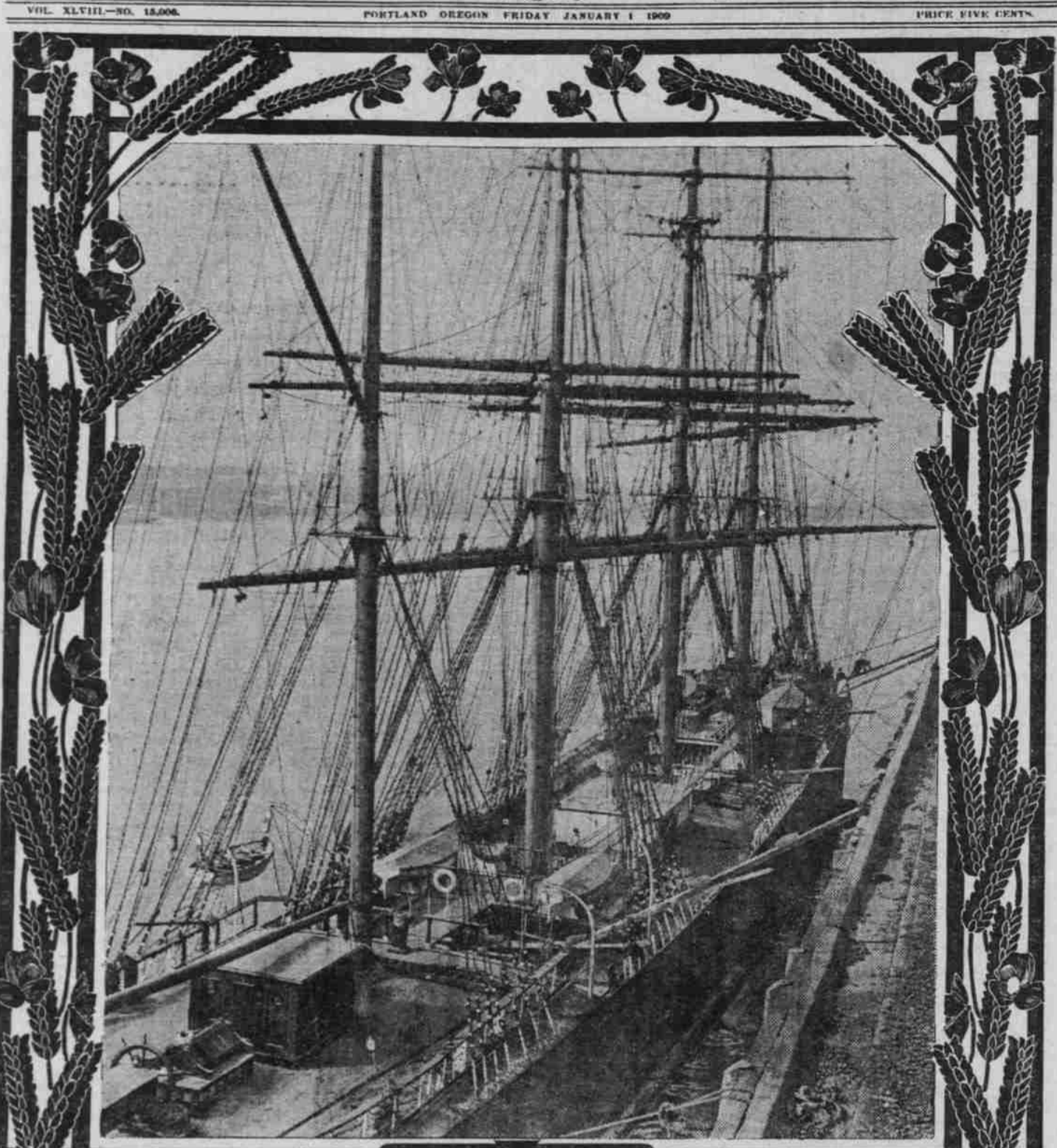


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## THE ANNUAL will review the industrial and commercial progress of Oregon and Portland during the past year.

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### BOTH WIVES LEFT

#### Denver Shooting Reveals Dual Desertion of Women.

### WIVES TELL SAD STORIES

#### Mrs. Bell Says Her Husband Failed to Support Her, and Mrs. Dury Has Similar Account for Coroner's Ears.

DENVER, Dec. 30.—That Charles C. Dury came to his death from the effects of two gunshot wounds; that the gun from which the shots were fired was in the hands of C. Burdette Bell, and that the killing was felonious, is the verdict of the coroner's jury rendered today in the inquest into the death of Dury. The death occurred Monday afternoon as the result of Dury's meeting with Bell, who charged that Dury had stolen his wife and was living with her in a rooming-house in this city. Both Dury and Bell are from Ohio, Dury being the son of Professor Charles Dury, the ornithologist of National fame, living at Cincinnati. Bell is from Dayton.

