

## FATE OF THE PLEIADES

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF THE MISSING STEAMSHIP.

Overdue Liner Has Probably Met With Accident in Mid-Pacific—Former Mishaps on Same Line.

As the days pass without any report concerning the steamship Pleiades, anxiety for her is increasing. The vessel sailed from Puget Sound 23 days ago for Yokohama, a passage that seldom takes over 20 days. That some mishap has occurred to her is conceded, but whether she is slowly making her way to port disabled or has met with a worse disaster is an open question. One fact is certain, and that is, if she is still afloat, no matter how long she may be delayed, she is simply provisioned. Besides her own stores, her cargo consists of some 15,000 barrels of flour, several thousand cases of bottled beer, besides canned salmon and other foodstuffs.

Both the battleship Oregon and the Canadian liner Esquimaux, upon their arrival at Yokohama recently, report having encountered a furious typhoon in mid-Pacific, which did both of them great damage, and the Portland & Astoria steamship Innapura had nearly met a similar fate of the way across last month.

As evidence of what might have befallen the Pleiades, shipping men recall to mind two notable cases in the maritime history of the North Pacific. One of these is the case of the Strathnevis and the other the case of the Pelican. In command of Captain Alexander Gove, the Pelican sailed from Tacoma on October 12, 1897, bound for Tokyo, China, with a cargo of railroad ties. She had never been heard of since the day she passed out of the Straits, five years and more ago, neither was one solitary trace of her ever found, not even so much as a railroad tie. Careful search was made for her, but without result. No especially severe gale was known to have occurred in her track, and what befell her no man knows.

The story of the Strathnevis is not so tragic. She, too, was employed in the Tacoma-Orient line, and she, too, sailed from Tacoma October 12, but two years before the disaster of the Pelican. Captain James Pattie was in command of the Strathnevis, and she carried 155 passengers and a crew of 46 men. Week after week passed and she failed to arrive at Yokohama, and was given up as lost. On Christmas day, 1899, she was towed into Port Townsend with her tail shaft broken, after having drifted about the coast for nine weeks.

Leaving Victoria October 15, the Strathnevis had proceeded without incident until October 20, when about 180 miles south of Unalaska. About 7:30 that morning a terrific explosion like a cannon sounded through the ship. The ship had snapped short off close to the propeller, which dropped clear of the vessel and went to the bottom. A strong northwest gale was then coming on. Two stayalls and three trysails were rigged, and the Strathnevis drifted slowly toward Cape Mudge for 25 days, until November 20, when she was spoken by the British bark John Gambles, bound to Puget Sound. The John Gambles arrived December 8, just when the Strathnevis had wholly been given up, and reported speaking her. Vessels were sent in search of her, but encountered strong gales, and were forced to abandon the search as hopeless, and the Strathnevis was again given up.

Meanwhile, after speaking the sailing ship, the Strathnevis encountered southerly and easterly gales, lasting days at a time, for the next 21 days, when she fell in with the British steamer Mowera, bound from Victoria to Australia via Honolulu. The Mowera took the helpless steamer in tow and made 106 hours, when her towline of 4-inch steel hawsers parted in a gale. The Mowera stood by through a spell of boisterous weather, until the next day, when a steel hawser and a 12-inch manila line were put aboard and the two vessels then proceeded until December 28, when in sight of Tatoush light, they encountered a howling southwest wind, and the hawsers parted and the vessels quickly lost each other in the gale.

Those on the Strathnevis soon began making preparations to abandon the vessel, finding that she had but 20 miles easterly to drift before making shore. Ultimately she drifted behind Destruction Island, let go her anchor, which held, and there on the morning of January 4, the Strathnevis was found by the steamer Minneola, and on Christmas night reached Port Townsend.

The story of the drift of the Strathnevis was told throughout the world as one of the wonders of the sea. Interest in it revives at this time as indicating that it is by no means necessary to abandon hope for the Pleiades.

