THE VANCOUVER TRAGEDY

MUCH SORROW EXPRESSED FOR THE DEAD BANKERS.

Depositors Have Faith in Receiving Most of Their Money—No Statement From Examiner Maxwell.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 23.—The funeral of the late E. L. Canby was held at the family residence, in this city, at 11:30 this morning, and after brief but touching services at the residence the remains were taken to Portland for interment at Riverview cemetery. The pallbearers were Frank Marshall, L. B. Clough, Dr. A. B. Eastham, E. M. Rands, A. Chumasero and George Stevenson.

The tragic death of Mr. Canby and his late associate has softened the censure which was heard on every hand when the first news of the bank failure shocked the people of this city, and many of those who are supposed to be the heaviest losers through the failure of the bank have nothing but kind words and expressions of sorrow for the dead men. Bank Examiner Maxwell is religiously guarding the secrets of the bank and refuses to discuss any phase of the matter touching on the present condition of the institution. There are rumors that the single item of $10,000 which was the direct cause for his action in closing the bank is the only actual shortage directly traceable to the two men. The examiner will neither affirm nor deny the rumor, but states that it will be several days yet before he can make a tangible statement of the condition of the bank.

L. M. Hidden, one of the directors, and a large depositor, said today:

"I do not believe that either Brown or Canby actually ever stole one dollar from the bank. I believe it will be found when this investigation is over that whatever shortages are discovered occurred at different times during the past 10 years, commencing with the boom times of 1889 and 1890. These amounts, which, in my opinion, represent private investments, or something of that nature, made during those times by one or both of the officers implicated, were carried along on the books in one item, representing, it may be, cash in a reserve bank or something of that kind. I think the entry dated January 29, 1901, discovered by the examiner was simply the last entry made of this item. I believe the bank to be in comparatively good shape, and that the depositors will receive 100 cents on every dollar deposited. I was present when the February statement, the last one issued, and which was published in The Oregonian, was made up. I helped count the money, examined the notes and other securities, and I do not see how that statement can fail to be correct."

Other directors seem take the same view of the situation as Mr. Hidden. There are, on the other hand, others, of course, who believe affairs are in even worse condition than yet reported, and are prepared for the worst that can happen.

Four deeds were placed on record in the Auditor's office today, which have some bearing in the bank's affairs. These deeds are each for a consideration of $1, and convey the property named therein to the First National Bank, in fee simple, with the proviso that in case the grantor shall hereafter pay any and all indebtedness owing by the grantor to the bank, then the conveyance shall be void. The amount of indebtedness owing is not stated in any of the instruments, and no time limit is stated when such indebtedness shall be paid. The deeds were given by L. B. Clough, and cover certain property on Main street, Vancouver, dated November 15, 1899; E. L. Canby, covering his fine residence property, on Main and Twelfth streets, this city, dated December 11, 1899; A. W. Hidden, 38.50 acres of land one mile north of town, dated November 21, 1899, and L. M. Hidden, 1½ acres river frontage in the City of Vancouver, dated December 11, 1899. When asked for an explanation why these deeds were given at that time, L. B. Clough and L. M. Hidden, the only persons who could be seen, stated the transfers were made at the time the capital stock of the bank was reduced, for the purpose of indemnifying the bank against loss for money owing from the parties. The value of the property in each case was considered more than ample to cover all indebtedness.

Almost without exception the friends of Canby and Brown refuse to believe them guilty of diverting the funds to their own use in a criminal manner. They explain that the false entries were made on the books to ease over some bad transactions years ago. The bank was straining under a load that made it rather "wobbly" as far back as 1893, and weathered the financial gales of that era with the greatest difficulty. Both of the men had a natural pride which it is believed by their friends sometimes prevented them from making confidants of their associates regarding transactions where bad judgment caused a loss for which the bank, and not the men, were really responsible. Their friends now state that in their opinion a number of entries were made at different times for this purpose, and that the $10,000 item was a "lumping" of these sums.

The action of the examiner in closing the bank is not criticised, but there is considerable censure for his failure to notify some one of the terrible mental condition of the two men when they left the bank. The examiner admits that he expected to hear the report of Canby's revolver when he went out of the room back of the main department of the bank, and also stated that the terrific strain they were laboring under showed plainly in their faces. In spite of these warning signs he failed to tell Ed Brown, a brother of the dead president, who was in the bank at the time, to look after them, as he feared they would kill themselves. The friends of the dead men state that, knowing as he did, that one of the men had made an unmistakable attempt to take his life, the examiner should have taken immediate steps to have the men seized and taken care of.

