

AS RAIN IN THE MOUNTAINS OF ALASKA

Two Postal Agents Have Not Been Heard of for Many Weeks.

LOOKING FOR NEW ROUTE

Spring Break-Up Puts the Country in Such Condition That No Relief Parties Are Willing to Make a Search.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, May 16.—(Special.)

Lost in the wilds of Alaska while endeavoring to locate a new mail route for the United States Government is believed to be the fate of Mr. Galen and his companion, a man named McKay. The men have not been heard from since the first week in March, and the Government has been unable to send out searching parties into a country that is now most difficult of access.

Major R. K. Evans, military secretary, Department of the Columbia, in receipt of a telegram from the commanding officer at St. Michael, Alaska. The telegram is dated May 14, and was received that evening by Seattle.

The telegram states that "Galen, brother-in-law of Senator Carter, Helena, Mont., is thought to be lost between Kusokwim River and Lillama Lake," and that he has been asked to send out searching parties into a country that is now most difficult of access.

Upon receipt of the telegram Major Evans telegraphed to Senator Carter an inquiry as to whether he had received any later news from Mr. Galen. It was believed at the time that Senator Carter might know if Galen and McKay had reached the States.

The last letter that was received from Mr. Galen was dated Nome, Alaska, February 15, and announced a proposed trip through unexplored sections, with Cook's Inlet as the objective. Senator Carter also requested Major Evans to advise him if authority was necessary, and so, he would fill on the Secretary of War.

Major Evans later in the day wired Senator Carter that the Government has no funds with which to pay searching parties to be sent out after Galen and McKay.

Major Evans states that since these telegrams were sent and received he received another telegram from Major Buck, commanding officer at St. Michael, Alaska, stating: "Thaw and overflow of streams makes it impossible to do anything from that point in the country, or to go. No civilian or Indian can be found who will undertake it until navigation opens with any probability of success." Major Buck also telegraphed Major Evans that he could get no one to make terms or promise any possible success at this time, nor will they state any sum for services.

It is thought that it may be possible to approach from Valdez side by boat up to Lillama Lake and thence inland. The men may have reached some point on the coast, but nothing can be done on this side until after navigation opens, and then it will cost several thousand dollars to get any reliable party to undertake the search, which could be made only by civilians who know the country, or Indians who know the trail. The country in which Mr. Galen is supposed to be lost covers about 200 miles east and west and 50 miles north and south.

Major Buck also states that he has consulted with men who have been in that country many years, and that they all say that nothing can be done from that station at this time.

A later telegram from St. Michael received today, stated that Galen and McKay had been traced as far as the Kusokwim River, east of Kooresky.

GRAY'S BID WAS OVERLOOKED

Offers to Paint State House at Much Less Than Others.

SALEM, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—After the adjournment of the Board of Capitol Building Commissioners yesterday, one bid on painting the Capitol was found, which had been overlooked. This was the bid of C. A. Gray, and since his figures were about \$100 below the next highest bid, and within the estimate, the board has taken all bids under advisement, instead of asking painters to figure on the work, as was announced yesterday. The bids for all work were as follows:

For painting of superstructure and roof—C. F. Pearson, Portland, \$5,450.00; Frank Williams, Salem, 1,210.00; C. H. Tucker, Salem, 4,800.00; C. A. Gray, Salem, 2,900.00.

Furnishing paint—Per Gal. Fisher, Thomsen & Co., Portland, \$1.55; Superstructure, 1.10; Roof, 1.10.

W. P. Fuller, Co., Portland, 1.10; Superstructure, 1.10; Roof, 1.10.

Repairs to dome, etc.—C. A. Gray, Salem, \$1,320.00; With canvas floor, 1,750.00; Without canvas floor, 1,800.00.

Canvas and other work—August Kehnberger, \$1,322.98; M. H. Vireks, Salem, 1,444.70; K. J. Lindstrom, Salem, 2,020.00.

SUITS ARE ALL WITHDRAWN

California Mine Will Probably Soon Be Started.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—For some months past there has been litigation in the courts of Minneapolis between the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company and the Turin Arm Mining Company, involving the California mine in the Cable Cove District. It is reliably reported that this matter has been amply adjudged and the suits withdrawn.