## DAWSON CITY MAY BE SAFE.

Said to Have Gone Out of Her Course Treasure-Seeking.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Persons interested in the missing Alaskan steamer Dawson City now give expression to hopes that the vessel with its valuable cargo of passengers, is safe. The Dawson City sailed from Nome, Alaska, for Seattle, October 28 last, and has not since been heard of. It has been learned, according to the Examiner, that Captain Hansen, who took command of the steamer, sailed, agreed only to assume the berth if he was permitted to sail out of his home and land eight men, who were associated with him, on a supposed treasure island, their being the only white men acquainted with its location and riches. With the knowledge that the steamer was to touch at an outside island comes the belief that she is fast in the ice and untried.

## TOWNSHIPS ARE BUSY.

The river townships had another busy day of it yesterday. The China steamer Indrapura was moved up from the floating mills to Irving dock, and early this morning will be coe down to the O. R. & N. dock at Albina to finish loading. The Daniel shifted from Wedder's dock to Montgomery No. 2, and the Riverside from the stream to Greenwich. The Emile left Columbia No. 1 for temporary anchorage to enable the Norms to make use of the dock. The Jean Dart went from Oceanic to the elevator.

## SUNNERS DAMAGED FLOUR CARGO.

ASTORIA, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Captain Vesper Lloyd's surveyor, was down from Portland today and made a survey of the British ship Gleneslin, in whose cargo of flour there was a fire yesterday. From the result of his investigation he ordered the vessel shifted to the lower harbor to an anchorage opposite the city, where the damaged portion of cargo is to be removed and replaced by other flour.

## MARINE NOTES.

The French bark Martha Roux arrived yesterday morning and anchored in the stream. The Homer has sailed with groceries and merchandise for Eureka and Lath for Eureka and San Francisco. Immigration Inspector Whyte, stationed at Vancouver, B. C., is in Portland, on his way from San Francisco to his northern post. Captain Nichols, of the British ship Cronyshire, which is loading wheat on the Bound for South Africa, was in the city yesterday.

Captain A. L. Hall, one of the oldest commanders in the service of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, is to resign

## A Heart to Hear Talk

We sat at the table—the alderman, the doctor and I. The subject of dieting was brought up in conversation. "No man," said the alderman, "can tell me what I ought to eat without knowing my habits of life, my temperament and all—that is not so, doctor?" "Perfectly right," said he, "what suits your stomach may not fit mine, and yet nine men out of ten are presumptuous enough to tell you what you ought to eat." "Yes," said I, "they don't appreciate that there is just as great a difference between two men's stomachs as there is between their brains. Overwork some men's stomachs and they will easily respond to the task, just as some men's brains can take care of endless details, but the majority will break down with the overload." "Indigestion," said the doctor, "is not a disease but an admonition—it is the red light that signifies—danger. It is the language of the stomach to prepare for serious trouble if allowed to

persist. Bitters and alcoholic medicines are poor means for stimulating the stomach to perform a larger share of work than it ought. The effect on the stomach is like the spur to the weary horse—it weakens him and shortens his life. A rational treatment," continued the doctor, "is moderate eating of whole some foods, and only those which the person likes. Occasionally, say once a week, a dinner pill should be taken which should be entirely of vegetable ingredients—like Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—that will not purge, but act gently on the liver, stomach and bowels. To my mind the main dependence for curing permanently the indigestion which has become chronic—the 'heart-burn,' the sour eructations, the worst cases of dyspepsia—is that alterative extract made from medicinal herbs that Doctor Pierce calls his 'Golden Medical Discovery,' for it contains no alcohol to overstimulate the stomach,

but it simply goes to work in the right way—correcting the liver, purifying the blood and assimilating the food so that the stomach takes up its labors with activity and refreshed powers. It fills the arteries with the pure, rich, red blood of health. It tears down, and carries off old, inert and half-dead tissues and replaces them by new. It builds firm, healthy flesh. It makes the muscles strong and elastic and steadies and tones the nerves. It cures debility and weakness of every description."

W. Walter McGloshen, of Reinbeck, Iowa, writes: "I took only four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and two vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets,' and these remedies did me a world of good. I am thankful for your kind advice and praise the medicines highly. Will recommend Dr. Pierce's medicines to all my friends as the best medicines ever made for the troubles for which they are recommended. There is nothing equal to them for stomach troubles."

