CAN ELMORE GET IT?

Scramble at Astoria for Collector of Customs.

COUSIN OF HENRY C. PAYNE

Wealthy Salmon Packer Goes East to Enlist Influence for Appointment, in Face of Opposition of Fulton.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 10.—Local candidates for Collector of Customs at this port are much perturbed over the departure of Samuel Elmore for the East, and are wondering if he will be able to land the plum through influence of prominent political and personal friends, who are known to be close to President Roosevelt. Mr. Elmore's ostensible mission is to dispose of the pack of the Columbia River Packers' Association, of which he is vice-president and general manager, but politicians profess to have discovered an ulterior motive for the trip at this particular time, and it is puzzling them sorely to figure out just what the result will be. Mr. Elmore has been more or less prominent in Clatsop County politics for a score of years, and has held several offices and is at present a member of the Water Commission.

Unfortunately for Mr. Elmore's previous political aspirations, he has been continually at outs with the Fulton machine. Four years ago he was an active candidate for the Collectorship, but was turned down because of a fear on the part of Mr. Fulton and his supporters that he could not be controlled after getting into office. As the proprietor of the leading Republican daily newspaper of Clatsop County, Mr. Elmore has been in a position to annoy Mr. Fulton's political plans in no small measure, and he has turned his editorial batteries upon the Senator on more than one occasion. In the present scramble for the Collectorship, which pays $4000 a year, Mr. Elmore went over to the enemy, and is the avowed candidate of the Simon faction of the party. But Senator Simon has not been unusually successful in obtaining choice Federal appointments, and Mr. Elmore can bring additional pressure to bear through friends in the East. He is a cousin of the newly appointed Postmaster-General, Henry C. Payne, and the two were boys together in Milwaukee, before Mr. Elmore came to Astoria. He is also intimately acquainted with the new Secretary of the Treasury, Leslie M. Shaw; Congressman Sereno Payne, of New York, and, through influential family connections in Wisconsin, may possibly secure the support of the Badger State delegation.

At the outset there were six announced candidates, each of whom looked to Senator Fulton for indorsement. They were: Judge F. J. Taylor, W. F. McGregor, W. H. Barker, George Nelson, W. L. Robb, D. K. Warren and J. W. Welch. Of the list, W. L. Robb and W. H. Barker are regarded as the most likely candidates, others having been eliminated in a measure from the fight. D. K. Warren, who was seriously thought of at one time, is a wealthy capitalist, with interests on both sides of the river, and the appointment would have been welcomed by him because of the honor which would go with it. Barker is a prominent salmon-packer, and was a member of the firm of George & Barker previous to the formation of the Columbia River Packers' Association. Robb has made the most energetic canvass of the candidates, and has prepared a petition, signed by representative citizens, which will be forwarded to the Oregon delegation.

It is known that Mr. Elmore has been getting his affairs in such shape that he will have more leisure from business than heretofore, and he will undoubtedly further his political ambitions, if possible, while in the East. What action the President will take is the present perplexity that is worrying the candidates of the Fulton machine. Whether he will set aside the wishes of the Clatsop County organization as they will be expressed through Senator Mitchell, is the problem. And the fact that President Roosevelt has a penchant for the unexpected in appointments has increased the uncertainty.

WANTS TRIAL ELSEWHERE.

Humphrey Avers That He Cannot Get Justice Without It.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—"The people of Marion, Polk, Linn, Benton, Washington, Yamhill, Lane, Clackamas and Tillamook Counties are in such a frenzy against me that they would not believe the most convincing testimony in my defense," is the substance of an affidavit filed in the Circuit Court today by A. M. Humphrey. Humphrey is under indictment for violating the grain warehouse law and for larceny of wheat by bailee. His case comes up for trial at the term of court just convened. In order to secure a change of venue to some county other than those named he has filed an affidavit stating that because of undue prejudice against him he cannot have a fair trial in these counties.

Humphrey was formerly a grain buyer in Salem. In March, 1901, persons who had delivered grain at the Humphrey warehouse and had not received their money for the same demanded a settlement. Humphrey could not settle, and the criminal charge was filed.

