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Famous Will Case is Decided.
DAVENPORT, Ia., Oct. 20.—The famous Parker will case was decided today by Judge Wolf, who holds that Francis Parker, son of Mrs. Fraissinet and Frederick Parker of Omaha was acknowledged in deeds to be the son of Frederick Parker, and hence is heir to half of the million-dollar estate of James Monroe Parker, as heir of the grandfather, Judge Wolf holds that Mrs. Fraissinet was a servant, and not Parker's wife.

Idaho Editors Elect Officers.
SPOKANE, Oct. 20.—The Idaho State Editorial Association is concluding its session at Couer d'Alene, Idaho, this afternoon with an excursion on the lake. The new officers elected are: H. C. Parker, of Moscow, president; Frank Simmons, of Boise, vice-president; M. S. Shaker, of Boise, secretary; Miss Mabel Paine, of Mountain Home, treasurer. The association is to meet in Boise next year.

LOST OFF BLANCO

Steamer South Portland Goes Down.

HITS REEF IN A FOG

Only 17 Persons Out of 39 on Board Saved.

RESCUERS DRIVEN BACK

Two Women Among the Passengers Drowned.

SURF OVERTURNS LIFEBOATS

Vessel Was on Way From Portland to San Francisco With Full Cargo of Grain and Fourteen Passengers.

THE DROWNED AND MISSING.
Mrs. Fletcher Bent, of Nova Scotia.
S. Baker, of Alameda.
J. S. Lacey.
Mrs. W. E. Tyrrell, of Portland.
Mrs. Tyrrell's son, aged 14.
F. Meringe.
C. Hallenbeck.
D. McKay.
Paul Behnsmuth.
J. C. Wright.
J. Watson.
Second Officer Killgore.
First Assistant Engineer Charles Huson (died shortly after being rescued).
Second Cook George Jackson.
E. Humphrey, cook.
H. Christoffen, seaman.
John McKenna, seaman.
Charles Peterson, seaman.
B. Doherty, fireman.
P. Wolf, fireman.

THE SURVIVORS.
Captain J. McIntyre.
Charles Bruce, first officer.
James Ward, chief engineer.
T. Pizzotti, second assistant engineer.
John McKenna, officer.
J. Driscoll, officer.
William Hughes, fireman.
William Robinson, fireman.
James Alwood, seaman.
C. Johnson, seaman.
John Reimer, seaman.
Emanuel Passoments, cook.

SURVIVING PASSENGERS.
L. Baker.
Guy Bent.
Al Bailey.
William L. Wilson.
H. Weber.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 20.—The steamer South Portland, which sailed from Portland, Or., last Sunday, loaded with grain for San Francisco, struck Blanco Reef last evening at 5 o'clock during a heavy fog. The vessel carried a crew of 25 and 14 passengers. Of these the following have reached shore: James McIntyre, captain; John Reimer, a sailor, of San Francisco; Emanuel Passoments, chief cook; William L. Wilson, Jr., of Baltimore; L. Baker, Alameda, Cal.; Guy Bent, a boy of 12 years, of Nova Scotia; Al Bailey, of North Dakota, passenger; Charles Bruce, first officer; James Ward, chief engineer; T. Pizzotti, second assistant engineer; John McKenna, officer; J. Driscoll, officer; W. Hughes, fireman; W. Robinson, fireman; James Alwood, seaman; H. Weber, passenger; C. Johnson, seaman.

Charles Huson, the first engineer, died as they were taking him off the life raft from exposure. Eighteen persons are yet missing and are probably lost. The South Portland struck bow on going at a speed of about seven knots. As soon as she struck she began to settle astern and in a minute or two slid off the reef and began to sink.

All Hands Take to the Boats.
Captain McIntyre, seeing that there was no hope of saving the ship, ordered the boats lowered.

One of the boats that got away from the ship's side, loaded with part of the crew and some of the passengers, was capsized as she cleared the ship's side and when last seen was floating away in the fog without a living soul aboard. The captain's boat, with about 15 aboard, succeeded in clearing, but was also capsized and only seven were able to get back to the boat. These consisted of Captain James McIntyre, John Reimer, Emanuel Passoments, W. L. Wilson, L. Baker, Guy Bent and Al Bailey. They reached Port Orford last night.

A lifeboat, on which the following embarked, succeeded in reaching shore this afternoon: Charles Bruce, first officer; James Ward, chief engineer; T. Pizzotti, second assistant engineer; John McKenna, officer; J. Driscoll, officer; W. Hughes, fireman; W. Robinson, fireman; James Alwood, seaman; H. Weber, passenger; C. Johnson,

seaman, and Charles Huson, the first assistant engineer. The survivors suffered much from exposure.