The Turin Arm Arm Company, the officers of which are all well known in Eastern Oregon—Joseph Michaels, president; Dr. Moulton, treasurer, both of Minneapolis, and Lee S. Overt, of Milwaukee, secretary—was recently incorporated to handle a big placer property in Alaska. It afterwards acquired from the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company a seven-tenths interest in the California Mountain Mining Company, which owns the California mine above mentioned, the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company retaining a three-tenths interest. It was regarding this latter holding that the suits were instituted by the Turin Arm mine people.

It is stated that Mr. Overt has bought all the holdings of Messrs. Michaels and Moulton, giving him a controlling interest, and he then negotiated and consummated the deal with the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company. The details of this transaction are not known, but it is said that Mr. Overt remains an secretary of the company, while the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company will have charge of the management of the company and the operation of the mine.

Professor Nicholson, the consulting engineer, will go to the property as soon as he returns from the Standard, one day this week, take possession, and at once proceed to make a series of tests to ascertain what changes are necessary in the mill to make a more satisfactory saving in values. It is therefore probable that the California will resume operations at no distant day.

HYDRA IS NOT COMMANDANT

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—The report recently published in the Puget Sound papers that ex-Congressman Sam Hyde, of Spokane, would be commandant at the Soldiers' Home, on May 15, proves to have been incorrect. Temporary Commandant S. A. Calvert is here for the purpose of storing his household goods and giving up his residence in this city. He will return to Oregon this week to remain in charge of the home during the summer months. "He shall become permanent commandant if not elected," says Governor Mead.

BERRIES RED ON THE VINE

HOOD RIVER FARMERS CANNOT GET THEM PLUCKED.

Colonies of Pickers of Former Years Are Not in Evidence in the Yards.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—Unless 2000 berry-pickers arrive here before the first of the week, Hood River farmers will be losing thousands of dollars a day. With strawberries in a crate, some of the growers are unable to gather all their ripe berries, because of the scarcity of pickers. Fortunately, the season has been backward, but the arrival of colonies of pickers that usually flood the city and valley at this time of year has been delayed until it looks serious for the growers.

The berry crop is of fine quality for this season, and are hanging heavy on the vines. Pickers should be able to make good money. There are some cruel enough to suggest that pickers are slow to come this year, because Hood River is a dry town.

VIAL FORFEITS HIS BAIL

Wounded Mrs. Dumbleton at Winchester Last March.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—In the Circuit Court here yesterday Leon J. Vial, under arrest charged with assault with intent to kill, failed to appear, and his cash bond of \$200 was declared forfeited and a bench warrant issued for his arrest.

When last heard from Vial was in Portland. He is wanted for shooting but not fatally wounding Mrs. L. G. Dumbleton at Winchester, on March 21, 1905. It is now believed that Vial has left the country, as his conviction was assured had he appeared for trial.

Local to Run From Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—F. W. Osburn, who has received a letter from Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the Southern Pacific, stating positively that the local train now leaving Albany early in the morning, will be changed so as to start from Eugene. The change will be made June 1, and the business men of this city will have a train service, which they have been asking for many years.

HERMANN TO BE RECKONED WITH

Faithful Adherents Will Probably Insist on His Succeeding Himself in Congress.

TOOZE'S EYES ON HIS SHOES

W. I. Vawter, of Jackson; Percy Kelly, of Linn, and W. C. Hawley, of Marion, All Have Hopes.

SALEM, Or., May 16.—(Special.)

"Hermann is always a possibility," said a prominent Republican today, when in the discussion of political affairs, it had been suggested that the present Congressman from this district will be re-elected. "It is impossible for a candidate to succeed himself in Congress," Hermann is always a possibility, and those who already count him out of the contest next Spring may find themselves poor prophets. Hermann has a following in this district that can be taken away from him. If he should be brought to trial before the primaries are held next Spring and the evidence should be such that he is not a good case against him, the chances would be good for his re-nomination. "And he might be nominated even though it be known that the Administration at Washington is against him. Even if it be admitted that his standing with the Administration at Washington is such that he could not give this state the representation to which it is entitled, still he might be nominated if his friends feel that the objection to him at Washington is without good cause. You can count Hermann as a possibility."

There are only two men who are at present counted as candidates for the Republican nomination for Congress from this district—W. I. Vawter, of Jackson, and Walter L. Tooze, of Marion. Though neither of these has made an announcement of his candidacy, both are generally credited with laying plans to get into the race when the time seems opportune. Politicians speak of them and their prospects as though there was no doubt whatever of their being candidates before the Republicans of the district, in the direct primaries.