In his affidavit for a change of venue Humphrey says that owing to numerous failures of bankers and warehousemen, the people are prejudiced against all men who have failed in those enterprises, whether they are guilty of crimes or not. He says that numerous efforts at prosecution have resulted in failures to convict the defendants, and for that reason the people in the counties named "are wrought up to such a mad frenzy that they are now seeking to have a sacrificial victim, and have decided upon me to be that victim for all the supposed sins of all bankers and warehousemen in said counties and elsewhere." He says the people have determined that he shall be that victim, and shall be convicted whether he is guilty or not.

Humphrey relates the incidents of the first meeting of his creditors, and says that the creditors became greatly excited and made threats of hanging him or throwing him in the river, and that after an hour of discussion the meeting broke up in a mad panic. He alleges that as a result of his exposure and excitement in attending that meeting of creditors he was practically out of his mind for some time thereafter, and suffered a relapse in an illness from which he was recovering. He continues:

"I am informed and verily believe that secret meetings have been held in Salem at this term of this court, and at the last term of this court, by people of this county, in which lynching and hanging are still freely discussed, and were it not for the fact that some cool-headed persons prevailed, these threats would be put into execution.

"I have discussed these matters with the more reasonable persons of Marion County, and of said other counties, and I am informed by them that the people generally not only have a bitter feeling against me personally, but are also more bitter at me because I am a warehouseman, and that I would not only have to prove myself innocent of the crime of which I am charged in this action, but that I would have to show the innocence of all other warehousemen and bankers who have heretofore failed in said counties before I could possibly get a verdict of acquittal from any jury, with the rarest possible exception, in any of said counties aforesaid."

The affidavit is backed up by statements made by 28 persons who say that from their knowledge of the prejudice against Humphrey in this and other counties named it would be impossible for him to get a fair trial in any of them. The motion for a change of venue is signed by Maxwell & Hayden and S. T. Richardson, attorneys for the defendant.

District Attorney Hart is preparing affidavits to controvert the allegations of the motion, and will endeavor to show that Humphrey can secure a fair trial in this county.

W. R. Smith, of Silverton, was today indicted on a charge of assaulting C. M. Hinkle, of the same same place, with intent to kill. The offense was committed last Fall and the case has been awaiting the District Attorney's action at this term of court.

Judge Boise today tried the case of Charles K. Spaulding vs. the Independence & Falls City Lumber & Improvement Company. The purpose of the suit is to determine the right of the latter company to a franchise for exclusive control of the Luckiamute River in Polk County, for logging purposes. The latter company applied to the County Court of Polk County for a franchise under the act of 1901, and the Spaulding Company contested the matter on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. The case was tried in Marion County to suit the convenience of attorneys. Judge Boise has taken the case under advisement.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

To Be Built at St. Helens, at a Cost of $3940.

ST. HELENS, Or., Feb. 10.—The contract for the erection of a four-room schoolhouse in St. Helens has been awarded for $3940. Work will be commenced on the new structure as soon as the weather will permit. The work is to be completed by August 20, 1902.

Dr. H. R. Cliff, chairman of the Republican county central committee, has called a meeting of that body for next Saturday at 2:30, in St. Helens.

The county teachers' examination will take place in the Courthouse Wednesday of this week.

Captain Newsome has commenced the erection of a two-story business block in the City of Rainier. The frame is up and partially enclosed.

The new company has taken charge of the Smith mill at Rainier, and is making some needed repairs before starting on custom work. The mill will be run to its full capacity, about 100,000 per day, and will cut for San Francisco and Hawaiian markets.

POLK COUNTY VOTERS.

Only 400 Out of 3000 Have Registered—Dallas Notes.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 10.—Out of a voting population of 3000, only 400 have registered in this county up to date; 2725 registered at the last election.

The Dallas College basket-ball team will play the Monmouth team February 14, at Monmouth. This will be the second game of the intercollegiate scrubs between these clubs.

Entries to the goat and poultry show are numerous.

T. B. Huntley has been appointed County Roadmaster. He is a resident of Independence.

MANY PHEASANTS PERISHED.

Cold Weather Worked Havoc With Them in Washington County.

HILLSBORO, Or., Feb. 10.—The recent cold worked havoc among Chinese pheasants. Hundreds perished from starvation. Many are so poor that they cannot fly. It is no uncommon thing for farmers to pick them up and place them in chicken-yards. The young ones seem to have suffered the most.