Another Raft Out Yet.
There is another raft out yet that has not been sighted. On this raft are seven persons. It is almost certain that the loss of life will figure but it all told, providing those on the second raft are safe and the exposure they have to endure make it almost certain that some of the weaker ones will perish before morning.

The Bandon life-saving crew went overland to Port Orford and started in search of the last-named party. They have not yet returned, but an anxious throng eagerly awaits them, with hopes of good news.

The tug Columbia is in the vicinity of the wreck having left Coos Bay at 10 A. M. as soon as the fog cleared, but no news has been heard of her yet.

Struck in a Blinding Fog.
Captain McIntyre, of the wrecked steamer, was disinclined to talk for publication on the matters pertaining to the course his boat was traveling or whether she was off her course when she ran on Blanco Reef last evening. When questioned tonight he said: "We had been running in a blinding fog ever since we left the Columbia River and it was so thick when we struck you could not see any distance. There were 17 in my boat when we left the sinking steamer. When away from the ship's side our boat swamped and went down. I, with a seaman, got in again and bailed her out and got five others in with us. It was 4:30 o'clock when we struck and we were in the boat until 5:30 this morning having to make shore with one oar and a piece of mast. I will make my full and complete statement as to the cause of the accident to the inspectors."

STORY OF THE WRECK.
Brought Out From Evidence of Passengers Before Coroner's Jury.
PORT ORFORD, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The steamer South Portland struck northwest Blanco sunken reef at 4:30 P. M., during a thick fog. According to reports from survivors, it was from 20 minutes to one hour after striking the reef until the vessel sank. She carried 39 people, all told—14 passengers and a crew of 25—of whom five passengers and 12 of the crew were saved. Of the crew saved were: J. B. McIntyre, master; John Reimer, seaman; Emanuel Passoments, cook; Charles Bruce, first officer; James Ward, chief engineer; T. Pizzotti, second assistant engineer; John McKenna, officer; John Driscoll, officer; William Hughes, fireman; William Robinson, fireman; James Alwood, seaman; C. Johnson, seaman; Charles Huson, first assistant engineer, died from exposure, after being taken into the lifeboats from the raft. The passengers saved were:

Guy Bent, 12 years of age, from Nova Scotia; Lester Baker, of Alameda, Cal.; Al Bailey, of Leonard, S. D.; William Wilson and H. Weber, seamen.
The coroner's jury is in session now, and the evidence from survivors of the wreck in relation to the death of Charles Huson, first assistant engineer, shows that Captain McIntyre left the vessel in the first officer's boat, No. 2, at the request of First Officer Bruce, 15 minutes before boat No. 1 left the vessel, and that the vessel steamed 15 minutes from the point of striking the reef after the captain had left.

In the meantime, the crew constructed impromptu rafts from the hatches, etc., for the saving of the remainder of the crew and passengers. The vessel is presumed to have struck on the northwest swash rock of Cape Blanco reef. In launching the boat, they evidently dumped the passengers and crew, as No. 1 boat is still adrift without occupants. No. 2 boat, in charge of Captain McIntyre, landed at Port Orford beach at 5:30 A. M., with seven persons aboard. This boat, manned by two survivors and Port Orford men put out in search of the raft, and succeeded in finding and landing it at Port Orford with the remaining survivors at 12:30 P. M.

Chief Engineer Ward, in charge of the life raft, reports having seen an impromptu raft containing six people, after the vessel had gone down, and it is supposed they are still adrift.

The tug of the Simpson Lumber Company and the Bandon life-saving crew are using their best endeavors to rescue any other survivors.

Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Tyrrell, the only ladies on board, are known to be among the missing.

First Officer Bruce, who was on the bridge at the time of the disaster, and Chief Engineer Ward are given full credit and praise for their conduct during the excitement.

At 11 o'clock tonight the coroner's jury had not returned a verdict in the case of the death of Huson.

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THROW HER OUT

Dowie Guards Have to Subdue Mrs. Nation.

SHE INTERRUPTS "ELIJAH"

Police Fear a Riot and Refuse to Let Late-Comers In.

PRESS AND CLERGY SCORED

Dr. Parkhurst Addresses a Characteristic Letter to the Zionists Leader, and Tells Him His Head Must Be Twisted.

PARKHURST TO DOWIE.
I went to hear you preach the Gospel. You preach Dowie, Zion City and "wink pot."
Your performance was a long way below the standard even of the circus I have witnessed at the same garden.
You cannot buy people into Zionism, nor blackguard them into the Kingdom of Heaven.
I was ashamed of you, and almost ashamed to be in your audience.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Mr. Dowie, arrayed in evening clothes, talked for two hours tonight before a great throng in Madison Square Garden, the burden of his talk being a denunciation of the clergy and the press.