C. P. Spencer, of Plano, Okla., wrote: "I can hardly express my thanks for the benefit I have received from taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets.' They worked like a charm in my case. Am in better health now than for some time, and will not fail to recommend your medicines to my suffering friends. I hope you will receive my thanks for the good your medicine has done me."

READ all about yourself, your system, the physiology of life, anatomy, hygiene, simple home cures, etc., in that standard family doctor book, 'The Common Sense Medical Adviser,' a book of 1000 pages, for cloth-bound copy send 31 cents in one-cent stamps, or for paper cover 21 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N.Y.

## CANAL PROPERTY SOLD

BIG IDAHO IRRIGATION DITCH CHANGES HANDS.

Purchase Price Is \$100,000—System Will Be Extended to Pocatello—Will Water 1,000,000 Acres.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 10.—A special to the Tribune from Blackfoot, Idaho, says that by order of the District Court of Blaine County, the Idaho Canal properties were sold at public auction today for the aggregate sum of \$100,000. The property was bid in by the Idaho Canal & Improvement Company, a corporation recently organized by J. H. Bradley, of Pocatello, which is the headquarters of the new concern. It is the intention of the new company to give the system a complete overhauling and extend the canal to Pocatello, which will be an event of great importance, opening, as it will, thousands of acres of rich agricultural land surrounding that town.

The property sold today comprises the three systems known as the Idaho Falls, the Idaho and the Reservation canals, and practically covers all of the east side of the Snake River Valley from Pocatello to the south fork of the Snake River, and is capable of irrigating upwards of 1,000,000 acres of land. The property has been in the hands of a receiver for the past year.

## MEXICAN WAR VETERANS MEET.

Two Former Kentuckians Who Separated 54 Years Ago.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—J. A. Crabtree, of Seilo, Linn County, Or., and E. A. Shirley, of Polk County, Wash., comrades and veterans of the Mexican War, met in Albany recently quite unexpectedly. These men, old and bent with age, with the frosts of many winters upon their heads, had been boys together in their old Kentucky home, sharing the pleasures and vicissitudes of schoolboy life. Both of the old gentlemen were 76 years of age, and were reared together until 21 years old, when they enlisted together in Calloway County, Kentucky. In the United States volunteers for the Mexican War, which they entered in 1847. At the close of the war the boys were discharged together, and then separated. They had not seen each other since until they met in Albany.

J. A. Crabtree came to California in 1848, crossing the plains with a mule team. He worked in the goldfields for a time, then came to Oregon and took up a donation land claim in Marion County. E. A. Shirley came to Oregon from Calloway County, Kentucky, in 1850. He located on a donation land claim in Polk County, near Mouthouse, where he remained several years. He now lives in Pullman, Wash.

## FURN INTERNATIONAL UNION.

Convention of Shingle-Weavers Completes Work and Adjourns.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 10.—The convention of shingleweavers in session here during the week completed its work to-night by organizing an International Shingleweavers' Union. Everett was chosen as headquarters. Officers of the union are: President, William Hubbell, of Ballard, editor of the Shingleweavers' official organ; first vice-president, Fred Burns, of Marinet, Wn.; second vice-president, Frank Carpenter, of Fairhaven; third vice-president, George Campbell, of Castle Rock; secretary and treasurer, W. H. Clock, of Everett.

## MOTHER AND CHILD DEAD.

Succumb to Effects of Burns—Tragedy the Climax of an Old Feud.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Mary Kline and her infant child died in the city emergency hospital today from the effects of burns received in their home last evening. The mother was in bed with her baby, when the woman, now dead, was aroused by a lamp being thrown at her, as she alleged, by a woman named Mrs. Davis. When found Mrs. Kline was standing at the head of the stairway screaming for help. She was carried into the kitchen and water was poured on her burning clothing, but it was too late. The women

had quarreled frequently, and the tragedy of last night was the climax of a feud of long standing.