City Recorder Bagley has been sentencing hobos to work on the streets, under the direction of the Marshal. Five tramps have been working on crosswalks. These travelers are giving the city a wide berth since the order went into effect.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.

Yesterday's quotations were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alaska M. & M.	9¼	11½
Adams Mountain	2¾	3
Astoria-Melbourne (Std.)	20	50
Bronze Monarch	17¾	18½
Caribou	2½	4½
Copperopolis	20	....
Crystal Consolidated	4¾	6
Chicago	7¾	8½
Cascade Calumet	2¾	4½
Gold Hill & Bohemia	9¼	20
Huronian	5¾	7
Lost Horse	2¾	5¼
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24¾	27
Riverside	1	....
Sumpter Consolidated	2¾	3¼
Sweden Copper (Gtd.)	87¾	90
Winnipeg (Ltd.)	9¼	12

Sales:	Price.
2500 Bronze Monarch	17½
2000 Chicago	7½
2500 Cascade Calumet	3

SPOKANE, Feb. 10.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	7¾	8½	Mtn. Lion	32½	33½
Blacktail	13½	14½	Morn. Glory	3½	3½
Butte & Bos.	1¾	2½	Prin. Maud	3½	3¾
Ben Hur	12	...	Ramb. Car	80	86
Deer Trail 2	2½	2½	Republic	9	14
Fish'maiden	5¾	5¾	Sullivan	8¾	10
Gold Ledge	1½	2	Tom Thumb	22½	23½
L. P. Surp.	7¾	7¾			

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 05	Mexican	$0 31
Belcher	8	Occidental Con	10
Best & Belcher	25	Ophir	84
Caledonia	24	Overman	9
Challenge Con	17	Potosi	13
Chollar	11	Savage	10
Confidence	60	Sierra Nevada	14
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 20	Silver Hill	75
Crown Point	7	Standard	3 35
Gould & Curry	14	Union Con	20
Hale & Norcross	29	Utah Con	1
Justice	13	Yellow Jacket	18

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 11
Alice	45	Ontario	6 75
Breece	65	Ophir	80
Brunswick Con	7	Phoenix	4
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	10
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 20	Savage	8
Deadwood Terra.	50	Sierra Nevada	12
Horn Silver	1 50	Small Hopes	35
Iron Silver	64	Standard	3 40
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 21 50	Osceola	$ 82 50
Allouez	31 50	Parrott	21 00
Amalgamated	72 00	Quincy	140 00
Baltic	38 50	Santa Fe Cop.	3 50
Bingham	23 50	Tamarack	255 00
Cal. & Hecla	650 00	Trimountain	73 50
Centennial	12 00	Trinity	13 75
Copper Range	58 00	United States	17 25
Dominion Coal	72 12	Utah	24 00
Franklin	14 00	Victoria	5 25
Isle Royale	22 25	Winona	1 50
Mohawk	54 00	Wolverines	50 25
Old Dominion	32 00		

Death Was Accidental.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 10.—The Coroner's verdict tonight was "accidental killing" in the case of James Johnson, who died at the Bonanza mine late Saturday. Johnson was working on the fourth level, and ascended to the third to repair a broken bellrope. In some unknown way he slipped and fell into the shaft, dropping 100 feet. His mutilated body will be shipped to Utah for burial.

About a dozen local Baker City oil men held a meeting here today, at which it was decided to begin boring operations in the Malheur district in the immediate future. Capital is not wanting to prosecute the work. Since oil was struck a few days ago in the upper end of the basin, considerable interest has been awakened here.

Attacked by a Footpad.

WHATCOM, Wash., Feb. 10.—An Italian footpad crept up behind Martin Anderson, a railroad contractor, and knocked him down. Anderson retained consciousness and grappled with his assailant, who began slashing him with a knife. Help quickly arrived, and the footpad was arrested. He declines to give his name.

NOTHING IN THE CHARGES

SO DECIDES M'BRIDE IN NORMAL SCHOOL MATTER.

