SEVERE WIND STORM

All Southern California Suffers Heavy Loss.

GREAT GALE OF SAND AS WELL

Many Oranges Blown From Trees—Whole Orchards Devastated—A Number of Railroads Blocked—Telegraph Wires Down.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—A wind storm of unusual force and destructiveness has raged today all over the southern part of California. The storm is what is locally known as a "Santa Ana," and carries with it fine dust from the desert to the East that fills the air and obscures the vision at distances more than a few hundred yards. Advices from surrounding towns report much damage wrought by the wind to oranges, and some damage to small buildings. Railroad traffic is delayed, and in some instances entirely obstructed. The storm is heaviest in the vicinity of Colton and Pomona, between which places three passenger trains on the main line of the Southern Pacific are stalled, owing to sand piling upon the track to the depth of two feet in places, and resisting all efforts to keep the tracks clear.

Reports from Riverside, the heart of the great orange region, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, state that immense damage has resulted from the high wind. Oranges have been blown from the trees, and in some cases the trees themselves went down before the force of the storm. From all accounts the loss to orchardists in the Riverside district will be in the neighborhood of 5000 boxes.

At Redlands the storm was very severe, but the damage was not serious. Sand piled upon the railroad tracks to the depth of three feet, and obstructed all traffic during the day. No through trains from Los Angeles have reached Redlands today. Telegraph and telephone wires have suffered to more or less extent throughout the storm area, and communication with many places is difficult to establish. The wind ceased at Redlands late in the afternoon, and a large force of men was put at work clearing the railroad tracks in order to release the delayed trains. At Rochester, 20 miles west of Redlands, the Southern Pacific eastbound train is tied up.

Colton seems to have been the very center of the disturbance, and the wind has done considerable damage to fruit and small buildings. Sand blocked the railroads, and no trains have moved in that vicinity since morning. The storm reached its height at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and finally subsided after that hour. The Southern Pacific Company has been the worst sufferer in the matter of delayed trains. In many places it has been impossible to move a wheel. The Santa Fe Railroad also felt the effects, and, while greatly delayed, has managed to keep its trains moving.

The only inconvenience suffered in Los Angeles from the storm was due to the fine dust that filled the air and obscured the sight. Very little wind accompanied the dust storm here. To the south of here, however, the storm approached a cyclone in its intensity, and much damage is believed to have resulted. Owing to the lack of facilities for communicating with many outlying points tonight, the full extent of the damage will not be learned until tomorrow.

ORANGE CROP BLOWN AWAY.

Storm at Santa Ana Was the Most Disastrous in Thirty Years.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 27.—This section of California was visited today by the most disastrous wind and sand storm in over 30 years. The high pressure of atmosphere prevalent for several days out on the desert culminated in a high wind with a velocity of over 40 miles an hour. With the wind came pillars of sand, which, in this city, blew up the streets to the height of 20 and 30 feet, completely covering everything in sight. Windays and plate-glass fronts were broken, outbuildings carried away, and everything not substantially fastened was hoisted in the air.

Large walnut and other trees that have withstood storms for years were blown down and several houses were badly damaged. The sand was so thick and blinding on the streets that the traffic was practically suspended all day, only those having urgent business venturing out. All trains were one to two hours late. The electric lights of the city are all out, and telephone and telegraph service is badly crippled.

The orange crop has been virtually blown away. In some places whole orchards have been devastated. The extent of the damage will be known only after the wind subsides. The damage to the orange-growers and others will run into the thousands.

At San Bernardino.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 27.—The heaviest wind storm that has ever been experienced in this vicinity has been raging here all afternoon and continues tonight. Before sundown the air was so full of sand that it was impossible to see from one block to another. Reports state that much damage has been done. The roof on the storage-house of E. E. Katz was blown off and carried for over 100 feet. Many barns and several houses in the course of construction were blown down.

ON BELLINGHAM BAY.

Storm Wrought Great Damage Along the Water Front—One Life Lost.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 27.—The storm of Thursday wrought great damage along the water front here. Several immense booms of logs went adrift, and, getting under the dock of the Fairhaven Canning Company and of the Puget Sound Packing Company's plants, damaged them so as to render them unsafe. During the height of the storm J. B. Leonhard and his 17-year-old son attempted to take a small sailboat from a dangerous position to a more sheltered one, but were unsuccessful, for the reason that the boat was blown among the drifting logs. Both jumped to escape being crushed. The elder man was drowned, but the boy clung to a log and was rescued by his elder brother, who, seeing his danger from shore, made his way out on wildly tossing logs and got him safely ashore.