## Baker City Notes.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Word comes from Granite to the effect that William Stapleton, a miner working in the Monument mine, was crushed by a cave-in at the mine late Monday evening, from the effects of which he died Tuesday morning. Stapleton was 33 years old and leaves a wife, who resides at Granite.

George J. Bentley, attorney for Pies Armstrong, confined in the County Jail on the charge of murdering Miss Esslinger, Christmas morning, insists that his client will never be hung. He says that as a legal proposition Armstrong is not guilty of murder and he adds that there will be no plea of insanity entered in the case.

The City Council has finally selected a site for the City Hall by the purchase of a quarter-block of ground adjoining the present City Hall property on the corner of First and Auburn avenues. Many leading business men and taxpayers consider the location a bad one, owing to the fact that it is far removed from the business center of the city. The selection was made last evening after a heated discussion at a special meeting of the City Council.

The City Council will endeavor to have several amendments made to the present city charter at the coming session of the Legislature. City Attorney Heilner is busy preparing the draft of the proposed changes.

The records of the "Panhandle" district, which was cut off from Union County two years ago, to Idaho and Baker County, by special act of the Legislature, have been completed and will be turned over to the officials of the county shortly. Mr. McFadyen, who had the contract of transcribing the records, devoted almost a year to the labor. It required six books of 60 pages to embody all the records of the district cut off from Union.

## Chautauqua Directors Meet.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Board of Directors of the Williamette Valley Chautauqua Association held a meeting last night and authorized Secretary Harvey E. Cross to receive the delegates and attend the meeting of the Coast delegates of the four Chautauqua Assemblies on the Pacific Coast. He will leave here next Monday evening. Heretofore the Williamette Assembly has been at loggerheads with the other assemblies on the matter of securing talent, but Secretary Cross expects to get together the records, devoted almost a year to the labor. It required six books of 60 pages to embody all the records of the district cut off from Union.

## Linn County Taxes Will Be \$39,976.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The County Court today fixed the 1903 tax levy for Linn County at 19 mills. The levy is apportioned as follows: State tax, 6 mills; school, 5 mills; county purposes, 3 mills; roads and bridges, 23 mills; indigent soldiers, 1 mill; special road tax under the new law, 2 mills. Last year the levy was 19½ mills. In 1902 Linn County paid \$43,294 state taxes. The amount of state taxes for 1903 will be \$39,976.

## Oregon City Hop Sales.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Two shipments of hops have been made from this city, one lot of 12,687 pounds sold by Wong Sing bringing 35 cents, and one lot of 912 pounds sold by C. G. Jacobs, 24½ cents. The first lot made 59 sales and the second 47 sales.

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## JAN. CLEARING SALE

PRICES WAY BELOW THOSE OF ANY OTHER SALE IN CITY

200 prs. Men's All-Wool Pants, \$2.55  
\$3 to \$3.50 values, special 98c

20 dozen Men's Percal Stiff-Bosom Shirts, regular \$1.50 values, including Manhattan, Griffon and Eclipse makes, special 98c

Men's Overcoats

The same kind that we have sold hundreds of during the past 3 months are included in this great sale.

Men's Oxford Cheviot Overcoats, serge lined, velvet collar, great \$10.00 values—Sale Price \$7.85

Men's Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, \$12.50 values—Sale Price \$9.85

Men's Oxford Raincoats, great \$12.00 values—Sale Price \$9.85

Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats, bearing his stamp, \$15.00 values—Sale Price \$13.15

Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats, in olive and Oxford Mixtures, \$20.00 values—Sale Price \$16.85

Men's Suits

Heavy Blue Serge and Black Clay Worsteds, Fancy Cheviots and Cassimeres, regular \$12.50 values—Sale Price \$8.85

Men's Elegant Cheviot and Fancy Cassimeres Suits, all hand-tailored, great \$15.00 values—Sale Price \$12.65

Men's Choicest Effects in Fancy Cheviots, best \$20.00 values—in the city—Sale Price \$16.85

Underwear

Every garment in this vast stock reduced—at prices that will move them rapidly.