Many of the depositors who had great faith in Brown and Canby profess to believe that there will be no loss, and that the $10,000 item is the only shortage which will be found. If thorough investigation should prove this to be correct, there will be still more of an inclination among them to censure the examiner, as either of the men could have raised $10,000 with but little difficulty, and perhaps averted the trouble. Corroborative of the belief of some who assert that greater shortages will come to light is the statement of the examiner to the effect that the men refused his offer to call in the directors, and stated to him that it would be impossible for him to fix the matter up. Some assert that the men were too proud to acknowledge their disgrace to their friends by asking for even the comparatively small amount known to be involved, and it was for this reason that they refused to consider the examiner's suggestion.

Whatever may be the result of the examination of the books of the bank, it is certain that for the present there is an inclination among most of the depositors and among the business men of Vancouver who were most affected to suspend judgment as to the degree of criminality.

THE "PANHANDLE" CASE.

Mandamus Suit Against Clerk of Union County Set for Hearing.

UNION, Or., April 23.—A petition was filed in the Circuit Court here today in which Baker County is plaintiff and George W. Benson, Clerk of Union County, is defendant. A writ of mandamus is asked against defendant, requiring him to turn over to Baker County certain records and papers pertaining to that part of Union County which by an act of the last Legislature was annexed to Baker County, or show cause why he should not do so. The court immediately issued the writ fixing May 4 as the time for hearing. The bill cutting off the east end of Union County was passed during the last hours of the Legislature. It is believed that it is unconstitutional. None of the officers of Union County have paid any attention to the act, and this litigation is brought by Baker County to compel them to obey its mandates. The case will be tried by Judge Ellis, of the Sixth District, in this city.

NO SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Anson-Salem Light Concern Suit Simmered Down to Legal Question.

SALEM, April 23.—The trial of the suit brought by the Salem Light & Traction Company against F. R. Anson, to recover $3500, alleged to have been converted by him while manager of the corporation, was brought to so sudden a close this morning as to discomfit the attorneys for the plaintiff. The plaintiff introduced testimony yesterday, and for a while today, and when it had finished, the defendant was expected to take up considerable time presenting his side of the case. Much to the surprise of all, the attorney for Anson announced that he would introduce no evidence, but was ready to proceed with the argument. The plaintiff was not ready to argue the case, and the attorneys stated that they had counted on the defense presenting its testimony, and they had not come prepared to submit their arguments. Judge Burnett said that he would require the attorneys to proceed if the defense had any reason for desiring it, but the attorney consented that the other side be given time to prepare. The case will be argued tomorrow.

Since the case has terminated in this way, the sensational developments that were expected, have failed to materialize, and the case will be decided on questions of law, rather than questions of fact.

Slot Machine Case.

In the nickel-in-the-slot machine case, begun in the Circuit Court yesterday, a demurrer was filed today, on the ground that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a crime, and that it appears from the allegations of the complaint that no law has been violated. The questions involved will be argued before Judge Burnett next Wednesday.

Smallpox at Chemawa.

Four cases of smallpox are reported at the Chemawa Indian School, and great care is being taken to prevent a spread of the disease. None of the patients are seriously affected. There are 500 pupils, all of whom have been vaccinated.

Militia's Rifle Range Approved.

Captain D. E. Yoran, inspector of rifle ranges, today approved the range erected for Company F, of this city, and the Salem company will begin rifle practice next week. The range is just across the river, in Polk County. Captain Lyon reports that great interest is being taken in the company, and that many new members are being taken in.

First Granite for Federal Building.

The first carload of granite for the new Federal building was received today from Central Point, Southern Oregon.

Council's Action on Bicycle Question.

SALEM, April 23.—At the City Council meeting tonight, George P. Hughes, a State-street groceryman, gave the city fathers a forceful talk on the injustice of allowing bicycle riding on some sidewalks and not on others. He said this was a discrimination against business houses in the excluded streets, and gave the Council to understand that if they refused to permit riding on State street, between Liberty and Commercial, he would take steps to exclude wheels from all sidewalks. The ordinance committee had reported unfavorably on the petition to permit riding on that street, but after Mr. Hughes' address, the Council struck out this recommendation and left the matter open for further action. It was also decided not to exclude wheels from all sidewalks from May to November.

REJECTED ALL BIDS.

Clatsop County Will Build Nehalem Road by Day's Work.