He Believes the Trustees Are Working for the Best Interests of the Cheney Institution.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—Governor McBride gave out a statement last night in which he declared the charges made by Professor J. H. Miller, late principal of the State Normal School at Cheney, against two of the members of the Board of Trustees of that institution were utterly unfounded. The Governor's statement is as follows:

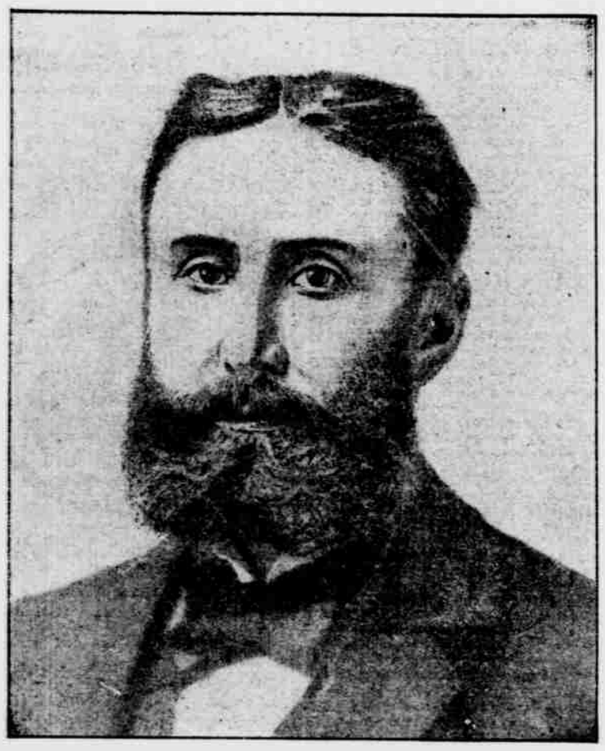
"I have made careful investigation of the charges preferred against the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School at Cheney, by Professor H. J. Miller. The resignation of Professor Miller before a hearing could be had on his charges was practically a confession that he was in the wrong.

"Notwithstanding that resignation, I thought it incumbent upon me to inquire into the actions of the board. I find that the charges against the board are utterly without foundation. I believe each of the trustees has the good of the institution at heart, and is doing what he can to build up the school.

"Having reached this conclusion, it is perhaps needless for me to say that I shall not ask for the resignation of any member of the Board of Trustees."

Governor McBride spent the day in Spokane. He was in his room most of the day receiving callers.

The Governor said he had not passed upon the applications of any of the Spokane candidates for places under the administration.



SAMUEL ELMORE

WHOSE MISSION EAST IS A PERPLEXING PROBLEM TO ASTORIA POLITICIANS.

SUICIDE IS DOUBTED.

Young Man Is Believed to Have Been Murdered—Father Acts Queerly.

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 10.—The body of John Herbert Prentice, who was shot and killed in bed two miles west of here Friday night of last week, was buried today. John Prentice, father of deceased, and the only relative in this country, did not attend the funeral or interment.

Many people in this locality, in fact, a large majority of the citizens of Pullman and vicinity, do not accept the verdict of the Coroner's jury, that deceased shot himself. Prosecuting Attorney Neergaard, of this county, has been asked to investigate the case. The bullet which killed the young man entered the top of his head. It would have been difficult for him to fire the shot, and it is pointed out that he had no cause to commit suicide.

Deceased was born in North Yamhill, Or., 21 years ago last November. His parents separated when he was 2 years old, his father coming to Pullman. His mother married Robert Hanning, by whom she had a son. Mrs. Hanning died 11 years ago, leaving an estate to be divided between her two sons. Herbert was to appear before the court next month for final settlement with the administrator. He expected to receive at least $10,000.

The house where the shooting occurred is two miles west of here, on school land. There the father and son lived together. John Prentice, the father, is very eccentric, and at times his sanity has been questioned. The night his son was killed he fired five shots with a Winchester rifle through the door and walls of the house, at imaginary burglars. No tracks were found around the house, although there was plenty of snow.

PENALTY FOR VOTE-BUYING.

Judge in Last Election Will Serve Ten Months in Jail.

ELLENSBURG, Feb. 10.—Sheriff Brown has just returned from Fairfax with William Milby, who was convicted of vote-buying at Roslyn in the last election, while acting as judge. He was convicted in the Superior Court here, and, on appeal to the Supreme Court of the state, sentence was affirmed.