Mrs. Bell told the jury of recent incidents in her life. She said that Bell had not supported her for several months; that she had been working at different things in order to help support herself and child; that she met Dury through responding to an advertisement for theatrical performers; that a week before the shooting she went to live with him at the Leon apartments. She also stated that she had decided to break up the relations existing, and that she had told Dury of her intention.

### Wife's Pitiful Tale

Dury's wife, who is afflicted with tuberculosis and lives in a tent at the outskirts of the city, told the jury that she had not seen her husband except to meet him casually upon the street in several months. He had not been contributing to her support, claiming that he was out of work and had no money. The body of Dury will be sent to Cincinnati tomorrow.

### Positive He Did Right

Bell will permit of no modern plea in defense of the killing when placed on trial. According to a statement attributed to him, Bell will leave his case to the horse sense of any jury, and "brainstorms, emotional insanity or anything else of that kind" will be avoided. He said: "I will trust my case to the hands of any 12 men that you can pick up in the streets. I believe that any man fit to be called a man would do exactly as I did under the circumstances. Another man

stole my wife. I killed him. Now, what is there wrong in that?"

Mrs. Bell, from her cell last night, pleaded with Chief Armstrong to be permitted to see her husband, who is also closely confined in jail.

"I think now that everything is clear," she is said to have said to the Chief. "Bert was right and Dury and I all wrong."

"I want to see Bert and tell him so," she said.

Her request was refused.

### HOPES FOR CONVICTION

#### Henry Desires of Making Strong Case Against Patrick Calhoun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Francis J. Henry, San Francisco's special graft prosecutor, who was recently shot in the courtroom by Morris Haas, an ex-convict, who later committed suicide, and who is endeavoring to get in the east, recovering from his wound, is now in New York, hopeful of securing the conviction of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, on a charge of bribery.

Mr. Henry talked freely of conditions in the Pacific Coast city, and laughingly denied that he intends going to Pittsburgh to prosecute the Commission in the recently exposed scandals of that city. Speaking of the Calhoun case, Henry said: "Yes, I hope to obtain a conviction. I do not think that the fact that they let Ford, the attorney for the railroads and Calhoun's go-between, was acquitted on a charge of bribery in connection with the granting of an overhead trolley franchise by the supervisors will weigh in favor of Calhoun. The public sentiment out there seems to be that Ford was nothing but a servant, who did as he was told."

"Yet, strangely enough, a jury that would send Ruef to prison would acquit Calhoun before the first word of testimony was taken, and vice versa, and I would not want to have to try Ruef before a jury that had condemned Calhoun. The business men of the town, and I use that term broadly, would just as soon see Ruef go up as not, but they would make an awful clamor if Calhoun were convicted. They have made an awful clamor even before he has been brought to trial. That is a funny situation, but it does not exist alone in San Francisco."

Mr. Henry will remain in New York for four or five days, and then return to San Francisco, where Calhoun's trial is set for January 5.

### Own Gun Kills Him

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 30.—Robert E. Cost, a Corporal of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Company, Coast Artillery, garrisoning Fort Casey, was accidentally shot and killed while duck shooting yesterday.

With his company commander, Frank B. Edwards, Cost was engaged in erecting a blind. The flight of a flock of ducks caused him to reach for his gun. In drawing the weapon toward him one barrel was discharged, the full charge entering his face.

The dead man was a native of Alabama, enlisting a year ago at Denver, where an uncle resides.

Greatest look of men's shoes begins Saturday. Look for announcements in tomorrow's Oregonian

### RELIEF IS PLEDGED

#### Governor Mead Calls for Aid for Quake Sufferers.

### SAYS TIME IS BIG FACTOR

#### Importance of Forwarding Contributions Quickly Is Dwelt Upon and People Are Urged to Give What They Can.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Governor Mead today issued the following proclamation, calling upon the people of the state to render aid to the suffering thousands of Southern Italy and Sicily.