Vawter was a candidate for the nomination before the district convention at Eugene in 1902, when an election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Tongue. He was defeated at that time and part of the strength he had accumulated went to Hermann, who won the nomination.

Vawter was a member of the last Legislature and was a candidate for the Speakership, but secured little support. He was able, however, to throw enough strength to Mills to win the fight for the Multnomah County candidate. Vawter's record in the Legislature seems to have been good, the only fault the people are likely to find being that he was chairman of the House ways and means committee, and aided in preparing the omnibus \$1,000,000 appropriation bill, upon which, the referendum is being debated. But while this fact might hurt him in some places, it would bring him the support of the friends of the normal schools which were to be protected by the manner in which the bill was drawn.

Walter L. Tooze is chairman of the Congressional committee in this district and is a Republican campaign speaker of wide acquaintance. He was a Hermann supporter when Hermann

TRAIL WAKE RAOS

People Are Beginning to Understand, Says Governor.

MONEY IS NOT WASTED

Reform in Government for Good Highways Is Extending in the State—Co-Operation of the Railways.

PENDLETON, Or., May 16.—(Special.)

The joint convention of the state Good Roads Association and the Oregon Development League closed this evening after a two-day session, and tonight most of the delegates are leaving for their homes. This morning's session was taken up by addresses given by Governor Chamberlain, Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, and Colonel R. W. Richardson, secretary of the National Good Roads Association. Governor Chamberlain spoke of the reform movement in this state in the matter of road building. "The people are gradually being educated to tax themselves for road improvements," said he, "and the time will just as soon come when a road tax will be just as legitimate as any other tax in this state. Speaking of the railroad, he said: "We do not always recognize and appreciate the valuable service of these great agencies or comprehend the magnitude and scope of the work they do and accomplish. While some may say they profit, for they only share in the general prosperity, railroads companies are like individuals, they prosper as the country prospers. Therefore, as a rule, the great railway systems of the country favor and substantially support all proper efforts for commercial, industrial and agricultural advancement. They recognize the value of good public roads, open and in condition for travel all seasons of the year. They are the surest evidence of prosperity for the country, and are lateral feeders to their main lines."

Resolutions prepared by Judge Thomas P. Ryan, of Clackamas; S. A. Lowell, of Pendleton, and Thomas Richardson, secretary of the Oregon Development League, were passed just before adjournment. The resolutions included the recommendation that the principal public roads should be under state supervision and the direction of a highway commission or state engineer to provide for a uniform system of public highways. Special stress was laid on the importance of having a strong delegation from the various industrial and commercial organizations at the National Good Roads convention, which is to be held in Portland the latter part of next month.

SET TOO SWIFT A PAGE

SPOKANE SOCIETY MAN IS ACCUSED OF GRAND LARCENY.

Earned \$90 a Month and Spent \$250—Firm's Books Have Disappeared.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—Henry J. Milburn, a bookkeeper and bookkeeper for the Jensen, King, Byrd Company, a local hardware firm, stands charged with grand larceny, and will be brought from Seattle to be tried here. He is accused of stealing a journal, cashbook, salesbook and eight leaves from the firm's ledger.

Milburn was formerly a prominent society man of Spokane. He now lives in Seattle. His wife is Miss Anna Thomson, daughter of Morris Thomson, president of the Centennial Mill Company.

When Milburn had trouble with the Jensen, King, Byrd Company, a year ago last winter, he and his wife moved to Seattle, where he secured a position with the Northwest Commercial Company, in which Mr. Thomson, his father-in-law, is a heavy stockholder. A year ago last November there was trouble in the Jensen, King, Byrd Company. Adrian Judson was discharged, and was accused of embezzling some collections which he had made. Milburn was present when the accusations were made and Judson retaliated by implicating him.

The next step came when the firm's books disappeared. It was always supposed by the police that they were taken away to cover up somebody's defalcation. Milburn was accused of stealing the books and throwing them into the river. He denied the charge and denied his accusers to prove it, then the firm suspended him from its employ.

When the scandal developed, it was ascertained that Milburn had been drawing a salary of \$90 a month, and that he had been living at the rate of about \$250 a month. Detectives discovered that prior to the discovery of the shortage in the firm's accounts, Milburn had been playing the races.

