

FEES DUE THE COUNTY

What Expert Accountant Pope Has to Say About the Matter—A Variety of Court News.

The dispute between County Judge Northrup and Sheriff Sears over the question of sheriff's fees appears to be very much more serious than at first reported.

Expert Accountant W. H. Pope, who examines the books and accounts of all county officials, declares that Mr. Sears has been withholding from the county, in direct violation of law, and has not paid over, at least \$10,000.

The United States circuit court yesterday in the case of the London & Lancashire bank vs. the Parke & Lacy Machinery Company, the petition of F. M. Warren, for an order on the receiver, was set for hearing on January 8.

License to wed was issued yesterday to A. K. Caswell, aged 27, and Bella McKenzie, 27.

The trial of Daniel Humphrey, indicted for larceny, was set for February 4, yesterday, by Judge Stephens.

Judgment by default in favor of T. L. Ray and against K. Reider, was rendered in Judge Shattuck's court yesterday, for \$200.50.

A suit of Nellie M. Holmes for a divorce from Edward B. Holmes was tried by Judge Stearns yesterday, and the separation prayed for was legally decreed.

Judge Stearns yesterday confirmed the second sale of goods made by Receiver C. A. Malarky, in the case of C. W. Craig et al. vs. the California Vineyard Company.

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"Did the water from the hose check the fire?" "It kept the fire from burning those people down stairs, but it did not check the fire until those below called me. 'For God's sake, jump.' I had hold of Roy Ward then. Mr. Thomasson had climbed up before that and got into the window with the hose and pulled it up. I pulled Roy Ward out, he and Mr. Buick's daughter being the last ones saved."

"What was the estimated number of people in the house?" "The coroner's jury estimated there were in the neighborhood of 300. There may not have been that many. Eight men, 16 women and 16 children perished."

THE FORMAL VERDICT. The coroner's jury made the following report: We, the coroner's jury impeached to ascertain the cause of the death of the following deceased persons, to wit: Mrs. U. F. Absher, Mrs. Joseph N. Buick, David Buick, J. J. Buick, Miss Lela Buick, Ed Hoover, Fred Buick, Mrs. L. Coshaw, Mrs. G. H. Howard, Harry Howard, Bessie Howard, Woodford Hearst, Ada Bell Hearst, Ira Hamilton, Laura McConley, W. C. Martin, Mrs. W. C. Martin, Mrs. Dr. Owsley, Miss G. Owsley, Bruce Owsley, Hazel Labrie, Mrs. Dr. Stelling, Mrs. Augustus Schroeder, Estor Schroeder, Frankie May Horner, Mrs. J. Payne, Robbie Small, Samuel Ward, Mrs. Dr. Ward, Ed. Ward, Miss C. W. Williams, Henry Williams, Russell Ward, Frank Ross, Mrs. Phillips and daughter, Frank West, Mrs. Frank West, Bertha West and Herb West, do find that said deceased persons above mentioned were residents of Silver Lake, Lake county, Oregon, and that said deceased persons mentioned above came to their death on December 24, 1894, by being burned by fire while in the building when the said hall was accidentally consumed by fire, and we find that the cause of death was accidental.

FOREMAN. GEORGE M. JONES. G. C. DUNCAN. J. B. BLAIR. W. O. STONE. P. W. JONES. WILLIAM H. HAYES. Acting Coroner. Everything has been done that mortal hands can do to alleviate the suffering. Help arrived from all directions, and donations poured in from everywhere. Quantities of soft cotton rags were sent from Lakeview to bandage those who were badly burned. No charge was made for anything, and no charge was made by those who went through the storm and deep snow to help the suffering. Dr. Daly made no charge for his two or three days' services, and he was charged nothing on the road to recovery.

According to the latest reports there have been no more deaths resulting from the fire, and the injured ones are all on the road to recovery.

FOUR IRON SHIPS. Arrivals of Grain Tonnage in the Lower Harbor.

There were four arrivals of over-sea vessels at Astoria yesterday, the first for over a week. The vessels were the British ship Samvena, 180 tons, Boyce master, from San Francisco; British ship Clackmannanshire, 182 tons, Thomson master, from San Diego, December 17; British ship Perlan, 134 tons, Carnegie master, from San Diego, December 17; British bark Earlscourt, 113 tons, Lewis master, from Newcastle, N. S. W., September 27. The three latter vessels are known to this port. All are in ballast except the Earlscourt, which has a full cargo of coal. It is understood that all the ships are under engagement for wheat loading.

ON Cape Flattery. The ship Kate Davenport, schooner; Laura Madison, and the bark Alida Benson arrived at Port Blakely Sunday. All three were held outside of Cape Flattery by the recent strong winds. Captain Reynolds, of the ship Kate Davenport, reports that he had a trip from San Francisco in 14 days. Strong northwesterly winds were encountered all along the coast and at one time the barometer dropped to the lowest point he had ever observed. The Earlscourt, which was on both sides of the vessel were stove in, and the whole deck was swept of everything movable. The doors and windows of the forward house and the donkey-engine room were broken and the cabin was flooded. The galley was completely gutted, and the cooking utensils were washed away.

Capitan Tostler's Report. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Captain Tostler, of the revenue cutter Grant, reports that he has searched along the Pacific coast as far south as the Columbia river from Port Townsend, without seeing any signs of wreckage or hearing tidings of the six missing vessels which started north from Victoria, B. C., several weeks ago.

Pacific Mail Steamer Ashore. LONDON, Jan. 7.—A telegram from Nagasaki states the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, from San Francisco, December 13, is ashore at South Kagoshima. She is damaged, but particulars are not yet at hand.

Ship Alameda Disabled. LONDON, Jan. 7.—The ship Alameda, from New York for Portland, Ore., has put into Rio de Janeiro, with her rudder-head sprung.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Freights—Ceylon, 67 tons, and Planter, 49 tons, assorted cargoes for Honolulu; W. F. C. 63 tons, mixed cargo for the Sound, lumber, thence to Honolulu.

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