"Whereas, An appalling calamity has been visited upon the southern portion of Italy and the island of Sicily, resulting in the loss of thousands of lives, the widespread destruction of property, the devastation of crops, the wreck of business, the ruin of commerce and untold suffering, distress and want; and

"Whereas, This condition will be followed closely by famine and disease, two terrible agencies that accompany all such natural calamities; and

"Whereas, This condition can be greatly alleviated by the generosity of sister countries, promptly exercised; and

"Whereas, In such an emergency time is a gravely important factor in rendering needed assistance and the heart of charity throughout the civilized world is wrung by the awful misfortune that has befallen the afflicted people of the devastated district;

"Now, therefore, I, Albert E. Mead, Governor of the State of Washington, urgently appeal to the generosity of the people of this rich commonwealth, asking that they immediately assemble in the centers of population and through organized effort raise funds for the relief of the suffering thousands of Italy and forward the same to the stricken people through the Secretary of State of the United States."

### OREGON ALSO ASKED TO HELP

#### Governor Calls Upon State to Give All Aid Possible.

maining population of the devastated section unless the necessities of the people be promptly relieved.

Oregon has never been slow to respond to calls upon her generosity, and I appeal to her sons and daughters to come to the relief of the afflicted of other lands as promptly and as generously as their ability will permit. Remittances sent to Colonel D. M. Duane, of Portland, Or., will be received and forwarded at once to the proper authorities.

(Signed) GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, GOVERNOR.

### Seattle Pledges Relief Fund.

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—The minister of every church in Seattle, all the philanthropic organizations, the Red Cross and others interested in the relief of humanity, notified the Italian Consul, Dr. J. A. Ghiglione, this morning and assured him of financial support and their willingness to cooperate with him in any way possible for the relief of the sufferers from the disaster that has devastated a vast expanse of Southern Italy.

### OBJECTION TO TAXATION

#### Ex-Tax Commissioner Easterday Sets Forth His Views.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The threat of Assessor Hallback, of Pierce county, that he will seek to induce the coming Legislature to abolish the Tax Commission, has brought out a suggestion from J. H. Easterday, ex-Tax Commissioner, which meets the objection Hallback makes to the present law. Easterday said today:

"To the revenue laws I have but one amendment to urge, and that is to have the railroad property be valued as a whole and can not be assessed piecemeal. A cardinal principle of equity in taxation for which I have battled long and for which I intend to battle, is that property shall be assessed at the place of its location and where it resolves protection of the law.

"The value of the depot buildings in Seattle, Spokane and North Yakima have been distributed over hundreds of miles of road. Books of ground in Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma and other cities on which a rail has never been laid, and on which, in all reasonable probability, never will be used for years to come, are taken from the local assessors and contribute toward this sneering process.

"The property that I have enumerated has a fixed and unchangeable location. It is there that it receives police protection, it is there that it is assessed locally. A cardinal principle of equity in taxation for which I have battled long and for which I intend to battle, is that property shall be assessed at the place of its location and where it resolves protection of the law.

"To all the People of Oregon—The terrible calamity which has visited the people of the southern part of Italy, and the adjacent islands, has excited the tenderest sympathy of the whole world. Following in the wake of a most terrible earthquake, fire and famine threaten with destruction the re-

Olympia Beer. "It's the water." Brewery's own bottling. Phone, Main 571, & 247.

### MATCHES ARE FATAL

#### Boy Burned to Death and Home Destroyed.

### CHILDREN ALONE IN HOUSE

#### Mother Goes to Visit Neighbor and Fire is Set During Absence. Father Overcome Trying to Rescue Child.

KENT, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Crawling under a bed the springs of which fell upon him, the four-year-old son of Michael Dolan, living near here, was found this afternoon in the ruins of a fire which took the life of the little fellow and left Dolan and his wife and two other children without a home.

At an early hour this morning, Mrs. Dolan went to visit a neighbor. While she was gone her youngest child set fire to the house in an upper story. Two children aged 6 years and 8 years, were downstairs and heard the screams of the little fellow upstairs.

The children fled for help, and when Mr. and Mrs. Dolan reached their home it was a mass of flames. Dolan attempted to get in the building and was overcome.

The baby's body was found later, pinned under the springs of the bed, where it was evident he had crawled in his fright.

### UNIQUE INFLUENCE ALLEGED

#### COURTROOM CROWDED TO HEAR CONTEST OF CALDWELL WILL.

#### Construction of Charity Clause, Attorneys Contend, Shows Fraud by Ironclad Wording.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—George W. Caldwell, a Portland attorney, took the stand just before noon today in the Probate Court here in the hearing of the contest of the will of his father, V. H. Caldwell. He testified in defense of the will, under which he is a co-executor and a leading beneficiary. He said he wrote the will at his father's dictation and introduced notes and memoranda left by his father to substantiate this fact. It is stated by the contesting heirs that he wrote the will to suit him-

self and used undue influence to secure his father's signature to the document, which governs the disposition of a \$75,000 estate.

