays the county would have a very good mail service. Clackamas County Peaches are in

the market and are as big and plump as oranges. Dr. Norris' new residence on the bluff is nearing completion. He will occupy it about the latter part of October.

The members of the Presbyterian church gave a surprise party in the honor of the return of their pastor, Rev. G. W. Gibney at the latter's residence on Friday evening of last week. Nearly the entire membership was present, and many substantial offerings were made, indicative of the esteem in which Mr. Gibney is held by his people.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Rev. O. W. Lucas preached an excellent sermon and received five new members to the church, making one hundred and five pastors in this city. Mrs. E. E. Williams presided at the organ with her usual skill.

## Carpenter-Gibbons Bout Again Delayed

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The Carpenter-Gibbons fight planned here for the first part of October has been postponed several weeks because of the injury which the Frenchman received when he was defeated by Jack Dempsey in Jersey City, July 2. The fight now is scheduled for late in October or the first part of November in Madison Square Garden.