ASTORIA, April 23.—The County Court decided today to reject all the bids submitted yesterday for constructing a wagon road to the Nehalem Valley. Under the lowest figures offered the road from this city to Olney, a distance of seven miles, would cost $29,946 20 for a 16-foot roadbed, and about $2000 less for a 10-foot roadbed. This figure was considered far too high. The intention of the court now is to have the road constructed by day's labor under the supervision of the Roadmaster, but the formal order has not yet been made.

Sites for Hatcheries.

Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen is in almost daily receipt of letters from different parts of the state suggesting to him sites for salmon hatcheries. This morning he received one from S. H. Helms, of Twickenham, Wheeler County, and another from D. A. Findley, of Rossland, Crook County. The former spoke of the advantages of John Day River, and the other of Crooked Creek.

Clams Never So Plentiful.

P. F. Halferty, the Skipanon clam packer, reports that clams are more plentiful on Clatsop beach than ever before. The clam diggers get 75 cents per box, and some days they dig as many as eight and 10 boxes on one low tide. On parts of the beach where clams were never known to be before the sand is alive with them. Near the scene of the wreck of the Cairnsmore, and between that place and Fort Stevens, there is an abundance to be found, while formerly they did not frequent that portion of the beach. Last Summer millions of young clams were washed up at this point, and it is believed that they have developed into full-sized clams since that time.

SARATOGA CHIP FACTORY.

New Plant at La Grande Will Start Up Next Week.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 23.—The new Saratoga chip factory here will go into operation next week, thus affording farmers of the Grand Ronde Valley a new market for their potatoes. The plant is of limited capacity, but it has been built with a view of enlargement in the future.

La Grande offers special inducements for the factory, because of the ease and cheapness with which potatoes are raised. The production is generally in excess of the demand, and it is probable that several tons of last year's crop will remain unsold, in spite of the fact that many carloads are being shipped. The promoters of the factory believe they will be able, by contracting in advance, to secure potatoes at 25 cents per hundred.

Amity Brevities.

AMITY, Or., April 23.—R. O. Jones has put in a creamery at this place, and is doing a good business.

An Eastern man is expected here in a few days to ascertain the wishes of the citizens in regard to a flouring mill. This is something Amity has long needed, and a strong effort will be made to secure it.

Two cases of diphtheria are reported in town.

Military Orders.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Sergeant Gustav A. Olsson, Thirty-fourth Company Coast Artillery, now at Fort Stevens, Or., will be honorably discharged from the Army, by way of favor.

Private Henry P. Schilds, of the Hospital Corps, now at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., has been ordered to Fort McDowell, Cal., for reassignment to duty at Manila.

Laying Pipe for New Water System.

BAKER CITY, April 23.—The contractors began work yesterday, laying the 3000 feet of pressure pipe which leads to the new city reservoir. This pipe is a part of the new gravity waterworks system which is to bring water from Elk Creek at a point about nine miles distant from the city.

ADMINISTRATION CHIDED

FOR REFUSAL TO SUPPRESS LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN MANILA.

United Evangelical Church Adopts Strong Resolutions—Also Wants Canteen Abolished.

CORVALLIS, April 23.—The annual conference of the United Evangelical Church closed yesterday, after what is said to have been one of the most successful sessions in its history. The finances of the church are in a prosperous condition. Three thousand dollars were raised for the endowment of Dallas College, and $4000 appropriated for missionary work the coming year.

The following ministers were ordained deacons: A. A. Winter, C. T. Hurd, S. M. Wood and S. E. Lanner. H. A. Seck, L. M. Boozer, G. H. Phelps and S. J. Lindsay were ordained elders.

In part, the resolutions adopted on the liquor question were:

Resolved, That we condemn the introduction of the baneful traffic into our new possessions in the Pacific, lowering the moral tone of these people, and rendering permanent Gospel foundation very difficult; and be it

Resolved, That we censure the attitude of the War Department and the Administration in refusing to suppress this vice in Manila. That we heartily commend the law prohibiting the army canteen, and that we pledge ourselves as a conference of the United Evangelical ministers and lay delegates to resist and work for the utter overthrow of this traffic by word, and above all by practice in fervently praying for all organizations formed for that purpose, and by voting as we pray.

Assignments of Ministers.