A large portion of the grade of the Great Northern's new water front cut-off south of this city was destroyed by the action of the waves. The Bellingham Bay & Eastern Railroad suffered as a result of the destruction of some of its new work just nearing completion. At Blaine a boom of logs got adrift and destroyed the greater portion of three docks there, the city dock, the Alaska Packers' Association dock and the Ainsworth & Dunn dock.

Vancouver, B. C., Suffers Heavily.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—Several hundred thousand dollars' damage was done by floods after Wednesday night's storm in the delta of the Fraser. The Labrador cannery was swept away, and the Alliance and North Arm canneries were badly damaged. Damage was done to the salmon pack in other canneries, and Richmond, Colonial, Steeve and other packing-houses also suffered. The greatest part of the dikes surrounding Lulu and Sea Islands were carried away. The town of Steveston is under four feet of water.

HALT IN EXPERTING OF BOOKS.

Step May Cause a Renewal of Fight Over the Move in Marion County.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—The work of expert-ing the books of the Sheriff of Marion County has come to another halt, this time through the action of the County Judge. The County Court employed two Portland men to expert the county books about two months ago, and after a month's delay because of objections made by the county officers to strangers handling their books the work was begun. The experts have almost finished the work on the Sheriff's books, but the work will be abandoned for about a month while the experts are employed on other work.

The County Judge says the reason for abandoning the experting of the books for the present is that he has discovered that it is necessary that a list be made of all delinquent taxes for which legal sales of property have not been made, and it is intended to employ the experts in making such lists. Sheriff Durbin has advertised to sell property on the delinquent list of 1900 on January 13 next. County Judge Scott is of the opinion that a sale for 1900 taxes would shut the county out of collecting taxes on the same property for previous years. He therefore proposes to have a list made of all property on which the taxes have not been paid for previous years, and such property will not be sold for taxes of 1900, until the county can collect the previous taxes.

The abandonment of the work of experting the county books at this time promises to revive the dissatisfaction that caused so much stir at the time the experts were employed. Already some adverse comment is heard. The work the experts have been put upon now is purely of a clerical nature, and not related to the examination of the accounts of the various officials. A general protest was made against the employment of strangers on county work, but the County Court persisted in its decision, saying it would be better to employ some person for that work who had no political, personal or financial relations which might prejudice him against or in favor of any official. The right of the County Court to employ experts at that time was questioned by a proceeding in the Circuit Court, where the County Court was upheld.

The intention of the County Court is to have Messrs. Clark and Buchanan, the experts, make a list of property upon which there are delinquent taxes at any time during the past 10 years.

M'HARGUE AGAIN IN COURT.

Now It Is Proposed to Show That He Is Unfit to Teach School.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 27.—The case of U. S. McHargue, of Reedville, brought before the County Examining Board, upon petition of patrons of the school where the defendant was formerly a teacher, was heard here today. Superintendent of Schools Ball appointed H. T. Bagley, an attorney, as his deputy to hear the trial, B. W. Barnes, principal of the Hillsboro schools, and M. C. Case, another teacher, assisting as members of the examining and trial board. Superintendent Zinser, of Clackamas County, who gave McHargue the certificate which the petitioners seek to have the board revoke, was present as a witness. The prosecution sought to show that McHargue was unfit to teach, owing to alleged unprofessional conduct, and that, while McHargue was really a resident of Reedville, when appearing before the Clackamas examining board he gave his address as at the Chamber of Commerce building, Portland.

The McHargue case is a noted one in this section. It has been to Salem twice, coming up before the State Board of Education and the Attorney-General. It has been up in the courts of Washington County repeatedly. McHargue, it is alleged, kissed several girl pupils in his school, and then the trouble began. It has kept the Reedville district in a turmoil, and the people are much divided on the subject.