When he began speaking the huge garden was crowded and the police say 600 persons who could not gain entrance were turned away. In half an hour, however, the crowd began to surge out, and then the police refused to admit any late comers, saying they feared a riot.

It was with difficulty that any semblance of order was kept. The speaker was repeatedly interrupted with hisses and shouts of disapproval. At one point Dowie ordered the police to arrest two men in different parts of the building who had interrupted him.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, who occupied a seat near the front, asked "Elijah" to answer some questions. He refused and ordered her to sit down. Dowie then denounced the spirit in Mrs. Nation had warred on the saloon, but said she used wrong methods. Mrs. Nation again demanded the privilege of asking questions. At once the Zion Guards surrounded her and with the help of several policemen ejected her.

At this several hundred persons at the back of the garden made a rush to get out. The entrance was blocked in a moment and Dowie, shouting that the way had been blocked by the crowd outside brought there for the purpose of creating a disturbance, ordered the Zionists to keep their places. He then requested audience to be seated, and after having the side exits opened he requested the audience to rise in sections and go out at the side exits.

The meeting was one of continuous disorder. Dowie had announced he would reply to an attack by Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, published in a magazine last year, but he only referred to this subject casually. He attacked Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, Rev. Parkhurst, J. P. Morgan and others, and announced that hereafter he intended to keep the newspaper reporters out of his meetings.

Dowie's chief aids, his son and his wife, are about to leave for a trip abroad. They will start on Thursday from this city, taking the steamer Saxonia Thursday from Boston. They will go first to England and then to Australia, where Mrs. Dowie's family still lives. They do not expect to return to the United States until next July.

PARKHURST TO DOWIE.
Either His Head is Twisted, or His Heart Infected.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst sent the following open letter to Dowie:
"I do not want to be presuming, but do not let it be any more presumption in me to come and try to clarify you than it is for you to come and try to clarify New York, and I do not know which of us has taken the heavier contract. I attended your service at Madison Square Garden last evening, and I went determined to enjoy it if I could be benefited by it and go away and refute some of the charges that I had heard alleged against you. But it was of no use; your behavior on the platform crushed every throeb of sympathy I had with you. I never heard from a public speaker such a discharge of effusive wrath and coarse invective. I went to hear you preach the Gospel, and you preached Dowie, Zion City, 'wink pot.' I was ashamed of you, and almost ashamed to be in your audience. It was a long way below the standard even of the circus that I have attended in the same garden. The only consolation I could derive was that it was so abominable, and so far beyond the bounds of respectability that even those in your congregation who did not know what Christianity is would have no idea that it had anything to do with what you were saying.
"Of course, the ridiculousness of the performance was mainly enhanced by the immensity of your pretensions. If you claimed to be only an ordinary man, there might be some hope for you even with what you call the 'table,' but the rabble is discriminating, and can discriminate as keenly as the keenest between a prophet and a juggler, between an Elijah and a mountebank.
"If you say in no spirit of slander, but either your head is twisted or your heart infected, or you have blundered badly in your method, you cannot buy people into Zionism, nor blackguard them into

the kingdom of heaven. I hope you will take heed in the kindly spirit in which it is offered, and that it will be blessed to you."

GET SPEECH BY 'PHONE.
London Papers Install Battery of Instruments to Hear Chamberlain.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—At Newcastle tonight Joseph Chamberlain returned to the tariff controversy when he addressed an enthusiastic meeting of 4000 people and held his audience for an hour and a half. A novel feature of the meeting was a battery of telephone receivers placed in front of the speaker's platform, by means of which the speech was conveyed directly to the offices of the local newspapers.

Interest in the tariff controversy has apparently not abated, reports on the speech and comments on it taking precedence in the press. The decision of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal.
The speech was principally a reply to criticisms of Mr. Chamberlain's previous utterances. He had not pretended, he said, that his system would be instituted without costing anything at the start, but he did urge that taxation be transferred from points where it benefited nobody, to points where the empire would profit.

WIND BLOWS A GALE.
Wyoming Roads Are Filled With Timber, and Tramway Wrecked.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 20.—Reports from the Saratoga and Grand Encampment country, in Southern Wyoming, remote from the railroad, which was recently swept by a hurricane indicative that the wind at times attained a velocity of a hundred miles an hour. The stage road between Ward and Wood, Wyo., a distance of 15 miles, was so thoroughly buried under fallen trees that it cannot be cleared up before next summer.
An aerial mining tramway at Grand Encampment, 18 miles in length, and one of the wonders of Western mining, was so badly damaged that it probably will have to be rebuilt. Through a wide area of territory along the Colorado line, the destruction of timber was immense. The region is very sparsely settled, and no loss of life has been reported.