The following assignments of ministers was made for Willamette district for the following year:

Presiding elder, C. C. Poling; Alsea and Siuslaw, Thomas A. Yost and William Plowman; Brooks, G. L. Lovell; Bridgeport and Lewisville, B. J. Kelly; Corvallis, L. M. Boozer; Dallas, A. R. Winter; Dayton, J. Bowersox; Gaston, A. W. Brickley; Hillsboro, B. Hartman; Independence, S. J. Lindsay; Kings Valley, W. L. Arnold; Lafayette and Newberg, C. T. Hurd and F. E. Fisher; Portland, First church, Chaplain H. L. Pratt; Portland, Second church, H. A. Deck; Portland, German church, Dr. P. Bittner; Salem, C. A. Rabing; Sodaville and Sweet Home, S. E. Lanner; St. Johns and Warren, M. J. Ballantyne and supply; Troutdale, Thomas Cowling; professor in Dallas College, D. M. Metzger; member Sodaville Quarterly Conference, Dr. F. S. Locke.

Annual Session of Church.

ALBANY, Or., April 23.—The fifth annual meeting of the East Willamette Association of Congregational Churches began in this city this afternoon. Rev. Mac H. Wallace, of Eugene, was elected moderator, and Rev. E. S. Bollinger clerk. Greetings were extended by the local pastor, Rev. Kennedy. The Associational sermon was delivered tonight by Rev. Bollinger. The meeting will close tomorrow night.

FISH WHEEL OPERATOR FINED.

He Will Appeal the Case—Thinks Law Unconstitutional.

OREGON CITY, April 23.—William Dutcher, operator of the fish wheel in front of the fish ladder at the falls, was fined $50 in Justice McNulty's court this afternoon, after being found guilty by a jury. Sentence, however, was suspended, pending an appeal to the Circuit Court. The wheel was put in position for this season's work Sunday afternoon, and at 5:30 Monday morning Fish Warden Henry Buttman arrested William Dutcher, who acknowledged that he was the operator of the wheel. He also said he had a right to run a fish wheel, as they were running in the Columbia River. Dutcher was released on his own recognizance, and the arrest was kept quiet until given out by Fish Warden Van Dusen, of Astoria. Dutcher acknowledged on the witness stand that he operated the wheel and that he believed he had a right to, on account of the unconstitutionality of the law. The counsel for the defense contended that the act regulating the use of fish wheels was unconstitutional, for the reason that it discriminated in favor of certain localities. Captain Archie Pease is reported to be the heaviest owner in this fish wheel.

No More Relic-Hunting.

Deputy District Attorney Campbell has posted a notice on the old Indian burying grounds, opposite the falls, forbidding trespassing or digging up the graves for relics. This was done at the request of several Indians, who complained that the graves were being desecrated.

Grange Organized.

A Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was organized at Maple Lane last night, with 36 charter members.

THREATENS TO KILL HIMSELF.

Clark County Man Thought to Be Temporarily Insane.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 23.—Joseph R. Lyttleton, a well-known resident of Clark County, was taken into custody today by Sheriff March and locked up to await examination with reference to his sanity. Lyttleton has been drinking quite heavily for the past few days, and his friends feared that if left at large he will commit suicide. He has been frequently heard during the past few days to threaten to end his life, and this morning he walked into a drug store and tried to purchase a quantity of morphine, saying he knew of no easier way to put an end to trouble than by the morphine route. When refused the drug he left the place, remarking that he knew where he could get it. The sheriff was at once notified and Lyttleton was taken into custody.

Lyttleton possessed a profund admiration for Charles Brown, the dead bank president, and his friends think the excitement attending the failure of the bank and Brown't tragic death have unsettled Lyttleton's mind. His most intimate friend says from the moment he gazed upon Brown's remains at the morgue, Lyttleton has been a changed man, and vows he will kill himself at the first opportunity.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

W. W. Tripp, Noted Indian Scout.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 23.—W. W. Tripp, an old resident of this city, died suddenly at the home of his niece, Miss Annetta Wensink, this morning, of neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Tripp had resided in this city for 20 years. In the early days, he was a noted Indian scout. He was in the Little Big Horn section when Custer and his troops were slain in 1876, and took an active part in that memorable campaign. Some time previous to the Custer massacre, he headed the scouting party that rescued Mrs. Morgan and Miss White from the Sioux and Cheyennes. He was entitled to membership in the Oregon Pioneer Society, and had forwarded his application for membership two days before his death.

Mrs. Mary E. Childers.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 23.—Mrs. Mary E. Childers died Sunday, at her home, in Summerville, aged 76 years. With her husband, she came to the Grand Ronde Valley in the early '60s. Among the children who survive her is Marshal Frank Childers, of La Grande.