Milburn is a little over 30 years of age. He is a native of Indiana, and at an early age went to work for himself. It is said that he was somewhat wild in his habits prior to his marriage. While here he was a member of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAY BRIDGE THE COLUMBIA RIVER

MAP OF THE PROPOSED RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

ASTORIA, Or., May 16.—(Special.)

Carl Hogell, a boy 19 years of age, was arrested this afternoon on an information charging him with criminal assault on Louise Benson, a 14-year-old girl. His preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow. The boy and girl were caught last night in a room in a local lodging-house, and the most disgusting part of the whole affair is that the girl's mother and a man were with them.

REMEDY IS IN INFORMATION

Mandamus Cannot Be Used to Make Officers Perform Duties.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—An attempt by F. B. Hawes, of Everett, to compel by mandamus the Sheriff and Marshal of Snohomish County and the City Marshal of Everett to enforce the Sunday-closing and gambling laws, has failed in the Supreme Court. The court held that a writ of mandamus will not lie in an action to compel the continuous performance of duty on the part of a public officer.

The petition for writ asserted that the laws were being violated, but did not specify particular instances, and asked for a writ ordering the Sheriff and Marshal generally to enforce the laws. The Supreme Court in affirming the lower court's action in denying the writ says that the writ could be no more effective than the statute. One is announcement of law by the lawmaking power and the other the announcement of the law by the court.

The remedy is by filing an information against the officers under the provisions of section 732, 2 Bal. code, which makes dereliction of duty a misdemeanor entailing forfeiture of office.

BOY STEALS FROM EMPLOYER

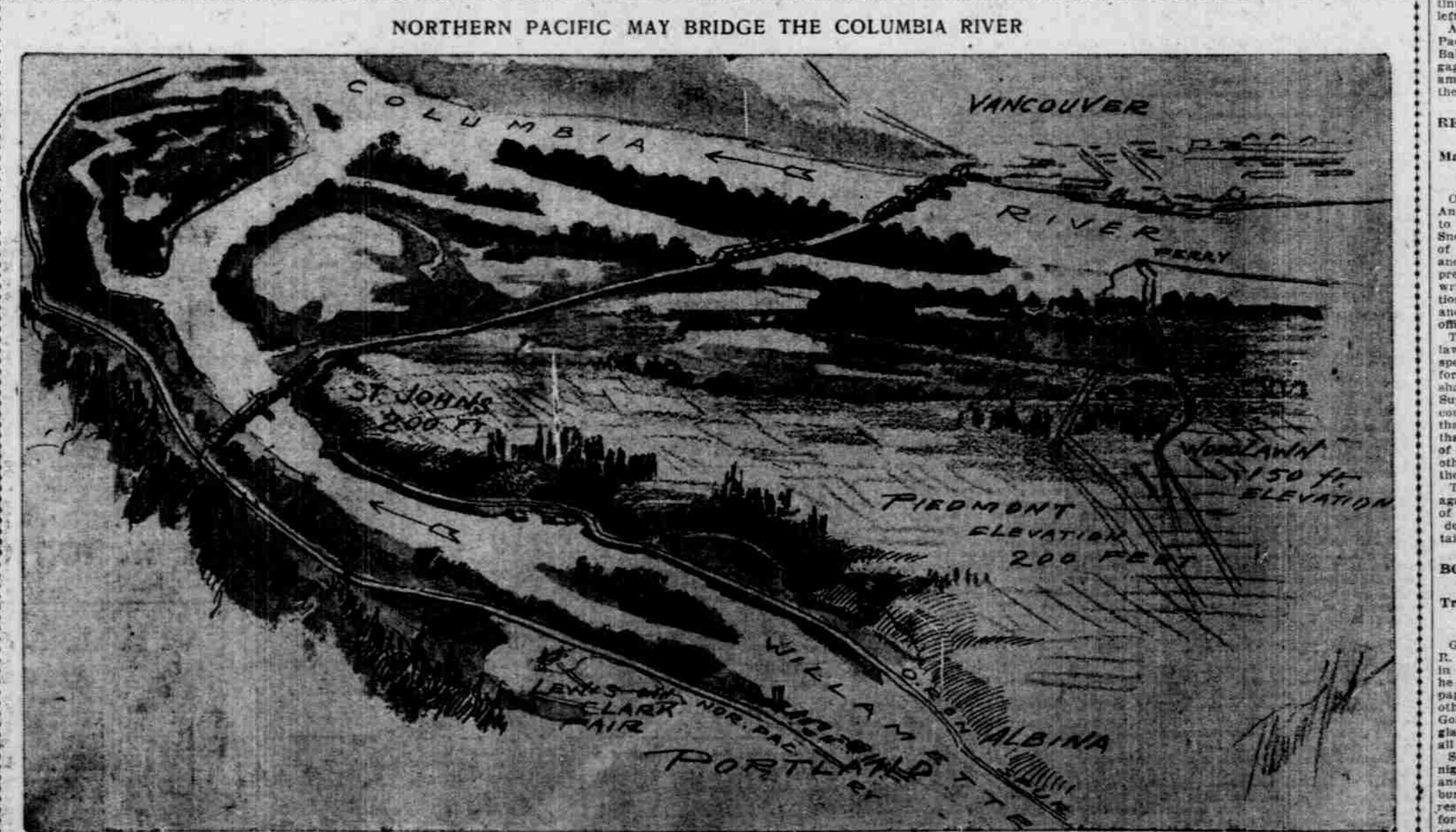
Tries to Make It Appear That Burglar Had Done Job.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 15.—James R. Southwick, aged 16 years, was a prisoner in the County Jail, having confessed that he stole \$322.50 in cash, \$44 in negotiable paper and \$207 worth of diamonds and other jewelry from his employer, Max I. Goldstein. A few hours after the burglary Chief of Police Pontet had recovered all the plunder.