Meantime Milby, who was out on bail, quietly left this county. One report said he had gone to Scotland, while another placed him in British Columbia. The Sheriff, however, located him at Fairfax, a small mining town on the west slope of the Cascades, and had no trouble in bringing him back.

The fine was $250 and costs and six months in the County Jail. The costs amounted to $110, so his term of imprisonment will be about 10 months, at $3 a day. Milby is about 65 years of age, is a coal miner by occupation, and has always been an active worker in the Democratic ranks. The names of prominent politicians of the county were mentioned at the time in connection with the case, but no official notice was taken of the gossip.

BROKE JAIL AND ESCAPED.

Two Military Prisoners at Vancouver Barracks.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Feb. 10.—Two military prisoners confined in the post guardhouse at Vancouver Barracks broke jail last night. The men are: Musician Bert W. Roberts, Twenty-sixth Field Battery, United States Artillery Corps, who was recently sentenced by court-martial to serve 18 months at Alcatraz Island for selling Government property and for desertion, and Private Bernard Atwood, Eighth Field Battery, under sentence to serve three months in the post guardhouse and to forfeit $30 of his pay, for sleeping on duty. The men made their escape by cutting a hole in the ceiling of the guardroom with a penknife or other instrument, and by removing the glass from a skylight. From the roof of the building they let themselves down to the ground by means of a rope. A description of the men has been sent to all points at which it is thought they could reach the railroad or cross the Columbia. There is a standing reward of $30 offered by the Government for the return to a post of any deserter.

Considerable uneasiness is felt among the men of the Twenty-sixth Field Battery at Vancouver concerning the whereabouts of Sergeant John Wyder. Sergeant Wyder has not been seen or heard of by his comrades since January 10. On that date he went to Portland. He was seen to go upon the ferry on his way home that evening. That was the last seen of him. He had been in the service 21 years, and his friends scout the idea that he has deserted. They fear that he may have fallen overboard from the ferry.

WELL-KNOWN PIONEER DEAD.

J. C. Markley, of Columbia County, Washington.

STARBUCK, Wash., Feb. 10.—J. C. Markley, pioneer, prominent Democrat and ex-County Commissioner of Columbia County, died last night of pneumonia, aged 79 years. Not much is known of his early history. He came West to Portland in 1858, and figured conspicuously in Indian wars in the vicinity of The Dalles. He acquired a fortune in his mining investments at Fraser River, Cariboo and Northwest Territory. He located his home in Walla Walla County prior to 1878, and went into the cattle business extensively. Later he purchased a half interest in Lyon's Ferry, where he died.

Markley was not a wealthy man at the time of his death. There is considerable interest in what disposition he has made of his estate, since he had no known relatives. Markley will be buried in Dayton tomorrow.

Brothers Will Be Buried Together.

EUGENE, Feb. 10.—The bodies of Daniel T. Howe and James T. Howe, of San Francisco, arrived here tonight, and will be buried tomorrow in a double grave. Their mother and one brother, J. M. Howe, live here. Daniel T. died in San Francisco, and the body was shipped here for burial, James accompanying his brother's remains. He was ill at the time of starting, and grew rapidly worse, and died from pneumonia on the train, when near Grant's Pass. Daniel was a single man, but James left several children.

Mary E. Smith.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 10.—Mary E. Smith, wife of Z. T. Smith, died at her home in this city today. Deceased was born in Linn County in 1854, and resided in Salem nine years. She left a husband and the following named children: Mrs. S. M. Snell, Salem; J. F. Smith, Seattle; Everett Smith, Ashland; Ivette, Ida, Pearl and Grace Smith, Salem. The funeral will be conducted from the late home tomorrow by Rev. N. Shupp, of the Evangelical Church.

PEACE AFTER WAR.

Pacific Coast Sugar Jobbers Have Formed a Pool.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The preliminaries of a combination of Northern jobbers who will maintain the price of sugar were arranged at the Merchants Club today. Prominent jobbing houses of Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland were represented. The Northern dealers have combined with the pool already formed by California jobbers, both in this city and throughout the state. It is the purpose of the pool to regulate the price along the entire Pacific Slope, as far east as Utah. In order to do this the jobbers controlling this territory have entered into an agreement to maintain a schedule price, as shall be adopted by the pool.