FINE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Father Gives His Three Sons Land Valued at $26,250.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 27.—Lorin H. Andrews, a well-to-do Mount Pleasant farmer, has presented each of his sons—Lyman B., Charles Perley and Henry Allan—with 70 acres of fine land on the Stephen H. Walker donation land claim. The gift was in the form of a Christmas present. It is valued at $125 an acre at least, and the whole gift of about 210 acres amounts to probably $26,250.

Joint Installation of Lodges.

Multnomah Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and Clackamas Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., held a joint installation this evening in Multnomah Hall. After the installation a musical and literary programme was rendered and a banquet was served. Past Master J. Eugene Hedges and others made addresses. Multnomah Lodge has the distinction of being the oldest Masonic lodge in Oregon, and Clackamas Chapter is the second oldest chapter in the state.

Company A, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, returned early this morning from Portland, where it went for regimental inspection and muster.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 27.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	4¾	5¾	Prin. Maud	1¾	2½
Blacktail	10½	11	Quilp	25½	28
Crystal	3	6¼	Ramb. Car	65½	68
Deer Trail	2¾	2¾	Republic	3¾	4¼
Gold Ledge	1¾	2	Reservation	3¾	3¾
L. P. Surp.	5¾	6	Sullivan	8	10
L. Dreyfus	2½	3½	Tom Thumb	17	18
Mtn. Lion	23¼	26	Trade Dollar	5¼	7
Morn. Glory	1¾	2¼	Val. Coal Co.	1	2
Morrison	3¾	3¾			

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Mexican	$0 78
Belcher	14	Occidental Con	3
Best & Belcher	18	Ophir	95
Bullion	4	Overman	9
Caledonia	26	Potosi	4
Challenge Con	15	Savage	5
Confidence	65	Sierra Nevada	22
Con. Cal. & Va	1 65	Silver Hill	37
Crown Point	3	Standard	3 40
Gould & Curry	11	Union Con	27
Hale & Norcross	18	Utah Con	6
Justice	6	Yellow Jacket	10

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	47	Ontario	8 00
Breece	75	Ophir	70
Brunswick Con	15	Phoenix	5
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	5
Con. Cal. & Va	1 00	Savage	4
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	22
Horn Silver	1 00	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	69	Standard	3 55
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 19	Osceola	$ 83 00
Allouez	3 12	Parrott	51 00
Amalgamated	70 62	Quincy	137 00
Baltic	37 00	Santa Fe Cop	3 00
Bingham	25 00	Trimountain	35 00
Cal. & Hecla	620 00	Trinity	14 25
Centennial	14 00	United States	14 75
Copper Range	54 00	Utah	23 25
Dominion Coal	48 87	Victoria	5 44
Franklin	12 00	Winona	1 50
Mohawk	50 50	Wolverines	51 00
Old Dominion	24 00		

Property Must Be Returned.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Dec. 27.—Judge Buck, of the Superior Court, has handed down an opinion in the case of the Phelps estate against W. I. Wadleigh, of Seattle. Some time ago Mrs. Phelps, as executrix of the estate of T. G. Phelps, began suit on a note against the defendant. The note, with interest, now amounts to $11,000. The defendant set up as his defense that in 1899 he decded certain mining property, known as the Liberty mine, in Nevada, and also real estate in San Francisco, with the understanding that the property should be returned when the principal should be paid. The court decided that the property was held in trust and must be returned to the defendant. By the decision the Phelps estate will gain some $15,000 in cash, and will be relieved from the payment of about $12,000 now outstanding against the property, but will lose the property, valued at $50,000 or more.

SAYS MURDERER IS DEAD

STATEMENT OF BROTHER OF M. D. LANDIS, WANTED IN COOS.

He Exhumed the Body of a Man Buried in Benton County, and Is Certain He Is Right.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 27.—Is M. D. Landis, the Coos County murderer, dead? G. E. Landis, his brother, asserts that such is the case. Landis is charged with several murders in Coos County, and a reward of $1000 for his arrest has been standing for several months.

The brother of Landis alleges that the body of the murderer was buried as an unknown in a thicket 15 or 16 miles north of Corvallis last Summer. After two weeks spent here Landis left Corvallis last week to exhume the body of a man found near Suver last Summer for the purpose of determining whether, as he suspected, it was the body of Murderer Landis. Before he left he communicated his intentions to Taylor Kemp, a friend in this city. He explained to Kemp that he hoped to make the identification by the teeth, one of the front teeth of his brother having been capped with gold and another having been filled with a triangular filling. A day or two ago Kemp received a letter from Landis, in which he declared the body was none other than that of his brother, M. D. Landis.