Funeral of Mrs. Eliza Potter.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 23.—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Potter, who died last Saturday, took place yesterday from the St. James' Cathedral, the Rev. Father F. Verwillighen officiating. A large number of friends of the family were in attendance. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Interment was in the United States military cemetery.

Deceased was 38 years of age, and had resided at Vancouver Barracks since August, 1887. The husband, Ordnance Sergeant A. G. Potter, and three children survive her.

Funeral of Mrs. Martha Ann Barlow.

OREGON CITY, April 23.—The funeral of Mrs. Martha Ann Barlow was held from the Baptist Church this forenoon, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. Beaven. The church was crowded. Many elaborate floral offerings were in evidence. The services at the grave were conducted by Pioneer Chapter of the Eastern Star. The pallbearers were: George W. Harding, J. E. Hedges, R. C. Ganong, J. P. Lovett, G. W. Grace, F. J. Louis.

Lambert Robillan.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 23.—Lambert Robillan, one of the first settlers of Clark County, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in this city last night, aged 93 years. Deceased came to Vancouver from Canada in the early forties in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and has resided here nearly ever since. He was unmarried.

Mrs. Emma G. Charlesworth.

SALEM, April 23.—Mrs. Emma G. Charlesworth, recently committed to the asylum from Silverton, died at that institution yesterday of heart failure.

WANT SALMON TRAPS TO CLOSE.

Canadians Will Try to Get Washington Owners to Make Concession.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 23.—In response to repeated petitions from the Salmon Canners' Association of Vancouver, Premier Dunsmuir has dispatched a note to the Dominion Government with the emphatic statement that this season the affairs of the canning industry must be controlled by the province, and not administered from Ottawa. British Columbia canners are asking important concessions from the Americans, namely that a regulation be put in force in Washington State making it compulsory on canners to close all salmon traps for 36 hours out of every week during the salmon season. This is suggested as a particular advantage to Canadian packers, as it will allow the fish to get through the thickly trap-set districts of the entrance to Puget Sound and come to the mouth of Fraser River. Traps are unlawful in Canada, while on the American side of the boundary line this system is extensively in use. Negotiations toward an agreement between the American and Canadian packers are in progress.

MAY LOSE $10,000.

Skamania County Had This Amount in Defunct Vancouver Bank.

STEVENSON, Wash., April 23.—Skamania County has $10,000 in the First National Bank at Vancouver, which has just been closed by Examiner Maxwell. The funds of the county have been deposited for some years with the Vancouver bank. The officials of the bank were the bondsmen of the County Treasurer, and had been accepted by the County Commissioners. If the county should lose these funds the loss will be the most serious in its history, and one from which it will not soon recover.

Want Postmistress Removed.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 23.—Sheriff Tucker is in receipt of a petition from 54 persons who allege that they are patrons of the Kennewick postoffice, and that they want the Postmistress, Mrs. Conway, removed. The petition was sent to the Sheriff to be forwarded to the proper authorities. The petitioners allege that Mrs. Conway is incompetent, and that many of them find it necessary to have their mail sent to Pasco, across the river, in order that they may be sure of receiving it.

Will Work Rich Placer Ground.

BAKER CITY, April 23.—J. D. Johnson left with a party of 14 men for the placer mines at Eldorado yesterday. A large supply of provisions and mining tools were taken along. It is understood that some rich ground has been located, and it is the intention to expend considerable money in a systematic effort to save the gold.

State Warrants Called In.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 23.—State Treasurer Maynard today called in the following state warrants: General fund, Nos. 68,816 to 71,545, inclusive, amounting to $202,467, interest thereon ceasing May 6; Capitol building fund, Nos. 1 to 50, inclusive, amounting to $7988, interest thereon ceasing May 6.

Burglars Took $580 From a Trunk.

ASTORIA, April 23.—It was learned this evening that burglars entered John Erickson's drug store at an early hour yesterday morning by prying open the front door, and stole $580 from the proprietor's trunk, which was sitting in a back room. Nothing else was disturbed.

Drowned in the Columbia.

ALBANY, April 23.—A dispatch was received here today announcing the drowning at Pillar Rock, on the Columbia, of George Westfall, a son of Street Superintendent F. M. Westfall, of this city.

Dallas Brevities.

DALLAS, Or., April 23.—Experts are at work on the books of the officials of Polk County.

Dallas College will open tomorrow, after a week's vacation.

Asked to Name Delegates.