The price, as heretofore, will be determined by the refineries, but it is the intention of the jobers to add an additional one-eighth to one-quarter of a cent per pound in order to reimburse themselves for the expense of handling. The date for the intended rise in price has not yet been determined.

Albany Notes.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 10.—Hon. F. A. Falkenburg, head consul of the Woodmen of the World, was given a big reception in this city tonight. Delegations of Woodmen were present from all the adjoining towns.

A steady downpour of rain fell at this city yesterday and the previous night, causing the river to rise nine feet since Saturday. The water now stands at 15 feet, with prospect of at least three feet more tomorrow.

Trial Postponed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 10.—In the Superior Court today the case of the State vs. Will Prince, charged with the murder of Frank Sturne, Thanksgiving night, went over for the term on motion of the defendant, on account of the absence of witnesses. Prince shot Sturne thinking he was a footpad.

Navigation Resumed.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 10.—The last of the ice gorge in the Columbia below this city cleared last night. Navigation between The Dalles and Portland is opened. The steamer Regulator went down the river this morning.

Prompt relief in sick headache, dizziness, nausea, constipation, pain in the side, guaranteed to those using Carter's Little Liver Pills.

TRAINS DELAYED BY SNOW

SEVERE STORM IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

All Streams at Flood Stage—Great Benefit to Agriculture and Mining.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 10.—The heaviest storm of the Winter burst over this section yesterday and continued until this morning. Railroad traffic was considerably demoralized, and all trains were delayed for about 12 hours in reaching Ashland, from both north and south. Trains are moving on time again tonight.

Reports from all along the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Southern Oregon and Northern California show for the 24 hours ending this morning the heaviest downfall of rain and snow this season. All streams have been at a flood stage.

At Dunsmuir the bursting of the water company's reservoir under the unusual pressure released the pent-up waters and they swept down the mountain side, carrying considerable destruction of property with them. The railroad track and switch yards there were completely inundated with the flood. At the north a stretch of railroad track was washed out. At Leland and at many places between Grant's Pass and Ashland the track was under water. The extent of the downpour is indicated by the record of precipitation at points in this territory, for the 24 hours ended this morning. Siseon reported over two inches of rain; Siskiyou, six inches of snow; Medford, nearly two inches of rain; Grant's Pass, one inch of rain; Ashland, over one inch of rain and two inches of snow. The storm will be of great benefit to farmers, miners and orchardists.

Damage at Dunsmuir.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The town of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County, 309 miles north of here, experienced a cloudburst last night that carried six occupied dwellings off their foundations and delayed railroad traffic many hours. No fatalities have been reported. The southern end of Dunsmur is built on the side of a mountain. As the water from the cloudburst tore down the mountain side it toppled over six dwellings and flooded several others. By almost a miracle the occupants escaped injury. The flood carried immense tree-trunks and boulders with it and deposited tons of rubbish on the railroad track, which parallels the Sacramento River at that point.

The Oregon Express, which should have reached San Francisco this morning, was held many hours before the track was clear.

NEWS OF ASTORIA.

Suit for $5000 Against the City—Run of Steelheads.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 10.—Suit was filed in the Circuit Court today by John L. Bock against the City of Astoria. The complaint alleges that on August 21, 1900, the plaintiff fell through a hole in the planking on Duane street and sustained a permanent injury of the right knee. He asks for damages in the sum of $5000, with $100 doctor's fees.

An attachment suit was filed in the Circuit Court today against the Astoria Gas Light Company, by G. O. Moen, to recover $1255 50, the balance due on coal furnished the defendant company. The plaintiff is president of the company attached.

Reports from the vicinity of Cathlamet are to the effect that there is a considerable run of steelheads in that vicinity and that the traps and gillnetters are doing quite well. The price paid for the raw fish is 4½ cents per pound.

Deeds were filed for record today whereby A. W. Lambert, of Portland, purchases about 1200 acres of timber land in the vicinity of Olney. The price is said to be about $6000.