The body in question was discovered in a thicket between Suver and Parker on the West Side Railroad, June 30. It was badly decomposed, and the general opinion at the time was that death had happened a month or two before. With the body there was nothing to afford identification. In one pocket there was a nickel and a memorandum-book, in which there were only a few figures. A revolver lay near by, and through the temple there was a bullet hole, the bullet being found in the hat which was still on the head. The body was buried where it lay, after an inquest had been held by the Coroner of Polk County.

Officers in this city who are familiar with the statements made by M. D. Landis have no decided views on the subject. Sheriff Burnett said it might be a clever ruse to throw off their guard the many officers on the lookout for the Coos County murderer. He would not be inclined to accept the story in toto until he had seen the teeth of the man buried last Summer, which, according to all descriptions, would afford almost certain proof as to whether the body buried was actually that of Landis.

AS BAD AS IN BULGARIA.

Seattle Man Was Held Captive in an Austrian Dungeon.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Benjamin Greenburg, a resident of this city, who was arrested three years ago, thrown into an Austrian prison, and held for two months because he refused to give the police authorities $1000, returned to this city. His release on bail was secured through the efforts of the American Consul at Vienna, and his innocence of the charge brought against him proved by documentary evidence obtained in this city. According to Greenburg's story, he was thrown into a damp dungeon by the police authorities at Tarnopol, Austria, and told that he would be released if he paid $1000. He refused, and was kept there for two months, not being permitted to communicate with his friends. His plight was discovered by the American Consul at Vienna, and he was released on bail, after a charge had been preferred against him that he was a Greek named Peter Carpovich, who had been expelled from the country several years previously for procuring women for immoral purposes. His case was finally transferred to the highest courts, and after it had been allowed to lag for a year evidence was introduced to prove his identity. Persons of unsavory reputation were brought forward, he says, and swore that he was Peter Carpovich, but their perjury was so palpable that he was acquitted. Since then he has been traveling in search of health, as he has never fully recovered from the effects of the cruel treatment and indignities to which he was forced to submit.

"The authorities of Austria are as bad as those of Bulgaria and Turkey," said Greenburg. "They are leagued together to extort coin from whoever is unlucky enough to fall into their hands. The money I put up as bail to secure my release while the trial was pending has never been returned to me, and I intend to lay the facts before the authorities at Washington."

GREAT ACTIVITY IN MINES.

Mount Reuben Properties Are Being Developed as Never Before.

GRANT'S PASS, Dec. 27.—The Mount Reuben mines are more active now than ever before. A number of new properties are far along with their development work and are preparing to install stamp mills. A good wagon road is under course of construction to these mines, and with its completion two or more of the newer mines of Mount Reuben will put in mills.

The warm rains and weather have returned, and all of the hydraulic mines forced to close down during the cold weather of a week ago have resumed operations. All of the larger hydraulic properties of Josephine are working night and day.

The Clara Belle, a new hydraulic mine, has started up in the Red Dog mining district. One giant with good pressure and ample water is being operated. The mining grounds consist of a long gravel bank lying along Red Dog Creek, rich in coarse gold and noted for its large nuggets of bright, smooth gold. The Clara Belle has such a quantity of rich mining grounds that it can easily be ranked among the leading placer gold producers of Southern Oregon.

A number of prospecting tunnels are being driven into the Lyttle copper mine, in the Waldo district.

MORE TEACHERS ON HAND.