SALEM, April 23.—Governor Geer has been requested to name three delegates to the American Congress of Tuberculosis, to be held in New York City, May 15.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, April 23.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Bey	7	9	Miller Creek	1	2
Blacktail	8½	9	Mtn. Linn	21	22
Butte & Bos.	¾	1¼	Morn. Glory	4½	4¾
Crystal	3½	5	Morrison	3½	5
Conjecture	3¼	3¾	Prin. Maud	1⅛	1⅞
Deer Trail	1⅝	2	Quilp	24	30
Dewey	2¼	3½	Ramb. Car	20	23½
Evening Star	...	5	Reservation	3⅝	3¾
Gold Ledge	1⅝	1¾	Ross. Giant	3½	4
I. X. L.	12	21	Sullivan	8⅛	9
Iron Mask	30	40	Tom Thumb	11⅛	12
L. P. Surp.	6½	7	Waterloo	1	1½

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Mexican	$0 34
Andes	5	Occidental Con	3
Belcher	16	Ophir	1 00
Best & Belcher	18	Overman	17
Bullion	3	Potosi	8
Caledonia	68	Savage	9
Challenge Con	12	Seg. Belcher	3
Chollar	7	Sierra Nevada	26
Confidence	65	Silver Hill	30
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 30	Standard	4 00
Crown Point	16	Union Con	13
Gould & Curry	18	Utah Con	3
Hale & Norcross	25	Yellow Jacket	14
Justice	7		

NEW YORK, April 23.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 23	Little Chief	$0 54
Alice	35	Ontario	9 00
Breece	1 35	Ophir	90
Brunswick Con	21	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	6
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 20	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	25
Horn Silver	1 10	Small Hopes	65
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 90
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, April 23.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 17 00	Humboldt	$ 25 00
Bing. M. Co.	28 75	Osceola	87 00
Amal. Copper	121 00	Parrott	55 00
Atlantic	34 00	Quincy	170 00
Boston & Mont.	435 00	Santa Fe Cop.	8 50
Butte & Boston	116 00	Tamarack	337 00
Cal. & Hecla	838 00	Utah Mining	35 00
Centennial	26 00	Winona	4 50
Franklin	19 50	Wolverines	53 50

VANCOUVER ISLAND MINES

J. J. HILL MAY BUY OUT THE DUNSMUIRS.

Five Million-Dollar Deal Said to Be Under Way—Nanaimo Road Included.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—A special to the Times from Vancouver, B. C., says:

President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railroad, J. Pierpont Morgan and other New York financial men are understood on good authority to be back of a deal to secure the entire properties of the Dunsmuir collieries, in British Columbia. J. B. Lynch, of New York, confidential representative of Mr. Morgan, is here, and today showed several railway men letters of credit aggregating $100,000, with which he is to make the first payment in a deal that involves nearly $5,000,000. When President Hill was in Seattle last week Mr. Lynch went there and had a conference with him. The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railroad, which is about 150 miles in length, and the Union extension to the Comox coal mines, are included in the deal, besides 300,000 acres of government land-grant coal lands. About 2500 men are in all employed in the mines and the railway system. Premier Dunsmuir himself owns a large majority of the stock of the coal as well as of the railway companies, and other members of the Dunsmuir family own the remainder. The Dunsmuir declines to discuss the subject of the reported deal.

MANY DEATHS BY FREEZING.

Nome Paper Confirms Report of Terrible Alaska Blizzard.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 23.—Partial confirmation of the terrible rumors of death by freezing in Alaska is contained in the Nome Gold Digger, of January 30, which reached here today. It says:

"Dr. Pelton, one of our best-known and most esteemed young pioneers of Alaska, was frozen on the trail on the night of the terrible blizzard of January 1, near Solomon. Dr. Pelton's people reside in Oakland, Cal., from which place he came to Alaska. He was 32 years old. A message received from Spruce Creek, dated January 23, says Dr. Pelton's body was found on the trail between Spruce Creek and Solomon. The body was brought to Nome.

"Dan Anderson left Dexter for Nome about four weeks ago, and has not been heard of since. It is feared that he perished in the New Year's blizzard.

