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Steamship Just In From Alaska Brings No Report of the Overdue Name Vessel.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 25.—The steamship Charles Nelson arrived today from Nome bringing 43 passengers. She sailed from the coast of Alaska on the 19th, but was caught in a severe storm and made for Dutch Harbor. Grave fears are entertained among shipping men for the safety of the vessel. Robert Dollar, which sailed from here for Cape Nome August 25, and had not arrived on September 13, when the Roanoke sailed from Dutch Harbor, and her failure to report the Robert Dollar there, increases the anxiety. It is claimed that she should have reached the vicinity of Behring Sea about the time that section was visited by a severe storm, which lasted from September 1 until September 7. She had a full cargo of miscellaneous freight and passengers.

SAN PEDRO NOT IN TROUBLE.

Contrary Rumors Generally Discredited by Shipping Men.

SEATTLE, Sept. 25.—Since the report of the violent storm in Behring Sea, brought down by the Roanoke, rumors regarding the safety of various vessels have been heard. Among these is one to the effect that the San Pedro, owned and operated by a San Francisco firm, is in trouble somewhere between here and Cape Nome. Inquiry among shipping men tonight resulted in one who disseminating the report, on what is considered very good grounds. The San Pedro left here a week ago for Nome, having a good cargo of freight and a small list of passengers. That she was in trouble is not considered strange, as all of them were off their usual course, owing to the storm. The San Pedro could not be seen, having reached Dutch Harbor in time to speak of the vessels that have arrived since her departure.

DAWSON CITY SITUATION.

More Mining This Year Than Ever—Consul McCook's Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Some interesting facts regarding the situation at Dawson City is contained in the report of Consul J. C. McCook, under date of August 21. He says there has been an abundance of wild blueberries, currants, raspberries and cranberries this summer. The cattle herders on the hills and a few Indians gather the berries and bring them to Dawson, receiving \$1 to \$1.50 per quart. The idea of building an ice plant in Dawson seems to be a reality. The lack of ice in summer, however, has been seriously felt, and a contract has been let for an ice machine to be placed on the city wharf. The cost of ice this summer has been 5 cents per pound, or at the rate of \$100 per ton. Consul McCook says more mining claims have been worked this summer than in any other season, because the heavy rainfall has afforded sufficient water for sluicing. Machinery is now found everywhere, and the officials are busy with working a claim without boiler, engine and pumps.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ROADS.

Marked Improvement Due to Oregon City Business Men and Court.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 25.—Rapid strides have been made in the improvement in Clackamas County in the past year or so. A little over 18 months ago, the Oregon City Board of Trade took up the matter of improving the roads leading to the county seat, adopting a policy of permanently improving one main trunk thoroughfare each year. The plan was to induce the business men of Oregon City to subscribe liberally toward the enterprise, and also to ask the people living along the line of the road improved to aid in the matter. The plan was to build first, a thoroughfare on a direct line to the Molalla country, making a thorough improvement. Road meetings were held in the city, and in the districts along the line of the road, resulting in subscriptions being raised to the amount of several thousand dollars. The County Board of Commissioners took charge of the work, appropriated liberally, purchased a rock crusher and appointed a road engineer to see that the work was done in a uniform manner throughout the various districts. This was the beginning of energetic road improvement in Clackamas County, and as a result many of the shorter connecting roadways have been appreciably improved.

Oregon Mining Notes.

The enlargement of the mill at the Greenback mine, in Grave Creek district, has been completed, and 15 stamps are now working. The mining property belonging to the estate of A. B. Hopkins, located in Kerville district, has been sold to Wilson & Meredith, who own adjoining mines, for \$4500.

Pioneers and Old Folks' Reunion.

HEPPNER, Or., Sept. 25.—A pioneer and old folks' reunion will be held in this city October 6. Every man and woman who came to Morrow County prior to 1880 and all present residents of the county over 55 years of age are requested to participate. Arrangements have been made for an old-time picnic, dinner and subscription to the county history. The reunion will be held at the afternoon and evening sessions.

Sheep for Eastern Oregon Range.

STEVENS, WASH., Sept. 25.—W. J. Lauder, of Wasco County, shipped 2500 head of sheep from here today on the steamer Game Cock and Dalles City. He is taking them to winter range in Eastern Oregon. The summer range in Skamania County is gradually becoming known to the shepherds in Oregon, and many stockmen will utilize the pasture next summer.

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ROBBERIES IDENTIFIED.

Outlaws With Whom Officers Battled at Adity from Spokane.

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Officer Not Held for Jones' Murder.

ARLINGTON, Or., Sept. 25.—The preliminary examination of P. M. Farrer, deputy city marshal, charged with the murder of William Jones (colored), was held today by Justice of the Peace A. J. Shelton. Farrer appeared for the state, and Attorney S. A. D. Gurley for the defendant. Four witnesses were called and examined for the state. On motion of the defendant, the case was dismissed and Farrer discharged.

GREAT CASCADE TUNNEL.

Two Ends Connected Without Deviation of an Inch.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 25.—President Hill, of the Great Northern Railroad, has received from Chief Engineer Stevens a telegram stating that the east and west ends of the tunnel through the Cascade Mountains have met. The two forces working from opposite ends in the big tunnel brought the two ends together without the variation of an inch. Now that the tremendous task of boring out over two miles of granite has been accomplished, the work of laying the track is comparatively insignificant. It is estimated that the tunnel, when finished, will cost \$2,000,000. One thousand men have been engaged nearly three years in its construction, and all records of drilling have been broken. The average progress was 15 to 20 feet per day.

The tunnel will supersede the "switch-back" over the Cascades, which in itself has always been looked upon as a magnificent engineering achievement.

SUNDAY LAW BEING ENFORCED.

Three Saloonkeepers Arrested and General Warning Given.

CHREHALIS, Sept. 25.—Messrs. T. C. Rush, J. F. Laughran and Len Kuehner, Cheshalis saloon-keepers, have been arrested for violating the state Sunday law. Yesterday the tremendous task of boring out over two miles of granite has been accomplished, the work of laying the track is comparatively insignificant. It is estimated that the tunnel, when finished, will cost \$2,000,000. One thousand men have been engaged nearly three years in its construction, and all records of drilling have been broken. The average progress was 15 to 20 feet per day.

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