Second Day of the Convention of Washington Association.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 27.—There was a large increase in the attendance at the second day of the convention of the Washington State Teachers' Association. Between 300 and 400 teachers were present today. The programme follows: "Consolidation of Districts and Transportation of Pupils," Miss Susan Lord Currier, of Mt. Vernon; debate on third-grade certificate, affirmative, H. T. Coleman, of Spokane; negative, J. M. Hitt, of Port Townsend. "Elements of Agriculture," E. A. Bryan, Pullman. "Helping Young Teachers," D. E. Sanders, of Cheney; Miss H. G. Thomanhauser, of Whatcom; W. G. Hertranft, of Seattle, 10 minutes each. "Manual Training in Normal Schools," W. T. Wilson, of Ellensburg. Discussion on institute, "Shall We Have a Uniform Course of Study?" R. S. Simpson, of Wrateom; Arvilla Steyner, of Waterville. "How May the Superintendent Best Make the Institute an Actual Help to the Teacher?" H. B. Dewey, of Tacoma; Elmer Drake, of Spokane. At the evening session F. W. Colegrove lectured on alcohol and mental work.

State Dairymen's Convention.

The second day of the Washington State Dairymen's Convention opened with 100 delegates present. The speakers today and their subjects follow: Dr. L. B. Nelson, State Veterinarian, "State Quarantine for Imported Livestock," Daniel F. Boisswain, of Tacoma, "What Is Meant by Pure-Bred Stock." C. A. Tonneson, "Fruit for the Farmer and His Family." John Gould, of Ohio, "Types of Dairy Cows and How to Know Them." C. L. Smith, "Stabling and Care of Cows." Professor E. A. Bryan, president of the State Agricultural College, addressed a large audience this evening.

Pioneer of Oregon and Washington.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Jane Adams, a pioneer of 1849, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Osborne, at South Bay, Thurston County, today, in her 81st year. With her husband, since dead, she crossed the plains to the Willamette Valley, in Oregon, in 1847. Two years later the couple went to California, where the husband followed mining for some months. In the Fall of 1849 they came to what is now Pacific County, this state. Mrs. Adams being the first white woman in that section. For the past 11 years she had lived at South Bay.

Bogus-Check Man Sentenced.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 27.—B. H. Shaw, who was arrested here in October for obtaining money under false pretenses at Cascade Locks, was sentenced today by Judge Bradshaw to serve a year and a half in the penitentiary. Shaw, apparently, has made for himself a glittering record the past year, judging from the fact that when arrested here he was wanted in Union County for cashing fraudulent checks on the Nez Perces Bank; also in Portland for impersonating a United States Postoffice Inspector. He is 32 years old, and was a resident of Idaho, where he has a wife and child.

An Oregon Pioneer of 1848.

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Thomas M. Hines, an Oregon pioneer of 1848, died here last night, aged nearly 82 years. She was a native of Pennsylvania. Her maiden name was Mary Buckingham. She was married in Missouri in 1842. The start for Oregon was made in 1848. The family first settled in Yamhill County. She left a husband and two sons—Dr. Charles Hines, and Cicero Hines, of Forest Grove.

Japanese Fouily Murdered.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—A Japanese woodcutter was murdered last night 20 miles up the Canadian Pacific line from Vancouver. The Japanese was held by two fellow-countrymen who had a grudge against him, while a third cut his head open with an ax. The murderers were captured and tied to a tree, and will be brought to this city.

Will Be Brought to Marion County.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—A warrant has been issued from Justice O'Donald's court for the arrest of J. M. McCown, who is charged with the seduction of Amandia Thomas, under promise of marriage. The prosecutrix resides near Scio. McCown has been arrested at Sumpter, and Sheriff Durbin has gone there to bring him to Salem.

Swallowed Bottle of Carbolic Acid.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Daisy Lofton, aged 15 years, went into Ruffin's Pharmacy tonight and asked to use the telephone. She took the receiver in one hand and a bottle of carbolic acid in the other. She swallowed the contents of the bottle and fell screaming to the floor. She is not expected to live. Unrequited love was the cause.

Pain in the side nearly always comes from a disordered liver, and is promptly relieved by Carter's Little Liver Pills. Don't forget this.

FATHER AND SON ON FEDERAL BENCH.

Judge Francis E. Baker. **Judge John H. Baker.**

Through the appointment of Francis E. Baker to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Indiana by President Roosevelt, an odd condition of affairs has been created. Judge Baker is a son of Judge John H. Baker, now on the bench of the United States District Court in the same district of Indiana, and, therefore, the son may possibly review the decisions of his father, should any Federal cases be carried up from the District Court.