"News of another tragedy of the great blizzard was brought into town by United States Marshal McLean. It is the untimely end of Dr. W. F. Baum, who perished while carrying medical assistance to a sick miner. The doctor was prospecting on the Tibulatuq River when he was begged to leave his work and hasten to the assistance of a man who was sick on Quick River. On the way he was overtaken by the storm, and some days after two of his three dogs returned to camp. This fact alarmed his friends, and Indians were secured to follow his trail. For 10 miles out on the ice they followed him, and then 40 miles along the coast, where they found the unfortunate man's remains 50 miles below Chinik. Dr. Baum left Nome January 25. He was a native of Mobile, Ala., and saw service in the Cuban War.

"This afternoon United States Marshal McLean brought into town the unidentified remains of a man from Solomon. A Gold Digger representative was instrumental in taking R. C. White and R. Redmond, two of Alexander Stowe's late traveling companions, to Hayner's undertaking establishment, where they at once identified the body as that of Stowe.

Rival of Calcutta Horror.

"A story that rivals the horrors of the Black Hole of Calcutta was told at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night—16 men and a woman huddled together in a maimed and mutilated condition from frost bite, in a cabin on Pilgrim River, unable to lie down because of the crush, and with the added horror of starvation facing them. This harrowing tale touched the sympathies of everyone present. Generous individuals and companies donated money and food. An appeal to the military was resolved upon, and within two hours an emergency supply of grub was flying over the trail by moonlight, drawn by swift dogs. Dr. Call meanwhile hurried to Fort Davis and volunteered his services. Major Van Orsdale gave his hearty co-operation, and every preparation was made for a grand relief expedition, when, soon after noon, a number of the victims arrived in town and told their story. Some of them were badly frostbitten and had endured severe hardships, but food had not run short, and, taken as a whole, aid had not been so urgently needed as was supposed.

"Dr. Tam was frozen to death Saturday, January 19

"Two unknown men were found dead near Mary's Igloo."

Brought to the Asylum.

SALEM, April 23.—William H. Silsby, aged 78, was brought to the asylum today on a commitment from Ashland.

COMING NORTHWEST EVENTS

Pendleton horse show, May 4.

Everett race meet, July 4, 5, 6.

Oregon pioneer reunion, Portland, June 14.

Teachers' institute, McMinnville, April 26.

Grand lodge, I. O. O. F., Baker City, March 22.

Great Council of Redmen, Port Townsend, May 12.

Lincoln County Teachers' Institute, Toledo, May 15-17.

Grand court of Foresters of America, Seattle, May 14.

Oregon encampment, G. A. R., Forest Grove, June 25-28.

Washington Grand Army encampment, Tacoma, June 25-27.

Meeting of Washington Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Spokane, June 4.

Annual teachers' institute of Josephine County, Grant's Pass, May 15-17.

Annual reunion of Lane County Veterans' Association, Eugene, June 4-6.

Convention of Northwest Sportsmen's Association, Walla Walla, June 25-29.

Tournament of Eastern Oregon and Washington Firemen's Association, Heppner, June 11-13.

Religious.

Convention of Mid-Oregon Baptists, The Dalles, June 5.

Oregon State Sunday School convention, Salem, May 14-16.

Lane County Sunday School Convention, Eugene, May 1-2.

Oregon Evangelical Church Conference, Portland, May 3.

Linn County Sunday School Convention, Lebanon, April 29-30.

Idaho State Sunday School Convention, Lewiston, June 21-23.

Marion County Sunday School Convention, Turner, April 25-26.

Umatilla County Sunday School Convention, Pendleton, May 9-10.

Wallowa County Epworth League Convention, Wallowa, May 2-5.

Convention of Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, Salem, May 16-19.

Washington State Sunday School Association, annual convention, Seattle, May 10-13.

Washington Notes.

Snohomish County will erect a new fireproof jail.

The Presbyterian Church of North Yakima will soon erect a $10,000 edifice.

Everett is to get an emery factory. It will be the first on the Pacific Coast.

A petition is being circulated at Olympia for a street sprinkler during the Summer.

Seattle has been asked for a franchise for the construction of a new electric car line.

The new electric light plant at Snohomish will be ready for operation by the middle of next month.

Everett has ordered all signs removed which extend over the streets. Business men do not take kindly to the move.

Cosmopolis Redmen are advertising for an aeronaut to make balloon ascensions during Kirmess week, May 27 to June 10.

A petition is being circulated about Olympia City and Thurston County asking the County Commissioners not to exceed $20,000 in the construction of a new Courthouse.

Secretary of State Nichols says the session laws for 1901 will be printed and ready for distribution by May 1. This will be 30 days earlier than they have ever been printed before.

Fairhaven machinists are organizing a union with a view of demanding a raise of 12½ per cent on their wages, and an hour less a day. If refused, they propose to go on a strike, May 20.