James Winters, a millwright, of South Bend, Wash., and R. B. Dyer, who is to be the new manager of the Clatsop Mill Company, are here preparing the plans for rebuilding the company's mill, which will be on the site of the one burned about a year ago.

The County Commissioners' Court has purchased a 35 horse-power semi-portable engine, to be used in running the county's portable mill in cutting planking for building roads. The engine which the county now owns will be used to operate the rock crusher.

A call was issued by City Treasurer Dealey today for warrants Nos. 13,310 and 13,573, drawn on the Tenth-street improvement fund, and for warrant No. 13,315, drawn on the Ninth-street fund.

SEVEN YEARS FOR THEFT.

Punishment for a Man Who Stole $1000 From a Woman.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—Seven years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla is the sentence imposed by Judge Rudkin on Attorney W. A. Lewis, convicted of stealing more than $1000 from Mrs. Nettie Brauer Platt, one of his clients. The sentence was given this morning, and was accompanied by a scathing comment by the Judge. Lewis was also convicted last Saturday night of stealing money from Mary Lambert, another client, but sentence in this case was deferred. He will remain in the county jail pending decisions on his appeal to the Supreme Court.

Lewis was formerly a prominent lawyer here. His case has gained additional notoriety because of his flights to Seattle and Denver to escape prosecution, he having lived in both cities for some time under assumed names.

Murdered in the Street.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 10.—A special to the Statesman from Mountain Home, Idaho, says:

Late this evening Frank Gardner shot and killed Joseph Montague on the street at the Opera-House corner. Gardner gave himself up, and is now under arrest. The tragedy was the result of a feud of long standing.

Trial of Lynchers Postponed.

ALTURAS, Cal., Feb. 10.—Hearings of the Lookout lynching case have been indefinitely postponed, Judge Harrington being confined to his bed. The trial has been a severe strain on the nerves of both counsel and the court, and Judge Harrington's system was the first to succumb to the nervous strain.

LIVED 109 YEARS.

Mrs. Nancy Jane Roberts—Born in 1793.

SHERWOOD, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Nancy Jane Roberts, who was undoubtedly the oldest woman in Oregon, died recently at the home of Matt Baker, near Hood View, three miles from Sherwood, at the advanced age of 109 years. She was born in what is now the State of Missouri in 1793.

Mrs. Roberts was born in the year of the great revolution in France, and while Washington was serving the first year of his second term as President of the United States, and six years prior to his death.

She emigrated to Oregon with her family in the year 1852, and settled in the Willamette Valley.

Her husband died about 30 years ago, at a very old age, since which time she had made her home with her married sons and daughters residing in this vicinity. She was a great-great-grandmother, and at her death her eldest son now living (an older son having died a number of years ago), was a hale, hearty old gentleman, with a large family and 71 years of age.

Mrs. Roberts had been totally blind, partially deaf and helpless for a number of years past, and owing to her personal appearance has avoided coming in contact with strangers, preferring the privacy of her own apartments. The gradual failure of her mental and physical powers had been apparent for a number of years, however, but up to the time of her death she was able to converse intelligently for one of her impaired mental capacity.

Her death terminates the career of probably the last of the contemporaries of Washington and the founders of the Republic. The body was buried at the beautiful Pleasant Hill cemetery in Clackamas County.

Were Lost in the Mountains.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 10.—Four prospectors, headed by a half-breed guide, arrived here this evening by the steamer Tees, from Alert Bay, at the north end of Vancouver Island. They had a starvation trip across the mountains. They left Quatsino 10 days ago, and for four days and five nights were lost. The guide mistook the trail in the snow, and the men traveled in a circle. They had but one day's provisions, and for the remaining time they half starved and waded in snow drifts.

The Tees also brought word that smallpox had again broken out among the Indians in the North.

Insane Man in the Woods.

BINGHAM SPRINGS, Feb. 10.—Roaming around in the woods, divested of every stitch of clothing, and showing fight toward pursuers, Henry Steels, has turned into a wild man. Friday morning Steels went to the barn to milk the cows, and did not come back. Search followed, and neighbors found him four miles away, stark naked. He was not caught, but appeared intent on going further into the interior. He was followed, but showed fight as his friends approached, and when last seen was disappearing into the brush.