William Caldwell, of Albany, the other co-executor of the will, was on the stand all of yesterday afternoon and the continuation of his cross-examination took most of the morning session. George W. Caldwell will be the last witness for the executors and the contestants will then begin the introduction of their evidence. It is now believed that the hearing, which is being conducted before County Judge Duncan, may not be concluded this week.

The people who attended the hearing yesterday crowded the County Courtroom until Judge Duncan was forced to use the Circuit Courtroom for the afternoon session and the remainder of the hearing will be conducted there.

The memoranda introduced by the executors, which is in the handwriting of V. H. Caldwell, directs substantially the same bequests to the heirs as is given in the will, but the contestants aver that there are some radical differences between the will and the memoranda. The bequest of \$10,000 to charitable purposes has a far different construction in the will, the contestants assert, than is indicated in Caldwell's memoranda. In the matter of the disposition of said funds should be set aside for orphans among his own descendants, his children, grandchildren or any of his heirs who might ever need assistance.

The clause of the will which makes this bequest, attorneys for the contestants allege, is so ironclad in its provisions that the children of Caldwell, who are named in the construction of the will, this clause follows:

"I bequeath to George W. Caldwell and William Caldwell, as trustees, the sum of \$10,000, said sum of money to be devoted to be to charitable purposes; and I will and direct that so far as possible they devote said sum of money to the aid and benefit of orphans; and that their decision in the matter of the disposition of said funds shall be absolute and final, and that they act as such trustees without bonds.

### GREAT STORE FOR EUGENE

#### Hampton Bros. Buy Prominent Property for \$18,000.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—F. L. Chambers today sold his lot on the corner of Sixth and Willamette streets to Hampton Brothers for \$18,000. The lot has a frontage of 75 feet on Willamette street and 150 feet on Sixth and is one of the best business locations in town, across the street from the site of the new Government building.

Hampton Brothers announce that within a year they will erect a modern three or four-story structure, principally of stone, for the largest department store between Portland and Sacramento. This lot sold four years ago for about one-eighth of the price paid today.

### Severe Storm at Raymond.

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Raymond has been visited by a severe storm for the past few days. The wind has blown a gale, and rain has fallen in torrents, occasionally accompanied by sleet. The tides and the Willapa were the highest in recent years, but no damage resulted. Loggers took advantage of the high water to float their logs to deep water. Ten

### Lands Put on Market.

GOLDFENDALE, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Many thousands of acres of Northern Pacific land lying in this county have just been put on the market. This land is selling for about one-fourth what it is worth.

### Breath Odors Removed by Charcoal

#### Onions, Tobacco, Decaying Food, Alcohol, Stomach Gases, and Impurities Foul the Breath. Charcoal Purifies It.

A Trial Package of Sturt's Charcoal Lozenges Sent Free by Mail. The stomach and digestive canal of man fills with gases from fermenting and decaying food. Such gases impregnate the blood, travel through the system, spread disease and in large quantities extend the stomach so that it shuts off heart action and death sometimes results.

Pure, simple willow charcoal absorbs gas at once and stops impure food fermentation. It sweetens the stomach, kills the cause of all odors such as liquor, tobacco, onions, etc., or at least prevents them from causing impurities to arise.

The willow is renowned for its curative properties and ancient legends lore is filled with its use, by barbarians and civilized men. As early as 600 B. C. the ancient Chaldeans were sagaciously curing disease by charcoal and every monastery of the old world healed the sick and cured the drunkard by using powdered willow charcoal.

Sturt's Charcoal Lozenges are pure willow charcoal, compressed with honey into a delicious lozenge. They contain nothing but sweet willow charcoal and honey. One may eat a box of them and feel only benefit from so doing. Two or three after a meal will be a sufficient guard against bad breath and the same amount eaten just before bed time will insure a pure breath upon arising the next morning.

Sturt's Charcoal Lozenges tone up the blood, give the liver and the stomach. They are great laxatives also, but eating large numbers of them does not increase their effect in a painful manner upon the bowels.

They are gentle, powerful and pure and their popularity and tremendous sale give them the stamp of public approval. Go to your druggist today and buy a box, price 25 cents, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package by mail free. Address F. A. Sturt, Co., 200 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