Judge John H. Baker, the elder of the two judges, is a native of New York State, but has been a resident of Goshen, Ind., since 1857. He was twice a member of Congress, and in 1892 was appointed to the United States District bench to succeed Judge Woods, of Indianapolis, when that jurist was elevated to the Circuit Court.

Another odd feature of the coincidence is that the son, Judge Francis E. Baker, also succeeds Judge Woods, filling the vacancy on the Circuit bench caused by the death of that Judge. He is now the youngest man on the bench of the Federal Court of Appeals. He was born in 1860, attended the universities of Indiana and Michigan, and practiced law on his graduation. Three years ago he was elected to the Supreme bench of Indiana from the Fifth Judicial District. When his name was brought forward some time ago in connection with his latest appointment his father said he would retire under the age limit if the son were appointed, to relieve any possible embarrassment in matters of reversal, etc.

NINE SHIPS MAY BE LOST

NEWS OF DISASTER EXPECTED FROM CLALLAM BAY.

Vessels Were Caught in the Christmas Storm, and Mariners Have Fears for the Worst.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—The grimmest story of marine disaster in all the history of the hungry North Pacific is expected by local marine men from Clallam Bay tomorrow. The fate of nine vessels, caught by the Christmas storm in that body of water, which lies like a trap right in the path of southwest gales, is not known. Old mariners fear that one or all may be lost. Puget Sound tugs went on the lookout for these craft today. Some of these tugs are expected in port tomorrow. These vessels are: The American ship William H. Macy, American ship Bangalore, British ship Owenee, British ship Ivema, American barkentine Katy Flackinger, American bark Carlton, three American schooners, names unknown.

All were at anchor in Clallam Bay Christmas day. None of them was known to have left before the closing of night on the waters. Any of their number caught in the bay during the storm could not have escaped. This is the opinion of marine men. Clallam Bay with the rocks of Vancouver Island before it, and to its rear the canyons of the Olympics so lying that they carry the blasts of a southwest wind direct upon its exposed surface, has long been regarded with fear by mariners during such a storm as that of Christmas day. So placed are the mountain passes to the south and west that they draw down a southwest gale upon this spot. They concentrate its blasts upon the few square miles of water. For a vessel to let go anchor to such a wind is to run the risk of fetching up on the rocks of Vancouver Island across the Straits. That shore offers no harbor. The lack of seaway precludes the possibility of beating out into the open ocean. No report of any of this hapless fleet has come to this port.

FREE RURAL MAIL FEBRUARY 1

Two Routes in Clark County Have Been Approved.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 27.—Postmaster Lloyd DuBois has received word from Washington, D. C., that the two rural delivery routes recently petitioned for in Clark County have been approved. The service will be inaugurated February 1. The free delivery routes approved are designated as routes Nos. 1 and 2, of Clark County. Route No. 1 extends eastward to Fishers; north through Mill Plains to Lackamas, and south and west to Vancouver. Earl Carson has been appointed carrier for this route. Route No. 2 extends northeast from Vancouver to Brush Prairie; thence westerly through Fourth Plain to Barberton; thence south to Vancouver. For this route, C. F. Alban has been appointed carrier. Each route covers a territory about six by 10 miles in extent, and will supply about 300 heads of families.

Child Severely Burned.

The 6-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, residing at Burn-Bridge Creek, was severely burned about the head and neck yesterday. The child was playing with other children around a bonfire. When standing near the fire, the child's dress caught fire, and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. An older brother, with rare presence of mind, caught her up and carried her to a creek near by, where the flames were extinguished. The child's injuries are not serious.

Damage Suit Against City.

Mrs. Jane Hall today began an action against the City of Vancouver, to recover the sum of $600 damages on account of the unauthorized use by the city recently of a small dwelling owned by the plaintiff, located in the suburbs of the city, as a pest house.

Feared He Has Been Drowned.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—Word was received from Svensen this afternoon that G. W. Barnett left there last Tuesday in a small skiff to shoot ducks and as no tracks of the boat or of Barnett have been seen since, it is feared that he has been drowned. Another man, whose name cannot be learned, is supposed to have been with Barnett.

Well-Known '49er Commits Suicide.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 27.—John Twentyman, better known as "Sailor Jack," discoverer of the Oregon mines of that name, committed suicide here today by taking strychnine. The old miner was a forty-niner and was known all over the Coast States among mining men. He was 77 years of age.