Southwick entered the store during the night and attempted to give the appearance of the work having been done by burglars. Young Southwick, who is of respectable parentage here, was once before in trouble for a 241 case kidnaping case in which he secured the young son of a prominent merchant and held him for ransom. He then escaped through regard for his parents.

OSTEOPATHS FORM ORGANIZATION

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The osteopaths of Washington have formed an organization "to advance the science of osteopathy, promote ethical and social relations and protect its members." Articles of incorporation in which the name of the organization is given as "The Washington Osteopathy Association" were filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The incorporators are osteopaths residing in Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma. They are W. A. Potter, Grace M. Nichols, William Snell, J. B. Baldy and Roger E. Chase. All osteopaths may become members.



The announcement that it is the evident intention of the Northern Pacific to begin the construction of the bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver at once, and also to finish the surveys along the north bank of the river between Vancouver and Leve, is in line with the story printed some time ago in the Oregonian to the effect that the sale of the Lytle-Goldstone road had a bearing on the future movements of the transcontinental company. According to the stories printed and in agreement with the various rumors current, it is evidently the plan of the Northern Pacific to bridge the river just a little distance below Vancouver, presumably at the place where the work was begun some 12 years ago to be abandoned at the beginning of the track. At this place the company even went so far as to build one of the piers on the Washington side of the river, between the north bank and the island in the middle of the stream. It was the intention at the time, and in all probability the present plan are the same, to build a draw bridge from the Vancouver side reaching to the island, and from there to throw another span across to the Oregon shore. The bridge as contemplated would be close to a mile in length and would cost approximately \$1,000,000 when fully completed. From the Oregon end of the bridge the tracks will be run up the Peninsula to St. Johns and lead across the Willamette at that point to the bluffs on the west side of the river, where a junction will be made with the present tracks and connection had with Portland. This is undoubtedly the plan of the company as shown by the numerous surveying parties that have been at work during the past few months. It is predicted by many persons who have reason to know something of the trend of affairs that the Northern Pacific will perhaps have some trouble in securing permission from the War Department to build a bridge across the Willamette at St. Johns. It is asserted that the company would be allowed to build another draw bridge across the river at that point, as the harbor is now hampered by the number of bridges. It is said, however, that the company contemplates the construction of a high bridge from one bluff to the other and high enough to allow all shipping to pass underneath during high water with no inconvenience. Permission could be asked for such a bridge, it is alleged, but the structure would be enormously expensive. At any rate, it is patent that the company has some plan which is about to be sprung. The fact that the last of the surveys are being made along the north bank of the Columbia, that bridge carpenters are flocking into Vancouver and have been some time in a room in a local lodging-house, and the most disgusting part of the whole affair is that the girl's mother and a man were with them.