AMBASSADOR GOING HOME
Baron Sternberg Carries Message From President to Kaiser.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Baron Sternberg, the German Ambassador, will leave Washington tomorrow morning for New York, whence he will sail the latter part of the week for Germany. He will carry with him personal messages of friendship and good will from the President to the Emperor and Prince Henry of Prussia.

DR. HUNTER ON TICKET.
Ex-Minister to Guatemala in New York Campaign.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 20.—Secretary of State Hill today certified to the County Clerks of the Eleventh District the name of Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter to go under the long callin official Republican ballot. Dr. Hunter was formerly United States Minister to Guatemala.

Freshman Game Breaks Record.
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Oct. 20.—Athletic Manager Dave Cowdell announced today that the total receipts from the intercollegiate freshmen football game amounted to \$340. After paying expenses the net receipts from Stanford's share of the total were \$166. The attendance was the largest in the history of freshmen football contests in this state.

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LIEU LAND RING

Government Agents on Its Trail.

FRAUDBYWHOLESALE

Through Claim of Bribed Officials.

ALL ALONG PACIFIC COAST

Forest Reserves Created at Dictation of the Ring.

TO CREATE BASIS FOR SCIP

Author of Lieu Land Law Believed to Be Head of the Ring—State and Federal Officials Bribed.

The United States Government is at last on the trail of the lieu land ring and it promises to give a conspiracy involving state and federal officials in all the Pacific states.
The ring has acquired huge land in forest reserves through dummy locators, but is alleged to have bribed men in the General Land office, the Surveyor-General's office and state land offices, also field officers who mapped out forest reserves.
Two secret service agents have been in Portland investigating the frauds and have obtained much evidence.
The heads of the conspiracy are alleged to be F. A. Hyde & Co., of San Francisco, the firm consisting of F. A. Hyde and John A. Bensen. One was revealed by J. H. Schneider, one of their agents.

Uncle Sam is digging up a stupendous lieu land graft on the Pacific Coast. The deeper he goes the deeper he gets, but he has already delved far enough to convince him that a lieu land ring has been carrying on a flagrant business, without conscience and without regard for the well-timbered area on the Pacific coast. This ring has not only acquired "base" lands by "dummies" and other fraudulent means; it has debauched state land officials, making them hewers or partners in the business; it has maintained in the General Land Office at Washington agents whose duty was to "leak" information about proposed reserves and other profitable matters; it has cast its spell over field officers of the General Land Office, who mapped out boundaries of proposed reserves; and it has "worked" those officers by the glitter of gold to conform those boundaries to its own interests.

The central figures of this colossal conspiracy are alleged to be F. A. Hyde & Co., of San Francisco, brokers and dealers in real estate and lieu land scrip. The company consists of F. A. Hyde, reputed to be the author of the lieu land law, and John A. Bensen, who was involved many years ago in the notoriously fraudulent "Benson surveys" of California.
One day last week two strangers put up at Hotel Portland. They were gentlemen quite mysterious, and when reporters tried to grope through the veil that hid the mission of the visitors, they got lost in the fog. The strangers registered "Portland" and their address was the General Land Office. But since their departure the fog has lifted from their trail. Their footprints reveal that they live not at Portland but at Washington, D. C., and that they are agents of the Interior Department, doing espionage for Uncle Sam. Their names are William J. Burns, in the secret service of the Treasury Department, and A. B. Fugh, Assistant Attorney-General, in the Interior Department.
The mission of the visitors who have innocently or knowingly been agents of the ring, evidence that will help the Government in prosecuting the investigators of the conspiracy. The strangers interviewed a number of men, who had been paid for the use of their names in applications for state school land; also certain notaries public who are accused of certifying false and fraudulent affidavits.

At least half a dozen men who had applied for school land in 1888 and had sold their rights for \$5 were called before the visitors. They could throw little light, however, on the dark places. They had sold, they said, to somebody, who had sold to another somebody. But ultimately it transpired that the last "somebody" in each case was one J. H. Schneider.
And who is Schneider? This gentleman for many years was employed by Hyde & Co. as agent. Only last year he quit the firm—shabby treatment was his reason—and forthwith he began to divulge secrets within the hearing of uncorrupted Federal officials. His confessions, if true, laid bare a system of fraud that puts in the shade any scandal in Western annals. But he did not reveal the secrets under oath. So artfully was he handled that he afterward "braced" up and refrained

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