DEMOCRATIC POLICY.

What It Should Have Been, According to a Portlander.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—P. B. Johnson, in last Sunday's Oregonian, like many other Republicans, wonders that the Democrats do not abandon anti-imperialism and demand a lower tariff or free trade with the Philippines, and he thinks they then might sweep the country. Democrats believe that taxation even to the smallest extent without representation is unjust, and they will not compromise with the iniquity.

It is not the amount of the theft of which we complain, but that there should be any at all. There are, perhaps, some Democrats who would sacrifice principle upon the altar of expediency, and thereby gain a few loaves and fishes, but they are far from controlling the party. The country, however, is full of Republicans ready to give such advice, and it is quite common to hear them lament the mistakes of Democracy.

So accustomed are they to shifting from silver to gold and from "plain duty" to the exigencies of the occasion, without scruple or qualm of conscience, that they fail to understand why others cannot do the same.

But Mr. Johnson is grievously in error. He says the Supreme Court declared that the Philippines became part of the United States "upon the ratification of the treaty." The court did not so decide. Justice Brown, the shifting majority of one, cast the deciding vote, but his opinion was not in accord with that of any of the other Judges. He held that they "belonged" to the United States, and were not foreign territory within the meaning of the Dingley law, but that they were not a part of the United States, so as to come within that provision of the Constitution which requires all duties to "be uniform throughout the United States." The distinction between "belonging to" and being "a part of" seems, under the circumstances, very narrow and contrary to all precedent, but the cause of colonialism and imperialism appears to rest upon such distinction.

Again, Mr. Johnson says the Democratic minority of the committee on ways and means and the Democratic orators in the House placed their opposition upon the ground of "imperialism" and "declared in favor of giving up the Philippines to any one who would take them." It is true they placed their opposition largely upon the very just ground that the proposed Philippine tariff is another step in the way of "imperialism," but, further, they stand upon the grand old Anglo-Saxon doctrine, "No taxation without representation."

But the Democratic minority of the committee did not declare, nor has any authoritative body of Democrats declared, in favor of giving up the Philippines to any one who would take them. It has sometimes been suggested by Republicans that we trade them to England for her West Indies, and it may have been tentatively seconded by some individual members, but such proposition must ever count on the strenuous opposition of the great mass of Democrats.

Democrats believe that all men are created equal, and that all just powers of government are derived from the "consent of the governed"; that "the doctrine of self-government is right, absolutely and eternally right," and that all men are capable of self-government; that the Filipinos have made a heroic effort to establish a government, which was destroyed by our meddlesome and brutal interference; that they deserve their independence. Our position is clearly and concisely stated in the last National Democratic platform:

> The Filipinos cannot become citizens without endangering our civilization; they cannot become subjects without imperiling our form of government, and we are not willing to surrender our civilization or to convert the Republic into an empire; we favor an immediate declaration of the Nation's purpose to give to the Filipinos, first, a stable form of government; second, independence, and, third, protection from outside interference, such as has been given for nearly a century to the republics of Central and South America.

This declaration needs no change.

Democrats can never be brought to recognize the transfer of the allegiance of a people as a mere matter of barter and trade, or to be transferred by gift or sale as a chattel. The Republican Administration bought the Filipinos at $2 per head, but the Democrats will never agree to their sale. That would be reveling to their sense of right and justice; besides, no true American would ever want them to go to England and have another Warren Hastings or a South African outrage repeated in the Philippines.

Mr. Johnson would have us think that opposition to imperialism is like fighting destiny—necessarily futile. There is no cause for alarm on that score. There is no bond of unity between us and the Philippines, such as the unity of race, language, religion, mutual wants and necessities, or contiguity of territory. Never in history has a nationality been built upon an enduring basis without some of these bonds of unity. Alexander, Caesar, Bonaparte and Spain each tried to build up and cement a great empire by conquest and aggression, but they failed, and we will fail, as we deserve.