Men's Fleece-lined and Heavy-ribbed Underwear, 50c values—Sale Price 39c

Men's Natural Wool, also Camel's Hair and Derby-ribbed Underwear, best \$1 values in the city—Sale Price 85c

Men's Heavy All-wool Fleece-lined, also Natural Wool, with Double-breasted Shirts, \$1.50 value—Sale Price \$1.29

Men's Sweaters

Complete lines of Men's All-wool Sweaters, in solid colors, also in fancies, excellent \$1.50 values—Sale Price \$1.15

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

Boys' Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, ages 14 to 19, regular \$7—Sale Price \$5.85

Boys' Fancy Mixed Cheviot Overcoats, velvet collars, vertical pockets, ages 4 to 6 only, regular \$3.95—Sale Price \$2.95

Boys' Oxford Overcoats, slash pockets, velvet collars, sizes 5 to 8 only, regular \$2.35—Sale Price \$2.35

Boys' Blue Serge and Cheviot Caps, 50c values—Sale Price 39c

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IRONCLAD HOSE

Double heels and triple knees, always 25c—Sale Price 19c

BOYS' UNDERWEAR

Fleece-Lined Underwear, shirts and drawers, 35c values—Sale Price 21c

BEN SELLING

LEADING CLOTHIER

of Henry E. Huntington, has deeded away practically all his real estate to his brother and the widow of C. P. Huntington. The deeds give title to 50 blocks and lots in San Francisco and 3000 acres of the Santa Ynez ranch, in San Luis Obispo County. The nominal consideration was \$1, and the transfer is subject to a mortgage for \$17,564, executed May 17, 1899, to C. P. Huntington.

Suit for Recovery of Hops.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Sheriff B. B. Colbath has brought suit against Hofer and Zorn, extensive farmers of Champeau, to recover possession of 25,840 pounds of hops, or their value, which is placed at \$4900. Complaint alleges that the hops were temporarily turned over by the Sheriff to the defendants September 23 last, and were refused to be returned upon demand of the Sheriff. Demand was made for the return of the hops November 22, but the defendants refused.

R. J. Rogers, of La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—R. J. Rogers, an old resident of Grand Ronde Valley, died at his home in this city January 8. He was 65 years of age, and was well known all over Eastern Oregon, having been one of the pioneers of this section. He left a wife and adopted son, Adney Rogers, of this city. He was a member in good standing of the La Grande Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and will be buried under Masonic auspices.

Purchased Coffman Place Mines.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—E. A. Spaulding and associates, of Tacoma, who have been interested in mines in Southern Oregon for some time past, have purchased the Coffman place, in the Forest Creek district. The consideration of the sale is \$10,000.

La Grande Wants County Seat.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—La Grande is again agitating the question of changing the county seat from Union to this city. The Commercial Club has been circulating petitions throughout the county and the signatures seem to indicate that the great number of voters are in favor of the change. A vigorous effort will be made at the coming session of the Legislature to have a measure put through authorizing a vote on the question.

Damage From Heavy Snows.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 10.—A special from Rossland says: The exceptionally heavy snowfall has resulted in considerable damage being done to buildings in this city. Several storehouses have collapsed from the pressure on roofs. Three houses in the upper part of the town have given way, and the occupants have been forced to seek shelter with neighbors.

First Indian War Pensioner.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—F. M. Westfall, of Albany, is the first Linn County veteran of the Indian Wars to receive a pension. Westfall, who is a veteran of the war of 1855-56, today received notice that his pension had been granted, together with \$41 paid accumulated since the bill to pension Indian War Veterans became a law. Westfall will receive \$3 per month.

Suspected Men Escape.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 10.—A special to the Miner from Havre says Harry Williams and C. R. Robinson, who are suspected of having robbed the Progress restaurant, of Great Falls, of \$20 in dimes and nickels, were placed under arrest here today, but a few hours later escaped in effecting their escape. No trace of the men can be found.

Taken to Skagit County for Trial.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 10.—Charles Wingen, the alleged murderer wanted in Skagit County, Washington, was taken back for trial today by Sheriff Wells, of Skagit County. Wingen was arrested several months ago for intimidating the village of Ladner by discharging a Winchester on every street in the place.

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