Nathaniel B. Stone has filed notice of appropriation of 100 cubic feet of water from the Yakima River. The water is to be lifted from the river by a hydraulic ram and conveyed with a ditch for use on his own farm.

W. R. Carleton, agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, at Walla Walla, has mysteriously disappeared. His friends think he has lost his reason. An examination of his accounts showed them to be regular in every particular.

About 20 families arrived in Chehalis from West Virginia last week. They left the next day for the Big Bottom, where they will make their home. It is understood that there is another large party on the road who will settle in the same section.

The intercollegiate debates between Whitman College, of Walla Walla, and the University of Idaho, at Moscow, Idaho, last Friday, resulted in victory for the latter. The subject discussed was "Resolved, That combinations in restraint of trade should be so restricted by national legislation as to promote competition."

Walla Walla hospital is to receive $10,000 from the estate of Joseph Conatser, the wealthy bachelor rancher, who died last week. The remainder of the estate, about $60,000, is to be divided between a brother and sister, or their children, if they be found within six months. If not, the entire estate goes to the hospital. In this event, the institution will change its name to "the Joseph Conatser Walla Walla Hospital."

Auditor Atkinson, upon advice of the Attorney-General, has decided not to grant the petition of Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Hidden that he issue warrants, upon their personal vouchers, for expenses as honorary members of the board of women managers of the Pan-American Exposition. Attorney-General Stratton has not yet prepared a written opinion in the matter, but states that he has fully made up his mind in the matter.

During the coming Summer the War Department will undertake, for a second time, the task of driving the Cree Indians back from Eastern Washington and Northern Montana. This time they must stay in Canada under penalty of going to prison should they be found again on this side of the line. For the past month they have been returning to this country in great numbers. All along the line of the Great Northern, from Havre west to Spokane, it is said they are congregating for what is known as the "annual grass dance." This is a festivity, lasting for a week or more, and is to celebrate the reunion of the band under the leadership of their chief, Little Bear.

Honor the Pioneers.

Cottage Grove Nugget.

An ordinance is up before the City Council of Eugene to change the name of Charnelton street to Jackson. Charnelton street was named after one of Lane County's early sturdy pioneers, Charnelton Mulligan, and he gave to Eugene the 40 acres upon which today stands much of the wealth of the city. The City Council of Eugene can be in better business than looking about for opportunities to entirely obliterate the old landmarks of the city which serve to remind one of the heroic men who gave to the county seat the ground it stands on, and who, long since, passed beyond the gloom of earthly day and night. Yes, it is to be hoped the Council of Lane County's metropolis will have better judgment, if not the Mayor. Better honor your "home" and the men who made it for you by changing the names of all the streets to bear names of those heroic old noblemen. If you did but this you would have to lay out some more streets.

A Deserved Eulogy.

Pendleton Tribune.

The death of Lewis Berkeley Cox, of Portland, removes one of the best men of Oregon from the scenes of active life. Many things have been said of his strength of character and goodness of heart and his numerous acts for the good of the communities and the state in which he lived will cause him to be long remembered. Mr. Cox was, above all, a thorough gentleman. He was clean of heart and mind, a man of high spirit and possessed of a keen respect for his fellow man, fair, generous and kind. He despised pettiness and trickery, and never took an unjust advantage of any one. Honorable in everything he did, he was mean in nothing. This gentleman was a hard and industrious worker. He was sometimes called brilliant, but the greater part of his success in life was due to energy and constant application to duty. His time was not all devoted to his own ends, but he spent a great share of it in the interest of his friends and the community in which he lived. He was public-spirited and loyal, and his example was inspiring. Taken away in his prime, when the future had much in store for him, his death is particularly sad. And Oregon, opening into a newer and greater future, sustains a great loss in his death.

"The World Do Move."

Roseburg Review.

And now even the Salem Statesman, the most rabid of "protection!" organs, admits that tariffs would better be reduced on trust-controlled articles. This sapping of the vitality of the many for the fattening of the few has been going on for years, yet, strange as it may appear, there are those who are only beginning to realize the conditions and causes from which they have been suffering, after the trusts have been so firmly enthroned that it is well-nigh impossible successfully to combat them. After its long, loud and strenuous denials that the tariff is a tax, this admission is a startling evidence that "the world do move."

Ada Rehan will close her tour in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" at the end of the present week's engagement at the Euclid-Avenue Opera-House, Cleveland.

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