College Debaters Chosen.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. 10.—In the preliminary "try-out" for the selection of two debating teams for the intercollegiate debate with Berkeley and the University of Washington, the following were chosen to enter the final try-out: J. W. Cameron, Belgrade, Mont.; A. Jones, College Park, Cal.; W. C. Maloy, San Jose; J. H. Page, Salem, Or.; O. H. Ritter, Chico, Cal.; G. W. Leystener, San Francisco; L. D. Lockwood, Brownville, Cal.; A. G. Thompson, Needy, Or.

Died by His Own Hand.

SEATTLE, Feb. 10.—Sergeant H. M. Jackson, of the Northwest Mounted Police, is dead at Dawson by his own hand. Telegraphic advices received via the steamer Farallon state that he committed suicide January 30. Placing a revolver in his mouth, he sent a bullet through his head. He left no word of explanation of the deed. He was a native of Trent, England.

Smallpox at Union.

UNION, Feb. 10.—Union has a number of smallpox cases, two additional cases being quarantined by the Health Officer Saturday. The disease has appeared here in a mild form. The officials are doing all they can to exterminate it, and are positive they can stamp it out.

Bond's Case Continued.

PENDLETON, Feb. 10.—The case of W. E. Bond, accused by C. H. Brown of misappropriating grain belonging to him, was continued. Bond has been under $250 bonds since last Tuesday. He was released today on his own recognizance.

Salisbury Goes East.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—Definite advices received here state that W. Salisbury, Portland's crack baseball pitcher, has signed with the Philadelphia National League Club.

Humane Agent Will Investigate.

DENVER, Feb. 10.—Humane Agent H. B. Kerr left here last night for a tour of the southeastern counties to investigate the reports about starving cattle. In Baca County, thousands of cattle on the ranges are said to be dying from starvation and exposure. The cause of the mortality is due to the scarcity of grass and the freezing of the water holes.

Impairment of hearing robs one of many of the joys of life, exposes to danger, interferes with capacity for usefulness, limits ability to transact business and earn a living. Many annually abandon their plans, ambitions and hopes on account of loss of hearing.

In nearly every case of partial or complete deafness there is another feature that to many is more troublesome than the difficulty of hearing—the distracting head noises. These make such an impression on some as to almost drive them insane. The everlasting buzzing, ringing, snapping, rumble or roar, distracts them by day and prevents rest at night.

Nine cases out of ten of head noises and progressive hardness of hearing are due to catarrh of the middle ear of the tube leading from it to the throat.

It should be understood and constantly borne in mind that to restore the hearing and silence the distracting noises a treatment is required that will allay inflammation in the eustachian tubes, reduce the congestion and swelling and stop the secretion of mucus so that the tubes will be and keep open for the free passage of air into the middle ear. No locally applied medicine will effectually do this, only a searching constitutional alterative and resolvent will cure catarrh in the deep recesses of the head.

Two acquaintances of the writer were run down and killed by the cars in one year. Both had catarrh of the head, which had extended up the eustachian tubes, leading from the throat to the middle ear, and were quite hard of hearing. In both cases the Coroner's jury decided that they came to their death because of inability to hear and heed signals that were intended for them. What happened to them is of frequent occurrence, and in three cases out of four might have been prevented by the use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets. These tablets cure all kinds of catarrh. They can be bought at any drug store for 50 cents a box.

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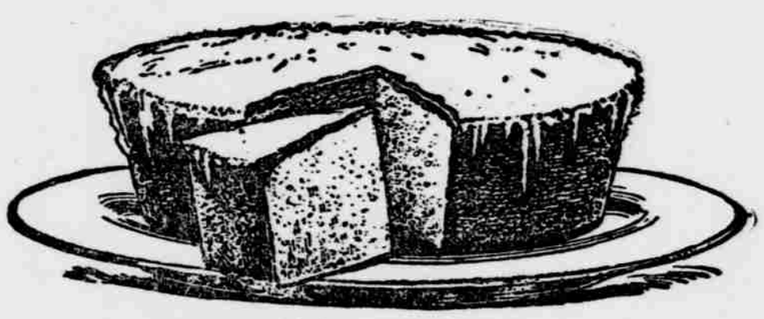

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