This Philippine tariff is but an illustration of the many difficulties in the way. The great protective system is but an archway of fraud; every stone is a keystone, and the protected interests will never permit one of them to be disturbed. Oregon lumbermen and wheatgrowers may fret and plead for free trade with these islands, but to permit it would disturb the keystone, and that will never be tolerated. If the Philippines produced and exported lumber, wool or wheat, we would be way up on the front seat howling for protection from them. Thus the selfish greed of some portion of our country may always be counted on to fight the battles of destiny and bar the way to closer union with the Orient.

Nature built us apart, and the Supreme Court has cut the last ligament between us by permitting the free riot of this selfish protection greed.

Destiny and evolution are against this unnatural union, and will be so to the end of time. The natural order of things will be to build up and evolve a nationality of the Filipinos which will mock the puny efforts of politicians here and the chicanery of carpetbaggers over there. Improved education will further enable them to care for their own and strengthen their desire for national independence.

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His Sight Restored.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Religious circles in this city are interested in the announcement by Rev. Charles M. Herald, pastor of the Bethesda Congregational Church, Brooklyn, who was recently attacked with blindness while in the pulpit, that he had recovered. Dr. Herald appeared at the council of Congregational ministers at the Emmanuel Congregational Church, called to sanction the resignation of the Rev. Dr. E. P. Ingersoll, who had accepted the position of secretary of the American Bible Society. In speaking of his recovery Dr. Herald declared that God had restored his sight. He said:

"When the surgeon performed the operation he said there was no hope of my eyes recovering their sight. I then fought the battle, the most stubborn and most trying battle I have ever known in my 12 years' experience as a preacher of the gospel. The enemy of my soul then appeared and jeered at me, saying: 'Now do you believe that the grace of God is all-surviving, as you have preached to your congregation for 12 years? Now will he help you?' God heard my prayer and did what man could not do. He restored my sight."

Minnesota Corporation Law.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.—Under a decision handed down today by Chief Justice Start, of the Supreme Court, a corporation from another state which makes contracts in this state without first having filed a copy of its articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, according to the Somerville law, cannot enforce the contract in the Minnesota courts, although it may have filed the articles subsequent to making the contract.

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SHAREHOLDERS MUST ACCEPT

Erie Telegraph Company Needs Millions by January 10.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Details of a plan for the reorganization of the Erie Telegraph & Telephone Company, with a capital of $32,000,000, involving a transfer of control to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, are made public in a circular to the shareholders of the Erie Company issued today. Kidder, Peabody & Co. will carry out the plan if it is accepted by the shareholders. That the step will be taken is thought to be assured in view of the statement in the circular that the financial condition of the company is "critical," and the declaration that $8,000,000 in notes, with interest from July 10, 1901, at 5 per cent per annum, fall due January 10, 1902, while "the company has on hand to meet these maturing notes no cash or securities upon which cash can be raised, nor any other available resources, and it will therefore be unable to pay them."

The circular also refers to the necessity of spending $5,000,000 on subsidiary companies, which amount the Erie is unable to furnish.

The reorganization plan which the Erie directors recommend involves the formation of a new company with $15,000,000 in preferred stock to be 6 per cent cumulative after 2 years from issue, and $16,000,000 common stock, par value of each $100. This stock will be subject only to an indebtedness of $10,000,000 gold bonds.

Two Conventions at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The 17th annual meeting of the American Historical Association and the annual meeting of the American Economic Association began here tonight, and will continue for several days. For their initial gathering the two organizations held a joint session at the Columbian University. The features of this session were the addresses of the president of the respective associations, President Francis F. Adams, of the the Historical Society, speaking on the topic "An Undeveloped Function," and Professor Richard T. Ely, of the Economic Association, having for his subject "Industrial Liberty." Mr. Adams advocated a freer discussion of political questions by scholars. In an academic discussion of the question of industrial liberty, Professor Ely declared that liberty cannot be an absolute idea, because authority is needed in society. On the other hand, socialism furnishes us with no sufficient ideal of industrial liberty.

Express Company's Strike Settled.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 27.—The strike of the employes of the American Express Company line has been settled. At the meeting of the teamsters' union, the express company agreed to give the men $52 a month for a 10-hour day. The arrangement, guaranteed by the Board of Trade as arbitrators, was unanimously accepted.

The City of Aguadilla, Porto Rico, is desirous of negotiating a loan of $50,000. The money is needed to pay the present municipal debt, amounting to $8000, and to build a market-house and pave the streets.

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